

HOUSE BILL No. 6316

September 17, 2002, Introduced by Rep. Wojno and referred to the Committee on Family and Children Services.

A bill to amend 1995 PA 239, entitled
"Group health plan act,"
by amending section 7 (MCL 550.1807).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 7. (1) If a parent is eligible for dependent coverage
2 through a plan, the plan administrator shall:

3 (a) Permit the parent to enroll, under the dependent cover-
4 age, a child who is otherwise eligible for coverage without
5 regard to any enrollment season restrictions.

6 (b) If the parent is enrolled but fails to make application
7 to obtain coverage for the child, enroll the child under depen-
8 dent coverage upon application by the friend of the ~~court~~ CHILD
9 or by the child's other parent through the friend of the ~~court~~
10 CHILD.

1 (c) Not eliminate the child's coverage unless premiums have
2 not been paid as required by the plan or the plan administrator
3 is provided with satisfactory written evidence of either of the
4 following:

5 (i) The court or administrative order is no longer in
6 effect.

7 (ii) The child is or will be enrolled in comparable health
8 coverage through another plan, insurer, health care corporation,
9 or health maintenance organization that will take effect not
10 later than the effective date of the cancellation of the existing
11 coverage.

12 (2) If a child has health coverage through the plan of a
13 noncustodial parent, that plan administrator shall do all of the
14 following:

15 (a) Provide the custodial parent with information necessary
16 for the child to obtain benefits through that coverage.

17 (b) Permit the custodial parent or, with the custodial
18 parent's approval, the provider to submit a claim for covered
19 services without the noncustodial parent's approval.

20 (c) Make payment on claims submitted under subdivision (b)
21 directly to the custodial parent or medical provider.

22 (3) This section applies only if a parent is required by a
23 court or administrative order to provide health coverage for a
24 child and the plan is notified of that court or administrative
25 order.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
27 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6317

1 (request no. 07684'02) of the 91st Legislature is enacted into
2 law.