

GROUP HEALTH PLAN ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 239 of 1995

550.1807 Eligibility of parent for dependent coverage; health coverage of child through noncustodial parent; duties of plan administrator; court or administrative order and notice required.

Sec. 7.

(1) If a parent is eligible for dependent coverage through a plan, the plan administrator shall:

(a) Permit the parent to enroll, under the dependent coverage, a child who is otherwise eligible for coverage without regard to any enrollment season restrictions.

(b) If the parent is enrolled but fails to make application to obtain coverage for the child, enroll the child under dependent coverage upon application by the friend of the court or by the child's other parent through the friend of the court.

(c) Not eliminate the child's coverage unless premiums have not been paid as required by the plan or the plan administrator is provided with satisfactory written evidence of either of the following:

(i) The court or administrative order is no longer in effect.

(ii) The child is or will be enrolled in comparable health coverage through another plan, insurer, health care corporation, or health maintenance organization that will take effect not later than the effective date of the cancellation of the existing coverage.

(2) If a child has health coverage through the plan of a noncustodial parent, that plan administrator shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide the custodial parent with information necessary for the child to obtain benefits through that coverage.

(b) Permit the custodial parent or, with the custodial parent's approval, the provider to submit a claim for covered services without the noncustodial parent's approval.

(c) Make payment on claims submitted under subdivision (b) directly to the custodial parent or medical provider.

(3) This section applies only if a parent is required by a court or administrative order to provide health coverage for a child and the plan is notified of that court or administrative order.

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