SENATE CORPORATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 413

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; REQUIRING GROUP HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OF
UNMARRIED DEPENDENTS UNTIL THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH 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] MAXIMUM AGE OF DEPENDENT.--Any group
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-fifth birthday."

Section 2.   A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA

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1978 is enacted to read:

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

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

"[NEW MATERIAL] MAXIMUM AGE OF DEPENDENT.--Each group health maintenance organization contract delivered or issued for delivery in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that provides coverage for an enrollee's dependents shall not terminate coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-fifth birthday."

Section 4.   A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 47 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] MAXIMUM AGE OF DEPENDENT.--Any group subscriber contract offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2001 that provides coverage of a subscriber's dependents shall not terminate coverage of an unmarried dependent by reason of the dependent's age before the dependent's twenty-fifth birthday."

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