550.1923 Maintenance of records; report to director.

Sec. 23. (1) An independent review organization assigned to conduct an external review under section 11 or 13 shall maintain for 3 years written records in the aggregate and by health carrier on all requests for external review for which it conducted an external review during a calendar year. Each independent review organization required to maintain written records on all requests for external review for which it was assigned to conduct an external review shall submit to the director, at least annually, a report in the format specified by the director.

(2) The report to the director under subsection (1) must include in the aggregate and for each health carrier all of the following:

(a) The total number of requests for external review.

(b) The number of requests for external review resolved and, of those resolved, the number resolved upholding the adverse determination or final adverse determination and the number resolved reversing the adverse determination or final adverse determination.

(c) The average length of time for resolution.

(d) A summary of the types of coverages or cases for which an external review was sought, as provided in the format required by the director.

(e) The number of external reviews under section 11(13) that were terminated as the result of a reconsideration by the health carrier of its adverse determination or final adverse determination after the receipt of additional information from the covered person or the covered person's authorized representative.

(f) Any other information the director may request or require.

(3) A health carrier shall maintain for 3 years written records in the aggregate and for each type of health benefit plan offered by the health carrier on all requests for external review that are filed with the health carrier or that the health carrier receives notice of from the director under this act. A health carrier required to maintain written records on all requests for external review shall submit to the director, at least annually, a report in the format specified by the director.

(4) The report to the director under subsection (3) must include in the aggregate and by type of health benefit plan all of the following:

(a) The total number of requests for external review.

(b) From the number of requests for external review that are filed directly with the health carrier, the number of requests accepted for a full external review.

(c) The number of requests for external review resolved and, of those resolved, the number resolved upholding the adverse determination or final adverse determination and the number resolved reversing the adverse determination or final adverse determination.

(d) The average length of time for resolution.

(e) A summary of the types of coverages or cases for which an external review was sought, as provided in the format required by the director.

(f) The number of external reviews under section 11(13) that were terminated as the result of a reconsideration by the health carrier of its adverse determination or final adverse determination after the receipt of additional information from the covered person or the covered person's authorized representative.

(g) Any other information the director may request or require.