

1 AN ACT concerning health care benefit information cards. 44

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 48
3 represented in the General Assembly: 49

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the 52
5 Uniform Health Care Service Benefits Information Card Act. 54

Clerk of the House

6 Section 5. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the 57
7 legislature to lessen patients' waiting times, decrease 60
8 administrative burdens for health care professionals and
9 health care institutions, and improve care to patients by 62
10 minimizing confusion, eliminating unnecessary paperwork, and 63
11 streamlining the administrative aspects of care paid for by 64
12 third-party payors. This Act shall be broadly applied and 66
13 interpreted to effectuate this purpose.



Originated in the House of Representatives

14 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act, the 69
15 following terms have the meanings given in this Section. 71

16 "Department" means the Department of Insurance. 73

17 "Director" means the Director of Insurance. 75

18 "Health benefit plan" means an accident and health 77
19 insurance policy or certificate subject to the Illinois 79
20 Insurance Code, a voluntary health services plan subject to
21 the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act, a health maintenance 81
22 organization subscriber contract subject to the Health 82
23 Maintenance Organization Act, a plan provided by a multiple 83
24 employer welfare arrangement, or a plan provided by another 85
25 benefit arrangement. Without limitation, "health benefit
26 plan" does not mean any of the following types of insurance: 87

27 (1) accident; 89

28 (2) credit; 91

29 (3) disability income; 93

30 (4) long-term or nursing home care; 95

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1	(5) specified disease;	97
2	(6) dental or vision;	99
3	(7) coverage issued as a supplement to liability	101
4	insurance;	
5	(8) medical payments under automobile or	103
6	homeowners;	
7	(9) insurance under which benefits are payable with	105
8	or without regard to fault as statutorily required to be	108
9	contained in any liability policy or equivalent	
10	self-insurance;	
11	(10) hospital income or indemnity; and	110
12	(11) self-insured health benefit plans under the	112
13	federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.	115
14	Section 15. Uniform health care benefit information	118
15	cards required.	
16	(a) A health benefit plan that issues a card or other	120
17	technology and provides coverage for health care services	123
18	including prescription drugs or devices also referred to as	124
19	health care benefits and an administrator of such a plan	125
20	including, but not limited to, third-party administrators for	126
21	self-insured plans and state-administered plans shall issue	
22	to its insureds a card or other technology containing uniform	129
23	health care benefit information. The health care benefit	
24	information card or other technology shall specifically	131
25	identify and display the following mandatory data elements on	132
26	the card.	
27	(1) processor control number, if required for	134
28	claims adjudication;	
29	(2) group number;	136
30	(3) card issuer identifier;	138
31	(4) cardholder ID number; and	140
32	(5) cardholder name.	142
33	(b) The uniform health care benefit information card or	144

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1 other technology shall specifically identify and display the 147
2 following mandatory data elements on the back of the card: 148
3 (1) claims submission names and addresses; and 150
4 (2) help desk telephone numbers and names. 152
5 (c) A new uniform health care benefit information card 154
6 or other technology shall be issued by a health benefit plan 156
7 upon enrollment and reissued upon any change in the insured's 157
8 coverage that affects mandatory data elements contained on 158
9 the card.

10 Section 20. Coordination with Uniform Prescription Drug 161
11 Information Card. A health benefit plan may comply with this 162
12 Act by including the information required in Section 15 on 164
13 one card if a card is also required under the Uniform
14 Prescription Drug Information Card Act. 166

15 Section 25. Applicability and enforcement. 169
16 (a) This Act applies to health care benefit plans that 171
17 are amended, delivered, issued, or renewed on and after the 174
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General 175
19 Assembly.

20 (b) The Director may adopt rules necessary to implement 177
21 the Department's responsibilities under this Act. To enforce 179
22 the provisions of this Act, the Director may issue a cease 180
23 and desist order or require a health benefit plan to submit a 181
24 plan of correction for violations of this Act, or both. 182
25 Subject to the provisions of the Illinois Administrative 183
26 Procedure Act, the Director may, pursuant to Section 403A of 185
27 the Illinois Insurance Code, impose upon a health benefit
28 plan an administrative fine not to exceed \$250,000 for 187
29 failure to submit a requested plan of correction, failure to 188
30 comply with its plan or correction, or repeated violations of 189
31 this Act.

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1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on 192
2 January 1, 2002.

Michael J. Madigan
Speaker, House of Representatives

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APPROVED

this 20th day of July 20 07 A.D.,

George H. Ryan
GOVERNOR