

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 380
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Requested by Senator Carolyn Squires

For the Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 10.
Following: "DISCOUNT CARDS;"
Insert: "PROVIDING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, INCLUDING A WAIVER FOR PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS;"

2. Page 1, line 19.
Strike: "10"
Insert: "11"

3. Page 4, line 2.
Strike: "10"
Insert: "11"

4. Page 4, line 8.
Strike: "10"
Insert: "11"

5. Page 4.
Following: line 9
Insert: "(1) "Administrator" has the meaning provided for in 33-17-102(3)."
Renumber: subsequent subsections

6. Page 4, line 20.
Strike: "(2) (a) "
Insert: "(3) (a) "

7. Page 4, line 22.
Strike: "(2) (a) "
Insert: "(3) (a) "

8. Page 4, line 23.
Strike: "(2) (a) "

Insert: "(3) (a) "

9. Page 4, line 25.

Strike: "(2) (a) "

Insert: "(3) (a) "

10. Page 5.

Following: line 14

Insert: "(10) "Preferred provider organization company" means a company that contracts with health care providers for lower fees than those customarily charged by the health care provider for services and contracts with health insurance issuers, administrators, or self-insured employers to provide access to those lower fees to a particular group of insureds, subscribers, participants, beneficiaries, members, or claimants."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

11. Page 7, line 6.

Following: "required"

Insert: "-- exceptions"

12. Page 8.

Following: line 1

Insert: "(7) An administrator that is authorized to do business in this state and that provides medical care discount cards to Montana residents who are members of self-funded group health plans administered by that administrator is not required to obtain a certificate of registration pursuant to this section."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

13. Page 8, line 11.

Following: "accounts"

Insert: "-- exemptions"

14. Page 9, line 5.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

15. Page 9, line 6.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

16. Page 9, line 9.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

17. Page 9, line 11.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

18. Page 9.

Following: line 18

Insert: "(10) An administrator that is authorized to do business in this state and that provides medical care discount cards to Montana residents who are members of self-funded group health plans administered by that administrator is exempt from the requirements of this section."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 10. Waiver of registration and bonding requirements. The commissioner may waive the requirements of [sections 8 and 9] for any preferred provider organization company. The factors taken into account in granting a waiver include but are not limited to whether the company:

(1) has contracts in place with health care providers residing in this state;

(2) has contracts in place with users and purchasers of health care services residing in this state who use the medical care discount card in conjunction with a self-funded or fully insured health plan;

(3) is primarily in the preferred provider organization business or primarily in the medical care discount card supplier business; and

(4) was in business in this state prior to [the effective date of the act]."

Renumber: subsequent sections

19. Page 10, line 30.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

20. Page 11, line 1.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

21. Page 10, line 3.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "11"

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