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SENATE BILL

No. 1182

Introduced by Senator Leno

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Sections 1374.8, 1385.03, and 1385.04 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend ~~Section~~ *Sections 791.27 and 10181.4* of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1182, as amended, Leno. Health care coverage: rate review.

Existing law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requires the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a process for the annual review of unreasonable increases in premiums for health insurance coverage in which health insurance issuers submit to the secretary and the relevant state a justification for an unreasonable premium increase prior to implementation of the increase. Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires a health care service plan or health insurer in the individual, small group, or large group markets to file rate information with the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance. For individual and small group contracts and policies, existing law requires a plan or insurer to file rate information at least 60 days prior to implementing a rate change and requires a plan or insurer to disclose with each filing specified information by aggregate benefit category. Existing law allows a health care service plan that

exclusively contracts with no more than 2 medical groups to provide or arrange for professional medical services for enrollees of the plan to meet this requirement by disclosing its actual trend experience for the prior year using benefit categories that are the same or similar to those used by other plans.

This bill would specify the benefit categories to be used for that purpose and would make other related changes.

For large group plan contracts and policies, existing law requires a plan or insurer to file rate information with the department at least 60 days prior to implementing an unreasonable rate increase, as defined in PPACA. Existing law requires the plan or insurer to also disclose specified aggregate data with that rate filing.

This bill would instead require the plan or insurer to file rate information with the department at least 60 days prior to implementing a rate increase that exceeds 5% of the prior year's rate. The bill would also require that the plan or insurer disclose ~~the aggregate data for all rate filings submitted under these provisions on an annual basis~~ *specified data for each rate filing that exceeds 5% of the prior year's rate for that group, including, but not limited to, company name and contact information, annual rate, and average rate increase initially requested.* The bill would require a plan or insurer to annually disclose additional aggregate data for all products sold in the large group market and to provide deidentified claims data at no charge to a large group purchaser that requests the information and meets specified conditions.

Existing law prohibits, with exceptions, a health care service plan or health insurer from releasing any information to an employer that would directly or indirectly indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has received services from a health care provider covered by the plan unless authorized to do so by the employee.

This bill would exempt from the prohibition the release of relevant information for the purposes set forth in the provisions regarding the review of rate increases.

Because a willful violation of the bill's requirements by a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 1374.8 of the Health and Safety Code is*
2 *amended to read:*

3 1374.8. (a) A health care service plan shall not release any
4 information to an employer that would directly or indirectly
5 indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has
6 received services from a health care provider covered by the plan
7 unless authorized to do so by the employee. An insurer that has,
8 pursuant to an agreement, assumed the responsibility to pay
9 compensation pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section
10 3750) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, shall
11 not be considered an employer for the purposes of this section.

12 ~~Nothing~~

13 (b) *Nothing* in this section prohibits a health care service plan
14 from releasing relevant information described in this section for
15 the purposes set forth in Chapter 12 (commencing with Section
16 1871) of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code.

17 (c) *Nothing in this section prohibits a health care service plan*
18 *from releasing relevant information described in this section for*
19 *the purposes set forth in Article 6.2 (commencing with Section*
20 *1385.01).*

21 ~~SECTION 1.~~

22 *SEC. 2.* Section 1385.03 of the Health and Safety Code is
23 amended to read:

24 1385.03. (a) (1) All health care service plans shall file with
25 the department all required rate information for individual and
26 small group health care service plan contracts at least 60 days prior
27 to implementing any rate change.

28 (2) For individual health care service plan contracts, the filing
29 shall be concurrent with the notice required under Section 1389.25.

30 (3) For small group health care service plan contracts, the filing
31 shall be concurrent with the notice required under subdivision (a)
32 of Section 1374.21.

33 (b) A plan shall disclose to the department all of the following
34 for each individual and small group rate filing:

35 (1) Company name and contact information.

- 1 (2) Number of plan contract forms covered by the filing.
- 2 (3) Plan contract form numbers covered by the filing.
- 3 (4) Product type, such as a preferred provider organization or
- 4 health maintenance organization.
- 5 (5) Segment type.
- 6 (6) Type of plan involved, such as for profit or not for profit.
- 7 (7) Whether the products are opened or closed.
- 8 (8) Enrollment in each plan contract and rating form.
- 9 (9) Enrollee months in each plan contract form.
- 10 (10) Annual rate.
- 11 (11) Total earned premiums in each plan contract form.
- 12 (12) Total incurred claims in each plan contract form.
- 13 (13) Average rate increase initially requested.
- 14 (14) Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for
- 15 existing product, or resubmission.
- 16 (15) Average rate of increase.
- 17 (16) Effective date of rate increase.
- 18 (17) Number of subscribers or enrollees affected by each plan
- 19 contract form.
- 20 (18) The plan's overall annual medical trend factor assumptions
- 21 in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate benefit category,
- 22 including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient, physician services,
- 23 prescription drugs and other ancillary services, laboratory, and
- 24 radiology. A plan may provide aggregated additional data that
- 25 demonstrates or reasonably estimates year-to-year cost increases
- 26 in specific benefit categories in major geographic regions of the
- 27 state. For purposes of this paragraph, "major geographic region"
- 28 shall be defined by the department and shall include no more than
- 29 nine regions. A health plan that exclusively contracts with no more
- 30 than two medical groups in the state to provide or arrange for
- 31 professional medical services for the enrollees of the plan shall
- 32 instead disclose the amount of its actual trend experience for the
- 33 prior contract year by aggregate benefit category, using service
- 34 categories that are, to the maximum extent possible, the same or
- 35 similar to the benefit categories used by other plans. For this
- 36 purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified in subdivision
- 37 (e) of Section 1385.04.
- 38 (19) The amount of the projected trend attributable to the use
- 39 of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual plan contract
- 40 trends by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital inpatient,

1 hospital outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs and other
2 ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology. A health plan that
3 exclusively contracts with no more than two medical groups in the
4 state to provide or arrange for professional medical services for
5 the enrollees of the plan shall instead disclose the amount of its
6 actual trend experience for the prior contract year by aggregate
7 service category, using service categories that are, to the maximum
8 extent possible, the same or similar to those used by other plans.
9 For this purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified in
10 subdivision (e) of Section 1385.04.

11 (20) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.

12 (21) Any changes in enrollee cost-sharing over the prior year
13 associated with the submitted rate filing.

14 (22) Any changes in enrollee benefits over the prior year
15 associated with the submitted rate filing.

16 (23) The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section
17 1385.06.

18 (24) Any changes in administrative costs.

19 (25) Any other information required for rate review under
20 PPACA.

21 (c) A health care service plan subject to subdivision (a) shall
22 also disclose the following aggregate data for all rate filings
23 submitted under this section in the individual and small group
24 health plan markets:

25 (1) Number and percentage of rate filings reviewed by the
26 following:

27 (A) Plan year.

28 (B) Segment type.

29 (C) Product type.

30 (D) Number of subscribers.

31 (E) Number of covered lives affected.

32 (2) The plan's average rate increase by the following categories:

33 (A) Plan year.

34 (B) Segment type.

35 (C) Product type.

36 (3) Any cost containment and quality improvement efforts since
37 the plan's last rate filing for the same category of health benefit
38 plan. To the extent possible, the plan shall describe any significant
39 new health care cost containment and quality improvement efforts

1 and provide an estimate of potential savings together with an
2 estimated cost or savings for the projection period.

3 (d) The department may require all health care service plans to
4 submit all rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
5 Commissioners’ System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
6 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
7 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
8 compliance with this section.

9 (e) A plan shall submit any other information required under
10 PPACA. A plan shall also submit any other information required
11 pursuant to any regulation adopted by the department to comply
12 with this article.

13 ~~SEC. 2.~~

14 *SEC. 3.* Section 1385.04 of the Health and Safety Code is
15 amended to read:

16 1385.04. (a) For large group health care service plan contracts,
17 all health plans shall file with the department at least 60 days prior
18 to implementing any rate change all required rate information for
19 rate increases that exceed 5 percent of the prior year’s rate. This
20 filing shall be concurrent with the written notice described in
21 subdivision (a) of Section 1374.21.

22 (b) For large group rate filings, health plans shall submit all
23 information that is required by PPACA. A plan shall also submit
24 any other information required pursuant to any regulation adopted
25 by the department to comply with this article.

26 ~~(c) A health care service plan subject to subdivision (a) shall
27 also annually disclose the following aggregate data for all rate
28 filings submitted under this section:~~

29 ~~(1) Number and percentage of rate filings reviewed by the
30 following:~~

- 31 ~~(A) Plan year.~~
- 32 ~~(B) Segment type.~~
- 33 ~~(C) Product type.~~
- 34 ~~(D) Number of subscribers.~~
- 35 ~~(E) Number of covered lives affected.~~

36 ~~(2) The plan’s average rate increase by the following categories:~~

- 37 ~~(A) Plan year.~~
- 38 ~~(B) Segment type.~~
- 39 ~~(C) Product type.~~
- 40 ~~(D) Benefit category.~~

1 ~~(E) Number of covered lives affected.~~

2 ~~(3) Any cost containment and quality improvement efforts since~~
3 ~~the plan's last rate filing for the same category of health benefit~~
4 ~~plan. To the extent possible, the plan shall describe any significant~~
5 ~~new health care cost containment and quality improvement efforts~~
6 ~~and provide an estimate of potential savings together with an~~
7 ~~estimated cost or savings for the projection period, including an~~
8 ~~estimate of any reduction in the rate within the next five years of~~
9 ~~implementation of those efforts.~~

10 *(c) A health care service plan subject to subdivision (a) shall*
11 *disclose for each rate filing that exceeds 5 percent of the prior*
12 *year's rate for that group all of the following:*

13 *(1) Company name and contact information.*

14 *(2) Number of plan contract forms covered by the filing.*

15 *(3) Plan contract form numbers covered by the filing.*

16 *(4) Product type, such as a preferred provider organization or*
17 *health maintenance organization.*

18 *(5) Segment type.*

19 *(6) Type of plan involved, such as for profit or not for profit.*

20 *(7) Whether the products are opened or closed.*

21 *(8) Enrollment in each plan contract and rating form.*

22 *(9) Enrollee months in each plan contract form.*

23 *(10) Annual rate.*

24 *(11) Total earned premiums in each plan contract form.*

25 *(12) Total incurred claims in each plan contract form.*

26 *(13) Average rate increase initially requested.*

27 *(14) Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for*
28 *existing product, or resubmission.*

29 *(15) Average rate of increase.*

30 *(16) Effective date of rate increase.*

31 *(17) Number of subscribers or enrollees affected by each plan*
32 *contract form.*

33 *(18) The plan's overall annual medical trend factor assumptions*
34 *in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate benefit*
35 *category, including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient,*
36 *physician services, prescription drugs and other ancillary services,*
37 *laboratory, and radiology. A plan may provide aggregated*
38 *additional data that demonstrates or reasonably estimates*
39 *year-to-year cost increases in specific benefit categories in major*
40 *geographic regions of the state. For purposes of this paragraph,*

1 “major geographic region” shall be defined by the department
2 and shall include no more than nine regions. A health plan that
3 exclusively contracts with no more than two medical groups in the
4 state to provide or arrange for professional medical services for
5 the enrollees of the plan shall instead disclose the amount of its
6 actual trend experience for the prior contract year by aggregate
7 benefit category, using service categories that are, to the maximum
8 extent possible, the same or similar to the benefit categories used
9 by other plans. For this purpose, benefit categories shall be those
10 specified in subdivision (e).

11 (19) The amount of the projected trend attributable to the use
12 of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual plan contract
13 trends by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital inpatient,
14 hospital outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs and
15 other ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology. A health plan
16 that exclusively contracts with no more than two medical groups
17 in the state to provide or arrange for professional medical services
18 for the enrollees of the plan shall instead disclose the amount of
19 its actual trend experience for the prior contract year by aggregate
20 service category, using service categories that are, to the maximum
21 extent possible, the same or similar to those used by other plans.
22 For this purpose, benefit categories shall be those specified in
23 subdivision (e).

24 (20) A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.

25 (21) Any changes in enrollee cost-sharing over the prior year
26 associated with the submitted rate filing.

27 (22) Any changes in enrollee benefits over the prior year
28 associated with the submitted rate filing.

29 (23) The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section
30 1385.06.

31 (24) Any changes in administrative costs.

32 (25) Any other information required for rate review under
33 PPACA.

34 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (e), a health care service
35 plan shall annually disclose the following aggregate data for all
36 products sold in the large group market:

37 (1) Plan year.

38 (2) Segment type.

39 (3) Product type.

40 (4) Number of subscribers.

- 1 (5) Number of covered lives affected.
- 2 (6) The plan's average rate increase by the following:
 - 3 (A) Plan year.
 - 4 (B) Segment type.
 - 5 (C) Product type.
 - 6 (D) Benefit category, including, but not limited to, hospital,
 - 7 medical, ancillary, and other benefit categories reported publicly
 - 8 for individual and small employer rate filings.
 - 9 (E) Trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to utilization
 - 10 by benefit category.
- 11 (e) A health care service plan that is unable to provide
- 12 information on rate increases by benefit categories, *as defined in*
- 13 *subdivision (d) of Section 1385.07*, including, but not limited to,
- 14 hospital, outpatient medical, and mental health, or information on
- 15 trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to utilization by
- 16 benefit category pursuant to subdivision (d), shall annually disclose
- 17 all of the following aggregate data for its large group health care
- 18 service plan contracts:
 - 19 (1) (A) The plan's overall aggregate data demonstrating or
 - 20 reasonably estimating year-to-year cost increases in the aggregate
 - 21 for large group rates by major service category. The plan shall
 - 22 distinguish between the increase ascribed to the volume of services
 - 23 provided and the increase ascribed to the cost of services provided
 - 24 for those assumptions that shall include the following categories:
 - 25 (i) Hospital inpatient.
 - 26 (ii) Outpatient visits.
 - 27 (iii) Outpatient surgical or other procedures.
 - 28 (iv) Professional medical.
 - 29 (v) Mental health.
 - 30 (vi) Substance abuse.
 - 31 (vii) Skilled nursing facility, if covered.
 - 32 (viii) Prescription drugs.
 - 33 (ix) Other ancillary services.
 - 34 (x) Laboratory.
 - 35 (xi) Radiology or imaging.
 - 36 (B) A plan may provide aggregated additional data that
 - 37 demonstrate or reasonably estimate year-to-year cost increases in
 - 38 each of the specific service categories specified in subparagraph
 - 39 (A) for each of the major geographic regions of the state.

1 (2) The amount of projected trend attributable to the following
2 categories:
3 (A) Use of services by service and disease category.
4 (B) Capital investment.
5 (C) Community benefit expenditures, excluding bad debt and
6 valued at cost.

7 (3) The amount and proportion of costs attributed to contracting
8 medical groups that would not have been attributable as medical
9 losses if incurred by the health plan rather than the medical group.

10 (f) (1) A health care service plan shall annually provide claims
11 data at no charge to a large group purchaser if the large group
12 purchaser requests the information. The health care service plan
13 shall provide claims data that a qualified statistician has determined
14 are deidentified so that the claims data do not identify or do not
15 provide a reasonable basis from which to identify an individual.

16 (2) Information provided to a large group purchaser under this
17 subdivision is not subject to Section 1385.07.

18 (3) (A) If claims data are not available, the plan shall provide,
19 at no charge to the purchaser, all of the following:

20 (i) Deidentified data sufficient for the large group purchaser to
21 calculate the cost of obtaining similar services from other health
22 plans and evaluate cost-effectiveness by service and disease
23 category.

24 (ii) Deidentified patient-level data on demographics, prescribing,
25 encounters, inpatient services, outpatient services, and any other
26 data as may be required of the health plan to comply with risk
27 adjustment, reinsurance, or risk corridors pursuant to the federal
28 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148),
29 as amended by the federal Health Care and Education
30 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and any rules,
31 regulations, or guidance issued thereunder.

32 (iii) Deidentified patient-level data used to experience rate the
33 large group, including diagnostic and procedure coding and costs
34 assigned to each service.

35 (B) The health care service plan shall obtain a formal
36 determination from a qualified statistician that the data provided
37 pursuant to this paragraph have been deidentified so that the data
38 do not identify or do not provide a reasonable basis from which
39 to identify an individual. The statistician shall certify the formal

1 determination in writing and shall, upon request, provide the
2 protocol used for deidentification to the department.

3 (4) Data provided pursuant to this subdivision shall only be
4 provided to a large group purchaser that meets both of the
5 following conditions:

6 (A) Is able to demonstrate its ability to comply with state and
7 federal privacy laws.

8 (B) Is a large group purchaser that is either an
9 ~~employer-sponsored plan~~ *employer* with an enrollment of greater
10 than 1,000 covered lives or a multiemployer trust.

11 (g) The department may require all health care service plans to
12 submit all rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
13 Commissioners' System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
14 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
15 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
16 compliance with this section.

17 *SEC. 4. Section 791.27 of the Insurance Code is amended to*
18 *read:*

19 791.27. (a) A disability insurer that provides coverage for
20 hospital, medical, or surgical expenses shall not release any
21 information to an employer that would directly or indirectly
22 indicate to the employer that an employee is receiving or has
23 received services from a health care provider covered by the plan
24 unless authorized to do so by the employee. An insurer that has,
25 pursuant to an agreement, assumed the responsibility to pay
26 compensation pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section
27 3750) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the Labor Code, shall
28 not be considered an employer for the purposes of this section.
29 ~~Nothing~~

30 (b) *Nothing* in this section prohibits a disability insurer from
31 releasing relevant information described in this section for the
32 purposes set forth in Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 1871)
33 of Part 2 of Division 1.

34 (c) *Nothing in this section prohibits a health insurer from*
35 *releasing relevant information described in this section for the*
36 *purposes set forth in Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 10181)*
37 *of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2.*

38 ~~SEC. 3.~~

39 *SEC. 5. Section 10181.4 of the Insurance Code is amended to*
40 *read:*

1 10181.4. (a) For large group health insurance policies, all
 2 health insurers shall file with the department at least 60 days prior
 3 to implementing any rate change all required rate information for
 4 rate increases that exceed 5 percent of the prior year's rate. This
 5 filing shall be concurrent with the written notice described in
 6 Section 10199.1.

7 (b) For large group rate filings, health insurers shall submit all
 8 information that is required by PPACA. A health insurer shall also
 9 submit any other information required pursuant to any regulation
 10 adopted by the department to comply with this article.

11 ~~(c) A health insurer subject to subdivision (a) shall also annually~~
 12 ~~disclose the following aggregate data for all rate filings submitted~~
 13 ~~under this section:~~

14 ~~(1) Number and percentage of rate filings reviewed by the~~
 15 ~~following:~~

16 ~~(A) Policy year.~~

17 ~~(B) Segment type.~~

18 ~~(C) Product type.~~

19 ~~(D) Number of insureds.~~

20 ~~(E) Number of covered lives affected.~~

21 ~~(2) The insurer's average rate increase by the following~~
 22 ~~categories:~~

23 ~~(A) Policy year.~~

24 ~~(B) Segment type.~~

25 ~~(C) Product type.~~

26 ~~(D) Benefit category.~~

27 ~~(E) Number of covered lives affected.~~

28 ~~(3) Any cost containment and quality improvement efforts since~~
 29 ~~the health insurer's last rate filing for the same category of health~~
 30 ~~insurance policy. To the extent possible, the health insurer shall~~
 31 ~~describe any significant new health care cost containment and~~
 32 ~~quality improvement efforts and provide an estimate of potential~~
 33 ~~savings together with an estimated cost or savings for the projection~~
 34 ~~period, including an estimate of any reduction in the rate within~~
 35 ~~the next five years of implementation of those efforts.~~

36 ~~(c) A health insurer subject to subdivision (a) shall disclose for~~
 37 ~~each rate filing that exceeds 5 percent of the prior year's rate for~~
 38 ~~that group all of the following:~~

39 ~~(1) Company name and contact information.~~

40 ~~(2) Number of policy forms covered by the filing.~~

- 1 (3) *Policy form numbers covered by the filing.*
- 2 (4) *Product type, such as indemnity or preferred provider*
- 3 *organization.*
- 4 (5) *Segment type.*
- 5 (6) *Type of insurer involved, such as for profit or not for profit.*
- 6 (7) *Whether the products are opened or closed.*
- 7 (8) *Enrollment in each policy and rating form.*
- 8 (9) *Insured months in each policy form.*
- 9 (10) *Annual rate.*
- 10 (11) *Total earned premiums in each policy form.*
- 11 (12) *Total incurred claims in each policy form.*
- 12 (13) *Average rate increase initially requested.*
- 13 (14) *Review category: initial filing for new product, filing for*
- 14 *existing product, or resubmission.*
- 15 (15) *Average rate of increase.*
- 16 (16) *Effective date of rate increase.*
- 17 (17) *Number of policyholders or insureds affected by each policy*
- 18 *form.*
- 19 (18) *The insurer’s overall annual medical trend factor*
- 20 *assumptions in each rate filing for all benefits and by aggregate*
- 21 *benefit category, including hospital inpatient, hospital outpatient,*
- 22 *physician services, prescription drugs and other ancillary services,*
- 23 *laboratory, and radiology. An insurer may provide aggregated*
- 24 *additional data that demonstrates or reasonably estimates*
- 25 *year-to-year cost increases in specific benefit categories in major*
- 26 *geographic regions of the state. For purposes of this paragraph,*
- 27 *“major geographic region” shall be defined by the department*
- 28 *and shall include no more than nine regions.*
- 29 (19) *The amount of the projected trend attributable to the use*
- 30 *of services, price inflation, or fees and risk for annual policy trends*
- 31 *by aggregate benefit category, such as hospital inpatient, hospital*
- 32 *outpatient, physician services, prescription drugs and other*
- 33 *ancillary services, laboratory, and radiology.*
- 34 (20) *A comparison of claims cost and rate of changes over time.*
- 35 (21) *Any changes in insured cost-sharing over the prior year*
- 36 *associated with the submitted rate filing.*
- 37 (22) *Any changes in insured benefits over the prior year*
- 38 *associated with the submitted rate filing.*
- 39 (23) *The certification described in subdivision (b) of Section*
- 40 *10181.6.*

1 (24) Any changes in administrative costs.

2 (25) Any other information required for rate review under
3 PPACA.

4 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (e), a health insurer shall
5 annually disclose the following aggregate data for all products
6 sold in the large group market:

7 (1) Policy year.

8 (2) Segment type.

9 (3) Product type.

10 (4) Number of policyholders.

11 (5) Number of covered lives affected.

12 (6) The insurer's average rate increase by the following:

13 (A) Policy year.

14 (B) Segment type.

15 (C) Product type.

16 (D) Benefit category, including, but not limited to, hospital,
17 medical, ancillary, and other benefit categories reported publicly
18 for individual and small employer rate filings.

19 (E) Trend attributable to cost and trend attributable to utilization
20 by benefit category.

21 (e) A health insurer that is unable to provide information on
22 rate increases by benefit categories, *as defined in subdivision (d)*
23 *of Section 10181.7* including, but not limited to, hospital, outpatient
24 medical, and mental health, or information on trend attributable
25 to cost and trend attributable to utilization by benefit category
26 pursuant to subdivision (d), shall annually disclose all of the
27 following aggregate data for its large group health insurance
28 policies:

29 (1) (A) The insurer's overall aggregate data demonstrating or
30 reasonably estimating year-to-year cost increases in the aggregate
31 for large group rates by major service category. The insurer shall
32 distinguish between the increase ascribed to the volume of services
33 provided and the increase ascribed to the cost of services provided
34 for those assumptions that shall include the following categories:

35 (i) Hospital inpatient.

36 (ii) Outpatient visits.

37 (iii) Outpatient surgical or other procedures.

38 (iv) Professional medical.

39 (v) Mental health.

40 (vi) Substance abuse.

- 1 (vii) Skilled nursing facility, if covered.
- 2 (viii) Prescription drugs.
- 3 (ix) Other ancillary services.
- 4 (x) Laboratory.
- 5 (xi) Radiology or imaging.
- 6 (B) An insurer may provide aggregated additional data that
- 7 demonstrate or reasonably estimate year-to-year cost increases in
- 8 each of the specific service categories specified in subparagraph
- 9 (A) for each of the major geographic regions of the state.
- 10 (2) The amount of projected trend attributable to the following
- 11 categories:
- 12 (A) Use of services by service and disease category.
- 13 (B) Capital investment.
- 14 (C) Community benefit expenditures, excluding bad debt and
- 15 valued at cost.
- 16 (3) The amount and proportion of costs attributed to contracting
- 17 medical groups that would not have been attributable as medical
- 18 losses if incurred by the health insurer rather than the medical
- 19 group.
- 20 (f) (1) A health insurer shall annually provide claims data at
- 21 no charge to a large group purchaser if the large group purchaser
- 22 requests the information. The health insurer shall provide claims
- 23 data that a qualified statistician has determined are deidentified so
- 24 that the claims data do not identify or do not provide a reasonable
- 25 basis from which to identify an individual.
- 26 (2) Information provided to a large group purchaser under this
- 27 subdivision is not subject to Section 10181.7.
- 28 (3) (A) If claims data are not available, the insurer shall provide,
- 29 at no charge to the purchaser, all of the following:
- 30 (i) Deidentified data sufficient for the large group purchaser to
- 31 calculate the cost of obtaining similar services from other health
- 32 insurers and plans and evaluate cost-effectiveness by service and
- 33 disease category.
- 34 (ii) Deidentified patient-level data on demographics, prescribing,
- 35 encounters, inpatient services, outpatient services, and any other
- 36 data as may be required of the health insurer to comply with risk
- 37 adjustment, reinsurance, or risk corridors pursuant to the federal
- 38 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148),
- 39 as amended by the federal Health Care and Education

1 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and any rules,
2 regulations, or guidance issued thereunder.

3 (iii) Deidentified patient-level data used to experience rate the
4 large group, including diagnostic and procedure coding and costs
5 assigned to each service.

6 (B) The health insurer shall obtain a formal determination from
7 a qualified statistician that the data provided pursuant to this
8 paragraph have been deidentified so that the data do not identify
9 or do not provide a reasonable basis from which to identify an
10 individual. The statistician shall certify the formal determination
11 in writing and shall, upon request, provide the protocol used for
12 deidentification to the department.

13 (4) Data provided pursuant to this subdivision shall only be
14 provided to a large group purchaser that meets both of the
15 following conditions:

16 (A) Is able to demonstrate its ability to comply with state and
17 federal privacy laws.

18 (B) Is a large group purchaser that is either an
19 ~~employer-sponsored plan~~ *employer* with an enrollment of greater
20 than 1,000 covered lives or a multiemployer trust.

21 (g) The department may require all health insurers to submit all
22 rate filings to the National Association of Insurance
23 Commissioners' System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing
24 (SERFF). Submission of the required rate filings to SERFF shall
25 be deemed to be filing with the department for purposes of
26 compliance with this section.

27 ~~SEC. 4.~~

28 *SEC. 6.* No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
29 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
30 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
31 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
32 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
33 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
34 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
35 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
36 Constitution.

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