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SENATE BILL 413

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; REQUIRING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OF
UNMARRIED DEPENDENTS UNTIL THEIR TWENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Health Care Purchasing
Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] Any health care coverage, including any
form of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the
Health Care Purchasing Act on or after July 1, 2001 that
offers coverage of an insured's dependent shall not terminate
coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the
dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday."

Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] Any policy of individual health insurance

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1 delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in New Mexico on or
2 after July 1, 2001 that provides coverage for an insured's
3 dependent shall not terminate coverage of an unmarried
4 dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the
5 dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

6 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
7 1978 is enacted to read:

8 "[NEW MATERIAL] Each blanket or group health policy or
9 certificate of insurance delivered, issued for delivery or
10 renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that provides
11 coverage for an insured's dependent shall not terminate
12 coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the
13 dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

14 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 46 NMSA
15 1978 is enacted to read:

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] Each individual and group health
17 maintenance organization contract delivered or issued for
18 delivery in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that provides
19 coverage for an enrollee's dependents shall not terminate
20 coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the
21 dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

22 Section 5. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 47 NMSA
23 1978 is enacted to read:

24 "[NEW MATERIAL] Any individual or group subscriber
25 contracts offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after

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1 July 1, 2001 that provides coverage of a subscriber's
2 dependents shall not terminate coverage of an unmarried
3 dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the
4 dependent's twenty-sixth birthday. "

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