

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

550.1401i Prescription drug coverage; pilot project; provisions; interim report; determination; evaluation.

Sec. 401i. (1) Beginning January 1, 2004, a health care corporation shall establish and offer to provide or include prescription drug coverage in at least 1 nongroup certificate and at least 1 group conversion certificate as a pilot project under this section. This pilot project shall continue through December 1, 2006 and, while in pilot project status, is not subject to the guaranteed renewability provisions of section 401e.

(2) Unless an order of adjustment issued under subsection (4)(b)(ii) provides otherwise, a certificate that includes prescription drug coverage under subsection (1) shall include all of the following:

(a) At a minimum, a prescription drug benefit that includes a co-pay of no more than 50% of the health care corporation's approved amount for the payment of prescription drugs, with a minimum co-pay of \$10.00 and a maximum co-pay of \$100.00 per prescription.

(b) An annual per person benefit maximum of no less than \$2,500.00.

(c) A provision that members will be entitled to purchase prescription drugs at a discount under the affinity program offered by the health care corporation once their annual per person prescription drug benefit maximum has been reached.

(3) Not later than July 1, 2005, the health care corporation shall issue an interim report to the commissioner regarding the claims experience of the market segment under this section and the ongoing viability of the pilot project. Not later than July 1, 2006, the health care corporation shall issue a final report to the commissioner regarding the claims experience of the market segment under this section and the ongoing viability of the pilot project.

(4) By December 1, 2006, the commissioner shall determine if the nongroup and group conversion certificates providing the prescription drug benefit under this section provide a useful benefit to its subscribers in an actuarially sound manner. Based upon this determination, the commissioner shall do 1 of the following:

(a) If the commissioner determines that a certificate does provide a useful benefit to its subscribers in an actuarially sound manner, the commissioner shall order the termination of the pilot project designation and order that the program continue indefinitely. If the pilot project is discontinued and the program is continued indefinitely beyond the date prescribed in subsection (3) or (5), then the certificate is subject to the guaranteed renewability provisions of section 401e.

(b) If the commissioner determines that a certificate does not provide a useful benefit to its subscribers in an actuarially sound manner, the commissioner shall do 1 of the following:

(i) Order the termination of the pilot project under this section and terminate the offering of prescription drug coverage in the nongroup and group conversion certificates.

(ii) Order an adjustment of the pilot project to operate in an actuarially sound manner and order that the pilot project continue for a specified time period. An order of adjustment under this subparagraph may revise the requirements of subsection (2) regarding coverage required under the certificates.

(5) If the commissioner orders an adjustment of the pilot project under subsection (4), the commissioner shall evaluate the project after 2 years of operation and make a determination in the same manner as prescribed in subsection (4).

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