



Texans Benefit From a Healthy Life Insurance Market

During the 89th legislative session, life insurers will be working with Texas leaders to adopt laws that maintain the state's history of smart, market-friendly policies and fair regulation of the industry.

The state's balanced regulatory framework motivates life insurers to offer a robust array of products to provide financial protection to Texans who seek it.

This session, we ask your support for the following measures to continue the state's history of maintaining a healthy and competitive life insurance market:

Products That Protect



- Life insurance
- Annuities
- Supplemental health
- Disability income
- Long-term care
- Dental & Vision

HB 2221

Rep. Hull

Encourage Innovation in Wellness Programs

HB 2221 – Rep. Hull

In 2007, Texas updated its anti-rebating laws by allowing insurers to offer certain services such as wellness programs, will preparation, and funeral planning to customers as long as the benefits were reasonably related to the type of insurance product purchased and were included in the policy.

HB 2221 will maintain state requirements that protect consumers from inappropriate inducement offers but make it easier for insurers to innovate and provide these value-added services to consumers by removing the requirement that these services be included in the policy. The bill also moves the life and health anti-rebating statutes to a new chapter in the Insurance Code.

SB 1151

Sen. Blanco

HB 3508

Rep. Wharton

Creating Regulatory Flexibility

SB 1151 – Sen. Blanco

HB 3508 – Rep. Wharton

SB 1151/ HB 3508 would create regulatory flexibility by eliminating the requirement that insurers conduct their biennial TPA audit on-site, allowing them to decide whether the audit would be more effective virtually or in person. It does not change state law that requires the audits to be done, nor does it change any TDI reporting requirements. TALHI has worked with TDI in developing this legislation.

SB 1330

Sen. Hancock

HB 3150

Rep. Paul

Protecting Senior Medicare Enrollees From Balance Billing

SB 1330 – Sen. Hancock

HB 3150 – Rep. Paul

A loophole in the Medicare law has resulted in some durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers charging up to 800% more than the program allows. DME includes items such as motorized wheelchairs, scooters, oxygen equipment, and CPAP devices.

SB 1330/HB 3150 would prevent a Medicare enrollee from being charged more than 15% over Medicare's approved price for DME. This amount is consistent with limitations set on other Medicare providers who do not accept Medicare assignments. The bill prevents Medicare enrollees from being balance-billed for amounts beyond the allowable price and will help curb artificial premium inflation due to excess charges. requirement that these services be included in the policy. The bill also moves the life and health anti-rebating statutes to a new chapter in the Insurance Code.

HB 3960

Rep. Paul

Preventing Insurance Fraud

HB 3960 – Rep. Paul

To prevent fraud in the sale of life insurance, state law provides a two-year contestability period following issuance that allows an insurer to rescind the policy if it is determined that the applicant provided false answers about his or her health that are material misrepresentations. Ambiguity in Texas law is preventing life insurers from rescinding a policy during the statutorily established contestability period even if evidence, beyond doubt, establishes that the applicant answered the health questions in a dishonest way.

HB 3960 will amend Texas insurance law to clarify that a life insurance policy may be rescinded during the two-year contestability period when the individual who purchased the policy provided false answers to material facts in the application for coverage.



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