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House Bill 4685 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Beverly Hammerstrom  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require a health maintenance organization (HMO) to provide to subscribers, 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 HMOs presently are required to provide to subscribers upon enrollment.

The bill also would require that an HMO, upon request, provide a subscriber 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 HMO. Currently, HMOs are required, upon request, to provide subscribers 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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