THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT) Act 218 of 1956

***** 500.3426.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE 91 DAYS AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2006 REGULAR SESSION SINE DIE *****

500.3426.added Offer of wellness coverage by insurer.

Sec. 3426. (1) Each insurer providing a group expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical certificate delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and each health maintenance organization may offer group wellness coverage. Wellness coverage may provide for an appropriate rebate or reduction in premiums or for reduced copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles, or a combination of these incentives, for participation in any health behavior wellness, maintenance, or improvement program offered by the employer. The employer shall provide evidence of demonstrative maintenance or improvement of the insureds' or enrollees' health behaviors as determined by assessments of agreed-upon health status indicators between the employer and the health insurer or health maintenance organization. Any rebate of premium provided by the health insurer or health maintenance organization is presumed to be appropriate unless credible data demonstrate otherwise, but shall not exceed 10% of paid premiums. Each insurer and each health maintenance organization shall make available to employers all wellness coverage plans that the insurer or health maintenance organization markets to employers in this state.

- (2) Each insurer providing an individual or family expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state and each health maintenance organization may offer individual and family wellness coverage. Wellness coverage may provide for an appropriate rebate or reduction in premiums or for reduced copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles, or a combination of these incentives, for participation in any health behavior wellness, maintenance, or improvement program approved by the insurer or health maintenance organization. The insured or enrollee shall provide evidence of demonstrative maintenance or improvement of the individual's or family's health behaviors as determined by assessments of agreed-upon health status indicators between the insured or enrollee and the health insurer or health maintenance organization. Any rebate of premium provided by the health insurer or health maintenance organization is presumed to be appropriate unless credible data demonstrate otherwise, but shall not exceed 10% of paid premiums. Each insurer and each health maintenance organization shall make available to individuals and families all wellness coverage plans that the insurer or health maintenance organization markets to individuals and families in this state.
- (3) An insurer and a health maintenance organization are not required to continue any health behavior wellness, maintenance, or improvement program or to continue any incentive associated with a health behavior wellness, maintenance, or improvement program.

History: Add. 2006, Act 412, Eff. (sine die).

Compiler's note: Enacting section 2 of Act 412 of 2006 provides:

"Enacting section 2. It is only the intent of this amendatory act to promote the availability of health behavior wellness, maintenance, and improvement programs."

Popular name: Act 218