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DRUG INFORMATION CARDS

House Bill 5884

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House Bill 5885

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House Bill 5887

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5884-5887 AS INTRODUCED 6-8-00

House Bill 5884 would amend the Insurance Code (MCL 500.2213c) to require the commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) to develop a uniform prescription drug information card or technology to be used by health plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs or devices or administering a plan that provides coverage for prescription drugs or devices. The card or other technology would have to contain information about a person's allergies, co-pays, date of birth, effective date of coverage, and dependents.

The card or technology would have to be in a format approved by the commissioner and based on the format approved by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, would have to include all of the "required and conditional or situational fields", and would have to conform either to the implementation guide produced by the national council or to a national format approved by the commissioner that included information about allergies, co-pay, date of birth, effective date, and dependents.

The card or technology would be issued by a health plan upon enrollment and reissued upon any change in coverage that would affect data on the card or technology. The term "health plan" would refer to a commercial insurance company providing benefits under an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or certificate; a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) providing hospital, medical, or surgical benefits; a health maintenance organization (HMO); a health care corporation (i.e., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan); and a third party administrator (TPA).

The bill would not apply to any policy or certificate that provided coverage only for vision, dental, specific diseases, or accidents; a hospital indemnity policy and certificate; a disability income policy or certificate; coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance; or medical payments under automobile, homeowners, or worker's compensation insurance.

House Bill 5885 would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act (MCL 550.1401i) to make the uniform prescription drug information card provisions apply to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. House Bill 5886 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.21053g) to make the provisions apply to HMOs. House Bill 5887 would amend the Third Party Administrator Act (MCL 550.921) to make the provisions apply to a TPA. These bills are tie-barred to House Bill 5884. All of the bills would take effect on January 1, 2001.

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