

(P) "SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD" MEANS A PERIOD DURING WHICH A GROUP HEALTH PLAN SHALL PERMIT AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE, BUT NOT ENROLLED, TO ENROLL FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

(Q) "WAITING PERIOD" MEANS THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT MUST PASS BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE TO BE COVERED FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE TERMS OF A GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

765.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES TO ALL CARRIERS IN CONNECTION WITH GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 766 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO POLICIES ISSUED UNDER SUBTITLE 55 OF THIS ARTICLE.

766.

(A) A CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, INCLUDING THOSE ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 55 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE CERTIFICATION OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED:

~~(1) AUTOMATICALLY AT THE TIME AN INDIVIDUAL CEASES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE PLAN AND WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD AFTER CESSATION OF COVERAGE; AND~~

~~(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL, IN NO EVENT LATER THAN 24 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF CESSATION OF THE COVERAGE.~~

(1) AUTOMATICALLY AT THE TIME AN INDIVIDUAL CEASES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN OR OTHERWISE BECOMES COVERED UNDER A COBRA CONTINUATION PROVISION;

(2) IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BECOMES COVERED UNDER A COBRA CONTINUATION PROVISION, AT THE TIME THE INDIVIDUAL CEASES TO BE COVERED UNDER THE PROVISION; AND

(3) ON THE REQUEST ON BEHALF OF AN INDIVIDUAL MADE NOT LATER THAN 24 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF CESSATION OF THE COVERAGE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

(C) THE CERTIFICATION MAY BE PROVIDED AT A TIME CONSISTENT WITH NOTICES REQUIRED UNDER ANY APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL CONTINUATION PROVISION.

(D) THE CERTIFICATION SHALL CONTAIN: