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House Bill 4684 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Sharon Gire  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Insurance Code to require an insurance company to provide to insured persons, upon enrollment, a clear, complete, and accurate description of how covered benefits would apply in the evaluation and treatment of intractable pain. This description would have to be included in the form that insurers presently are required to provide to insured persons upon enrollment.

The bill also would require that an insurer, upon request, provide an insured person with the professional credentials of participating health professionals who were board certified in the specialty of pain medicine and the evaluation and treatment of intractable pain, and had reported that certification to the insurer. Currently, insurers are required, upon request, to provide an insured person with the professional credentials of participating health professionals.

The bill would take effect April 1, 1999.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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