



## **S.B. 43**

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(As Introduced)

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires health insurers that issue or require the use of a standardized identification card or other standardized technology for processing claims for prescription drugs or devices to issue or use a card or technology with uniform prescription drug information.
- Provides for the requirements to take effect one year after the bill's effective date.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Uniform prescription drug information**

(R.C. 1751.111 and 3923.601)

The bill requires specified health insurers that issue or require the use of a standardized identification card or other standardized technology for the processing of claims for prescription drugs or devices to issue or use a card or technology that contains uniform prescription drug information.<sup>1</sup> Under the bill, one of the following requirements must be met:

(1) The card or technology must be in a format and contain information fields approved by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs as contained in the Council Pharmacy Identification Card Implementation Guide in effect on the first day of October most immediately preceding the issuance of the card.

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<sup>1</sup> *The bill does not specify what is meant by "standardized technology."*

(2) The card or technology must contain any of the following information if required for the processing of a claim: the health insuring corporation or sickness and accident insurer's name; the insured person's name, group number, and identification number; a telephone number to inquire about pharmacy-related issues; the issuer's international identification number or "ANSI BIN" number, labeled as "ANSI BIN" or "RxBIN"; the processor's control number, labeled as "RxPCN"; the insured person's pharmacy benefits group number if different than the person's medical group number, labeled as "RxGrp."

If a standardized identification card or other standardized technology is also used to process nonpharmacy claims, the use of the designation "Rx" is not required in connection with the labels the bill identifies regarding the issuer's international identification number, the processor's control number, and the insured's pharmacy benefits group number. Insurers are not required to issue a card or technology with uniform prescription drug information to an insured person more than once during a 12-month period. The bill specifies that its provisions are not to be construed as requiring insurers to produce more than one card or technology for use by insured persons in accessing the health care benefits being provided.

### **Who must comply**

(R.C. 1751.111(A)(1) and 3923.601(A)(1))

The bill's requirements apply to sickness and accident insurers and health insuring corporations.<sup>2</sup> The bill's requirements also apply to persons contracted by sickness and accident insurers and health insuring corporations to provide managerial or administrative services, pharmacy benefit managers, and health benefit plans administered by the state. In each case, the requirements apply if a standardized identification card or other standardized technology is issued or required to be used for the processing of prescription drug and device claims.

### **Exemptions**

(R.C. 1751.111(A)(2) and 3923.601(A)(2) and (3))

The bill's requirements do not apply to the following:

- (1) Medicaid;

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<sup>2</sup> Under existing law, a health insuring corporation is an entity, such as a health maintenance organization, that provides health care coverage through participating health care providers.

(2) Individual or group policies of sickness and accident insurance that cover only accident, credit, dental, disability income, long-term care, hospital indemnity, Medicare, Medicare supplement, Tricare, specified disease, or vision care;<sup>3</sup>

(3) One-time limited duration policies of six months or less;

(4) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;

(5) Insurance arising out of workers' compensation or similar law;

(6) Automobile medical payment insurance;

(7) Insurance under which benefits are payable regardless of fault that is required by statute to be contained in any liability insurance policy or equivalent self-insurance.

**Effective date**

(Section 2)

The bill's requirements go into effect one year after its effective date. They apply to the issuance and use of cards and technology for the processing of prescription drug and device claims in health care policies, plans, and agreements that are delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or established on or after that date.

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<sup>3</sup> *Tricare is the United States military health care program (www.tricare.osd.mil/beneficiary/).*

