
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 2677

Brief Description: Sharing health insurance information to improve the coordination of benefits between health insurers and the health care authority.

Sponsors: Representatives Chopp, Cody, Tharinger, Leavitt and Davis; by request of Health Care Authority.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the primary responsibility for sharing information on joint beneficiaries from the Health Care Authority to health insurers.

Hearing Date: 1/31/20

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The Health Care Authority (HCA) must provide routine, periodic information to health insurers to identify joint beneficiaries. The data must be provided at least semiannually. If an insurer identifies any joint beneficiaries, it must send the information to the HCA. The stated purpose of this information exchange is to improve coordination and administration of benefits and ensure that medical insurance benefits are properly utilized.

Summary of Bill:

The primary responsibility for sharing information on joint beneficiaries is changed from the Health Care Authority (HCA) to the insurers. Health insurers must share information on beneficiary eligibility and coverage with the HCA for the purpose of identifying joint beneficiaries.

The requirement that the information be provided at least semiannually is eliminated.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.