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## **SB 1299**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
SECTION 20-2312; RELATING TO ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 13, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 20-2312, to read:

4 20-2312. Accountable health plan consumer health insurance  
5 tools committee; report; consumer guide

6 A. THE ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN CONSUMER HEALTH INSURANCE TOOLS  
7 COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT CONSISTING OF NINE MEMBERS,  
8 INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE  
9 GOVERNOR. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMITTEE TWO SMALL EMPLOYER  
10 REPRESENTATIVES, TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS, A  
11 SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON OR OTHER MEMBER REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST, ONE  
12 INSURANCE PRODUCER WHO WORKS PRIMARILY IN THE SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE  
13 MARKET, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY  
14 AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE OR DESIGNEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THE  
15 DIRECTOR OR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF  
16 THE COMMITTEE.

17 B. THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP A FORMAT FOR A UNIFORM REPORT TO BE  
18 FILED TWICE EACH YEAR BY ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS. THE INFORMATION INCLUDED  
19 IN THE REPORTS SHALL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR A GUIDE TO:

20 1. EDUCATE CONSUMERS PURCHASING HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE SMALL EMPLOYER  
21 AND INDIVIDUAL MARKET.

22 2. SIMPLIFY THE COMPARISON OF COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE PRODUCTS.

23 3. INFORM CONSUMERS ABOUT THE PRICE AND BENEFITS OF AVAILABLE HEALTH  
24 INSURANCE OPTIONS, INCLUDING:

25 (a) MONTHLY PREMIUMS.

26 (b) BENEFITS THAT ARE COVERED AND LIMITATIONS.

27 (c) AVERAGE PREMIUM INCREASES.

28 (d) ANY OTHER FACTOR THE COMMITTEE DEEMS SIGNIFICANT TO THE CONSUMER.

29 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORTS AVAILABLE  
30 TO THE PUBLIC. THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY SHALL ADMINISTER  
31 THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY FORMAT.

32 D. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE THE  
33 UNIFORM REPORT FORMAT. BEGINNING ON JULY 15, 2009, AN ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH  
34 PLAN SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED TO THE DEPARTMENT. AN  
35 ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 AND  
36 JANUARY 1 IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT THE INFORMATION IN  
37 THE FORMAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
38 AGENCY. THE WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC FORMATS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
39 PUBLIC ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT  
40 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGENCY SHALL PROMPTLY UPDATE THE GUIDE AFTER EACH NEW  
41 REPORTING DATE OCCURS AND MAY INCLUDE INFORMATION TO ASSIST CONSUMERS IN  
42 ADDITION TO THAT BASED ON THESE REPORTS.

1           E. IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM REPORT  
2           FORMAT ARE NECESSARY, THE DIRECTOR MAY PRESCRIBE A REVISED REPORT FORMAT.  
3           THE GOVERNOR MAY RECONVENE THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR WITH  
4           REVISIONS TO THE FORMAT. ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS SHALL USE THE REVISED  
5           REPORT FORMAT WITH THE FIRST REPORT DUE NO MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS  
6           AFTER THE DIRECTOR PRESCRIBES A REVISION.  
7           F. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND ARE NOT  
8           ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.