Senate Study Bill 1164

Bill Text

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           Section 1. Section 513B.10, subsection 4, paragraph a,
  1 2 subparagraph (2), Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:
         (2) The exclusion extends for a period of not more than
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 <del>twelve</del>
six months, or
 eighteen
- twelve months in the case of a
  1 5 late enrollee, after the enrollment date.
         Sec. 2. Section 513B.10, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code
   7 1999, is amended to read as follows:
         d. Health insurance coverage may exclude coverage for late
  1 9 enrollees for preexisting conditions for a period not to
  1 10 exceed
 -eighteen
- twelve months.
        Sec. 3. Section 513C.7, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
  1 12 1999, is amended to read as follows:
       a. The individual basic or standard health benefit plan
  1 14 shall not deny, exclude, or limit benefits for a covered
  1 15 individual for losses incurred more than
 <del>twelve</del>
- six months
 1 16 following the effective date of the individual's coverage due
  1 17 to a preexisting condition. A preexisting condition shall not
  1 18 be defined more restrictively than any of the following:
          (1) A condition that would cause an ordinarily prudent
  1 20 person to seek medical advice, diagnosis, care, or treatment
  1 21 during the
- six months immediately preceding the
  1 22 effective date of coverage.
  1 23 (2) A condition for which medical advice, diagnosis, care,
  1 24 or treatment was recommended or received during the
 <del>twelve</del>
- six
 1 25 months immediately preceding the effective date of coverage.
         (3) A pregnancy existing on the effective date of
 1 27 coverage.
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                                 EXPLANATION
          This bill reduces to six months the period for exclusion,
  1 30 limitation, or denial of benefits or coverage and from 18
  1 31 months to 12 months the period of exclusion, limitation, or
  1 32 denial of benefits or coverage for late enrollees by a small
  1 33 group health or individual health insurance carrier based upon
  1 34 a preexisting condition.
  1 35 LSB 2548XL 78
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