

**THE NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CORPORATION REFORM ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 350 of 1980**

**550.1401e Group certificate issued by health care corporation; renewal or continuation; guaranteed renewal; discontinuing plan, product, or coverage in nongroup or group market; conditions.**

Sec. 401e. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a health care corporation that has issued a nongroup certificate shall renew or continue in force the certificate at the option of the individual.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a health care corporation that has issued a group certificate shall renew or continue in force the certificate at the option of the sponsor of the plan.

(3) Guaranteed renewal is not required in cases of fraud, intentional misrepresentation of material fact, lack of payment, if the health care corporation no longer offers that particular type of coverage in the market, or if the individual or group moves outside the service area.

(4) A health care corporation shall not discontinue offering a particular plan or product in the nongroup or group market unless the health care corporation does all of the following:

(a) Provides notice to the commissioner and to each covered individual or group, as applicable, provided coverage under the plan or product of the discontinuation at least 90 days before the date of the discontinuation.

(b) Offers to each covered individual or group, as applicable, provided coverage under the plan or product the option to purchase any other plan or product currently being offered in the nongroup market or group market, as applicable, by that health care corporation without excluding or limiting coverage for a preexisting condition or providing a waiting period.

(c) Acts uniformly without regard to any health status factor of enrolled individuals or individuals who may become eligible for coverage in making the determination to discontinue coverage and in offering other plans or products.

(5) A health care corporation shall not discontinue offering all coverage in the nongroup or group market unless the health care corporation does all of the following:

(a) Provides notice to the commissioner and to each covered individual or group, as applicable, of the discontinuation at least 180 days before the date of the expiration of coverage.

(b) Discontinues all health benefit plans issued in the nongroup or group market from which the health care corporation withdrew and, except as allowed under subsection (6), does not renew coverage under those plans.

(6) If a health care corporation discontinues coverage under subsection (5), the health care corporation shall not provide for the issuance of any health benefit plans in the nongroup or group market from which the health care corporation withdrew during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the discontinuation of the last plan not renewed under that subsection.

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