

Summary of 2017 Rule Revisions

Rule on Data Collecting and Reporting Relating to Mandated Health Benefits and Mandated Offers of Coverage

Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 21, Subchapter Z

The rule amendments adopted in June 2017 include the following changes:

- The reporting threshold for individual health benefit plans increased from \$2 million to \$10 million in direct premiums earned.
- Issuers will report data separately for small and large group health benefit plans, instead of combining the information. The \$10 million direct premium threshold will apply to both separately.
- The reporting period is the calendar year, rather than October – September, and the submission deadline is June 1, instead of December 1.
- Issuers will report data for premiums earned and claims incurred, instead of premiums written and claims paid.
- Issuers will report the total number of member months for the year, and will no longer report the number of certificates, policies, or lives covered.
- Issuers will no longer report annual administrative costs or average annual premiums per policy/certificate for each mandate.
- Revisions to the list of mandated benefits and mandated offers for the data call include five additional benefits, one additional offer, and the removal of five benefits. Also, the benefits and offers are no longer separated by group and individual plan types.

The table on the next page shows the mandated benefits and offers collected under the previous rule and under the amended rule.

Mandated Benefits Data Call	Previous	Amended
Benefits		
Acquired Brain Injury	✓	✓
Autism Spectrum Disorder		✓
Serious Mental Illness - 45/60	✓	✓
Low-Dose Mammography Cancer Screening	✓	✓
Reconstructive Surgery Following Mastectomy	✓	✓
Diabetes Equipment, Supplies, and Self-Management Training	✓	✓
Formulas for PKU or Other Heritable Diseases	✓	✓
Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Diagnosis and Treatment	✓	✓
Osteoporosis Detection and Prevention	✓	✓
Prostate Cancer Screening	✓	✓
Colorectal Cancer Screening	✓	✓
Childhood Immunizations	✓	✓
Hearing Screening for Children	✓	✓
Chemical Dependency – Inpatient Only	✓	✓
Chemical Dependency – Outpatient Only	✓	✓
Prescription Contraceptive Drugs, Devices, and Related Services	✓	✓
HPV and Cervical Cancer Screening		✓
Ovarian Cancer Screening		✓
Cardiovascular Disease - Early Detection		✓
Amino Acid-Based Elemental Formulas		✓
HIV, AIDS, or HIV-Related Illnesses	✓	
Reconstructive Surgery for Craniofacial Abnormalities in Children	✓	
Serious Mental Illness - Full Parity (large employer plans)	✓	
Psychiatric Day Treatment	✓	
Telemedicine/Telehealth	✓	
Offers		
Loss or Impairment of Speech or Hearing	✓	✓
In Vitro Fertilization	✓	✓
Developmental Delays in Children		✓