



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4135 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Edward J. Canfield, D.O.

House Committee: Health Policy Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 22 (The Insurance Contract) of the Insurance Code to prohibit an insurer or a health maintenance organization from requiring as the sole condition for the payment or reimbursement of a claim that a physician maintain a national or regional certification that was not otherwise required for licensure under the Public Health Code.

Specifically, an insurer that delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in the State a health insurance policy or issued under Chapter 34 (Disability Insurance Policies) of the Insurance Code or a health maintenance organization that issued a health maintenance contract under Chapter 35 (Health Maintenance Organizations) of the Code could not require as the sole condition precedent to the payment or reimbursement of a claim under the policy or contract that an allopathic or osteopathic physician in the medical specialties of family practice, internal medicine, or pediatrics maintain a national or regional certification that was not otherwise specifically required for licensure under Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would not have a significant fiscal impact. The bill could lead to an increase in the supply of physicians, but the impact of that increase on health care costs is indeterminate.

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