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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patients’ Right to
5 Know Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMA-**
 2 **TION TO CONSUMERS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2715 of the Public Health
 4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–15) is amended by adding
 5 at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(h) DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMA-
 7 TION TO CONSUMERS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A health insurance issuer
 9 or sponsor of a group health plan, through its an-
 10 nual summary of benefits and coverage explanation
 11 provided under subsection (d), through an Internet
 12 website, or through some other written means of
 13 communication with the consumer such as a printed
 14 mailing—

15 “(A) shall include the disclosure (effective
 16 for plan years beginning on or after January 1,
 17 2016, and in addition to the information re-
 18 quired to be disclosed under this section) of—

19 “(i) the applicable additional informa-
 20 tion relating to fees described in paragraph
 21 (2); and

22 “(ii) the applicable additional infor-
 23 mation included under paragraph (3)(D);
 24 and

25 “(B) shall not be subject to any adminis-
 26 trative action by the Secretary or by a State

1 authority with respect to any disclosure made
2 on or after the date of the enactment of this
3 subsection of such applicable additional infor-
4 mation if the disclosure is made based upon a
5 good faith estimates of such information and is
6 in accordance with such standards as the Sec-
7 retary may establish to carry out this sub-
8 section.

9 “(2) FEE INFORMATION.—The additional infor-
10 mation described in this paragraph, with respect to
11 a health insurance issuer issuing health insurance
12 coverage in the individual, small, or large group
13 market and with respect to the sponsor of a group
14 health plan, is as follows:

15 “(A) FEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE PRO-
16 VIDERS.—The annual fee on health insurance
17 providers under section 9010 of the Patient
18 Protection and Affordable Care Act (26 U.S.C.
19 4001 note).

20 “(B) PCORI TAX.—Fees imposed under
21 subchapter B of chapter 34 of the Internal Rev-
22 enue Code of 1986 (relating to funding the Pa-
23 tient-Centered Outcome Research Institute).

24 “(C) REINSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Re-
25 insurance contributions required under section

1 1341(b) of the Patient Protection and Afford-
2 able Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18061(b)).

3 “(D) PROPOSED HEALTH INSURANCE EX-
4 CHANGE USER FEE.—Fees imposed on health
5 plans relating to participation in an Exchange
6 under subtitle D of title I of the Patient Protec-
7 tion and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18021
8 et seq.).

9 “(E) RISK CORRIDOR PAYMENTS.—Risk
10 corridor payments required under section
11 1342(b)(2) of the Patient Protection and Af-
12 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18062(b)(2)).

13 “(F) RISK ADJUSTMENT CHARGES.—Risk
14 adjustment charges imposed under section
15 1343(a)(1) of the Patient Protection and Af-
16 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18063(a)(1)).

17 In the case of health insurance coverage, such costs
18 may be calculated separately for such coverage in
19 the individual market, in the small group market,
20 and in the large group market for the health insur-
21 ance issuer involved.

22 “(3) OTHER INFORMATION.—

23 “(A) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of
24 the United States shall conduct a study of
25 methods of calculating the impact on average

1 premium costs associated with each of the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(i) MARKET IMPACT OF GUARAN-
4 TEED ISSUE AND COMMUNITY RATING.—
5 The requirement for guaranteed issuance
6 of coverage under section 2702 and com-
7 munity rated premiums under section
8 2701.

9 “(ii) AGE RATING IMPACT.—The re-
10 quirement of section 2701(a)(1)(A)(iii) (re-
11 lating to limitations on age rating).

12 “(iii) PREVENTIVE SERVICES.—The
13 requirement for coverage of preventive
14 services under section 2713.

15 “(iv) MINIMUM ESSENTIAL HEALTH
16 BENEFITS COVERAGE.—The requirement
17 that coverage provide for at least 60 per-
18 cent of the actuarial value of essential
19 health benefits under section 1302(d) of
20 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(d)).

22 “(B) CONSULTATION.—In conducting such
23 study, the Comptroller General shall consult
24 with health insurance issuers and State health
25 insurance commissioners.

1 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than October 1,
 2 2014, the Comptroller General shall submit to
 3 each House of Congress and the Secretary a re-
 4 port on the study conducted under subpara-
 5 graph (A).

6 “(D) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL INFOR-
 7 MATION.—After submission of such report, the
 8 Secretary may also include in the information
 9 required to be disclosed under paragraph
 10 (1)(A)(ii) information on the impact on pre-
 11 miums of each of the requirements described in
 12 subparagraph (A).

13 “(4) RETENTION OF STATE RATE SETTING AU-
 14 THORITY.—Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
 15 strued to preempt State authority to regulate, reject,
 16 alter, or require additional information in support of
 17 rates for health insurance coverage or oversight au-
 18 thority of the Secretary.

19 “(5) DISCLOSURE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.—
 20 The Secretary shall make the information provided
 21 by a health insurance issuer or sponsor of a group
 22 health plan as specified in paragraph (2) and addi-
 23 tional information included under paragraph (3)(D)
 24 available to the general public through an Internet
 25 website. In addition, such website shall include infor-

- 1 mation provided in the report submitted under para-
- 2 graph (3)(A).”.

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