WAS BORN TO A QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (A)(6)(I) OF THIS SECTION AFTER THE APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS.

(4) "GROUP CONTRACT" MEANS:

(I) ANY <u>INSURANCE</u> CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO THE EMPLOYER OF THE INSURED BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE <u>INSURANCE</u> PLAN OR AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS TO THE INSURED ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS; OR

(II) ANY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER OF THE INSURED AND A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATON CERTIFED UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS OFFERED TO THE INSURED.

(5) "INSURED" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE <u>AND</u> COVERED UNDER A GROUP <u>INSURANCE</u> CONTRACT.

(6) "QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO THE INSURED, AN INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN THE INSURED WHO IS:

(I) ~~IMMEDIATELY--PRIOR-TO-ANY-APPLICABLE-CHANGE IN-STATUS~~ A BENEFICIARY UNDER THE GROUP CONTRACT AS THE SPOUSE OF THE INSURED FOR AT LEAST THE ~~IMMEDIATELY-PRECEDING~~ 30-DAY PERIOD <u>IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS</u>; OR

(II) A DEPENDENT CHILD.

(7) "TERMINATION STATEMENT" MEANS A WRITTEN NOTICE OF AN EVENT SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION PROVIDED TO THE EMPLOYER ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER WHICH IS:

(I) SIGNED BY THE INSURED AND A QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (A)(6)(I) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(II) ACCOMPANIED BY THE INSURED'S SIGNED AND SWORN AFFIDAVIT <u>VERIFYING ALL FACTS THEREIN</u>.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A QUALIFIED SECONDARY BENEFICIARY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER <u>A</u> GROUP CONTRACT AFTER AN APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS.

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY PERIOD THE INSURED IS NOT COVERED BY A GROUP CONTRACT.

(C) ANY COVERAGE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF AN APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS AND ENDING ON THE EARLIEST OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: