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Senate Bill 455 (Senator Teitelbaum. *et al.*)

Finance

Health Insurance - Notice of Health Care Providers on Carrier's Provider Panel

This bill requires a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, HMO, or dental plan organization (carrier) to provide a printed list of the carrier's providers to a prospective enrollee at the time of enrollment and to an enrollee at the time of renewal.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: This bill changes current law to require a carrier to provide a provider list to a prospective enrollee at the time of enrollment (as opposed to the current requirement to provide the list before enrollment) and to an enrollee at the time of renewal (as opposed to the current requirement to provide the list once a year). In addition, a carrier must make available to prospective enrollees and notify existing enrollees at the time of renewal about how to obtain provider information on the Internet and in printed form. Printed provider lists must be updated annually. Internet provider lists must be updated every 15 days.

Current Law: A carrier must provide a provider list, along with information on providers who are no longer accepting new patients, to a prospective enrollee before enrollment and to existing enrollees at least once a year. A carrier is also required to update the provider list at

least once a year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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