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H.B. 385

Insurance Revisions

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill addresses stop-loss insurance.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 modifies the requirements for a small employer stop-loss insurance contract;
 regulates with which small employers a stop-loss insurer or reinsurer may enter stop-loss
insurance contracts;
 provides a transition period for existing small employer stop-loss insurance contracts; and
 makes technical and conforming changes.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides a special effective date.
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
31A-43-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 244
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 31A-43-301 is amended to read:
31A-43-301 . Stop-loss insurance standards.
(1) A small employer stop-loss insurance contract shall:
(a) be issued to the small employer to provide insurance to the group health benefit plan,
not the employees of the small employer;
(b) have a contract term with guaranteed rates for at least 12 months, without
adjustment, unless there is a change in the benefits provided under the small
employer's health plan during the contract period;
(c) include both a specific attachment point and an aggregate attachment point in a

31	contract;
32	(d) align stop-loss plan benefit limitations and exclusions with a small employer's health
33	plan benefit limitations and exclusions, including any annual or lifetime limits in the
34	employer's health plan;
35	(e) <u>subject to Subsection (4):</u>
36	(i) have an annual specific attachment point that is at least [\$10,000] \$30,000; and
37	[(f)] (ii) have an annual aggregate attachment point that may not be less than [85%]
38	90% of expected claims;
39	[(g)] (f) pay stop-loss claims:
40	(i) incurred during the contract period; and
41	(ii) paid within 12 months after the expiration date of the contract; and
42	[(h)] (g) include provisions to cover incurred and unpaid stop-loss claims when the small
43	employer's stop-loss plan terminates.
44	(2) A small employer stop-loss <u>insurance</u> contract [shall] <u>may</u> not:
45	(a) include lasering; and
46	(b) pay claims directly to an individual employee, member, or participant.
47	(3) A stop-loss insurer or reinsurer:
48	(a) may enter into a small employer stop-loss insurance contract with a small employer
49	with 15 or more enrolled employees; and
50	(b) may not enter into a small employer stop-loss insurance contract with a small
51	employer with less than 15 enrolled employees.
52	(4) A small employer stop-loss insurance contract issued before July 1, 2025, that is
53	renewed with the same stop-loss insurer or reinsurer that executed that small employer
54	stop-loss insurance contract shall comply with Subsection (1)(e) by no later than July 1,
55	2027.
56	Section 2. Effective Date.
57	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025

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