

CONTINUATION [Continuation] of group coverage at the expense of the insured person may be required for a period not to exceed 6 months.

354FF.

EVERY INSURANCE CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER § 490G OF THIS ARTICLE.

477GG.

EVERY CONTRACT OR POLICY ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE TO AN EMPLOYER BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY WHICH PROVIDES GROUP HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR SURGICAL BENEFITS ON AN EXPENSE INCURRED BASIS SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER § 490G OF THIS ARTICLE.

490G.

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

(2) "APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS" MEANS THE INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF THE INSURED'S EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN FOR CAUSE.

(3) "GROUP CONTRACT" MEANS:

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

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

(4) "INSURED" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND COVERED UNDER A GROUP CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 3 MONTHS.

(B) EVERY GROUP CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION BENEFITS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE GROUP CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE CONTINUATION BENEFITS TO AN INSURED AFTER AN APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS.

(D) ANY CONTINUATION COVERAGE WHICH IS ELECTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE INSURED UNDER THE GROUP CONTRACT SHALL BE FOR A