

OF AN EMPLOYEE, MEMBER, OR SUBSCRIBER THAT ARE PROVIDED TO THE COVERED EMPLOYEE, MEMBER, OR SUBSCRIBER, IF THE DEPENDENT SPOUSE CEASES TO BE A QUALIFIED FAMILY MEMBER BECAUSE OF DIVORCE OR THE DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE, MEMBER, OR SUBSCRIBER.

(C) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR STATEMENT OF HEALTH PROHIBITED.

CONVERSION RIGHTS SHALL BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR STATEMENT OF HEALTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, §§ 354K and 477N.

In subsection (a)(1)(ii) and (2)(ii) of this section, the former references to hospital, medical, or surgical "expense" benefits are deleted for consistency with terminology used throughout this title.

In subsection (b) of this section, the term "divorce" is substituted for the former reference to "termination of marriage" for clarity.

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(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "GROUP CONTRACT" MEANS A HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT OR POLICY THAT:

(I) IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY AN INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(II) PROVIDES HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS; AND

(III) COVERS A GROUP OF 100 OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS.

(3) "SUCCEEDING POLICY" MEANS A GROUP CONTRACT THAT:

(I) REPLACES OR SUCCEEDS A GROUP CONTRACT; AND

(II) TAKES EFFECT WITHIN 65 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE REPLACED OR SUCCEEDED GROUP CONTRACT TERMINATES.

(4) "SUCCEEDING INSURER" MEANS THE INSURER OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT ISSUES A SUCCEEDING POLICY.

(B) IN GENERAL.

(1) BEFORE ENTERING INTO A GROUP CONTRACT, A SUCCEEDING INSURER SHALL PROVIDE THE EMPLOYER WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT: