



S.B. 194

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits health insuring corporations and sickness and accident insurers from requiring or requesting that enrollees or policyholders with emergency medical conditions contact an emergency telephone number operated by the health insuring corporation or insurer.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under existing law, each health insuring corporation policy, contract, or agreement providing coverage of basic health care services, and each individual or group policy of sickness and accident insurance providing hospital, surgical, or medical expense coverage, must cover emergency services without regard to the day or time the emergency services are rendered or to whether the enrollee or policyholder, the hospital's emergency department where the services are rendered, or an emergency physician treating the enrollee or policyholder, obtained prior authorization for the emergency services.

The bill prohibits a health insuring corporation or sickness and accident insurer from requiring or requesting an enrollee or policyholder with an emergency medical condition to contact an emergency telephone number *other than* a 9-1-1 system or an emergency telephone number that has been established by a local public entity or an agency or instrumentality of a local public entity. (Secs. 1753.28(B) and (D) and 3923.65(B) and (C).)

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