



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3922.11 Review by superintendent of insurance.

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(A) The superintendent of insurance shall establish and maintain a system for receiving and reviewing requests for external review for adverse benefit determinations where the determination by the health plan issuer was based on a contractual issue and did not involve a medical judgment or a determination based on any medical information, except for emergency services, as specified in division (C) of section 3922.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) A health plan issuer shall submit a request for external review pursuant to division (B) or (C) of section 3922.05 of the Revised Code to the superintendent, in accordance with any associated rules, policies, or procedures adopted by the superintendent of insurance.

(C) On receipt of a request from a health plan issuer, the superintendent shall consider whether the health care service is a service covered under the terms of the covered person's policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, except that the superintendent shall not conduct a review under this section unless the covered person has exhausted the health plan issuer's internal appeal process, pursuant to sections 3922.03 and 3922.04 of the Revised Code. The health plan issuer and covered person shall provide the superintendent with any information required by the superintendent that is in their possession and is germane to the review.

(D) Unless the superintendent is not able to do so because making the determination requires a medical judgement or a determination based on medical information, the superintendent shall determine whether the health care service at issue is a service covered under the terms of the covered person's contract, policy, certificate, or agreement. The superintendent shall notify the covered person and the health plan issuer of the superintendent's determination.

(E) If the superintendent notifies the health plan issuer that making the determination requires a medical judgement or a determination based on medical information, the health plan issuer shall initiate an external review under this chapter.



(F) If the superintendent determines that the health service is a covered service, the health plan issuer shall cover the service.

(G) If the superintendent determines that the health care service is not a covered service, the health plan issuer is not required to cover the service or afford the covered person an external review by an independent review organization.