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Bill Analysis
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**Reps. Brading, Tiberi, Hartnett, Taylor, Terwilleger, Pringle, Bender,
Winkler, Roman, Damschroder**

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires health insuring corporations, sickness and accident insurers, and health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs to issue uniform prescription drug information cards.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Uniform prescription drug information cards

The bill requires health insuring corporations, sickness and accident insurers, and administrators of health benefit plans to issue uniform prescription drug information cards to persons covered by policies, plans, contracts, and agreements that provide coverage for prescription drugs.

Health insuring corporations, sickness and accident insurers, and third-party administrators

(secs. 1751.661, 3923.601, and 3923.602)

The bill provides that the health insuring corporation, sickness and accident insurer, or health benefit plan administrator providing prescription drug coverage must issue a prescription drug card or other technology to each enrollee, insured, or person receiving prescription drug benefits under a policy, contract, agreement, or health benefit plan. The prescription drug card or other technology must be in a format approved by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs and contain all fields required by the Council. All fields contained on the prescription drug card or other technology must conform to the most recent implementation guide produced by the Council.

The prescription drug card or other technology must be issued at the time of enrollment or when a policy is issued. It must be reissued if there is any change in

coverage that impacts data contained on the card or technology or any change in the Council's implementation guide that impacts data elements on the card or technology.

Health benefit plan administrator

(sec. 3923.602)

For purposes of the requirement that health benefit plan administrators issue prescription drug cards, "administrator" is defined by the bill as any person who manages or administers a private, self-insured health benefit plan or public employee health benefit plan and any person who manages or administers health benefit plans for another person, including health insuring corporations and sickness and accident insurers under contract to provide managerial and administrative services. "Administrator" does not include an insurance agent or solicitor whose activities are limited to the sale of insurance, or any person involved in the administration or operation of a workers' compensation program.

Effective date

(Section 2)

The bill provides that it is to take effect January 1, 2001.

HISTORY

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