
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6232

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Thibaudeau; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to health carrier information; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Each health carrier offering a health benefit plan shall submit
7 to the commissioner on or before April 1st of each year a report that
8 contains:

9 (a) The following information for the preceding year that is
10 derived from the carrier's annual statement, including the exhibit of
11 premiums, enrollments, and utilization for its Washington business, and
12 the additional data to the annual statement. The information must be
13 shown for five categories, total, individual contracts, small group
14 contracts, and large group contracts (excluding government contracts),
15 and government contracts:

16 (i) The total number of members;

17 (ii) The total amount of revenue;

18 (iii) The total amount of hospital and medical payments;

1 (iv) The medical loss ratio, that is computed by dividing the total
2 amount of hospital and medical payments by the total amount of
3 revenues;

4 (v) The average amount of premiums per member per month; and

5 (vi) The percentage change in the average premium per member per
6 month, measured from the previous year; and

7 (b) The following aggregate financial information for the preceding
8 year that is derived from the carrier's annual statement:

9 (i) The total amount of claim adjustment expenses;

10 (ii) The total amount of general administrative expenses, including
11 identification of the five largest nonmedical administrative expenses
12 and the assessment against the carrier for the Washington state health
13 insurance pool;

14 (iii) The total amount of the reserves maintained for unpaid
15 claims;

16 (iv) The total net underwriting gain or loss;

17 (v) The carrier's net income after taxes;

18 (vi) Dividends to stockholders;

19 (vii) The net change in capital and surplus from the prior year;

20 and

21 (viii) The total amount of the capital and surplus.

22 (2) A carrier shall electronically submit the information described
23 in subsection (1) of this section in a format and according to
24 instructions prescribed by the commissioner.

25 (3) The commissioner shall make the information reported under this
26 section available to the public in a format that allows comparisons
27 among carriers through a searchable public web site on the internet.

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