BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 3304 Version: SAHB

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Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 3304 modify the definition of health benefit plan and change the effective date for the exemption to November 1, 2017. The amendments also allow insurers to post insurance policies or endorsements without personally identifiable information on their website instead of providing physical copies to the insured.

HB 3304, as amended, allows a plan sponsor of a health benefit plan to consent to electronic communication on behalf of covered individuals enrolled in the plan. The insurer must inform the insured of the types of communications sent, how to withdraw consent, and the option to receive paper documents instead. Insurers may post policies or endorsements without personally identifiable information on their website instead of providing physical copies to the insured.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3304 allows health insurance plan sponsors authority to transmit plan-related communications electronically on behalf of the insured individual, assuming the insurer has already given notice to the insured individual regarding their right to withdraw consent at any time. As written, this measure does not have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

The Senate amendment does not change the fiscal impact from the previous House Floor Analysis

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Other Considerations

None.

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