

HB 224 -- Health Insurance

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This bill makes several changes to the law governing the contracts of health services corporations and health maintenance organizations. The bill:

(1) Increases, from 30 days to 45 days, the length of time the Department of Insurance has to disapprove of any changes to a contract form submitted by the entity;

(2) Prohibits the department from disapproving a new contract form for 12 months, if the department fails to disapprove of it within 45 days of its filing with the department;

(3) Allows the department to request a modification of a provision of a contract form that is contrary to state law. In its request, the department must cite the specific provision and any statutes that may be in conflict. The entity will have 30 days to respond with an amendment that will make the provision compliant with state law; and

(4) Requires the entity to issue to its members copies of any approved amendments to the contracts. These amendments will have the same force and effect as if the amendments were in the original contracts.