

1971 Assembly Bill 1191

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CHAPTER 284, Laws of 1971

AN ACT to create 204.315 and 204.335 of the statutes, relating to hospital insurance extension for handicapped children.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 204.315 of the statutes is created to read:

204.315 POLICY EXTENSION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.
An individual or franchise hospital or medical expense insurance policy or hospital service plan contract or medical service plan contract, delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this section (1971) or on any contract renewal, which provides that coverage of a dependent child shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy or contract shall also provide in substance that attainment of such limiting age shall not operate to terminate the coverage of such child while the child is and continues to be both 1) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap, and 2) chiefly dependent upon the policyholder or subscriber for support and maintenance, provided proof of such incapacity and dependency is

furnished to the insurer or hospital service plan corporation or medical service plan corporation by the policyholder or subscriber within 31 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age and subsequently as the insurer or corporation requires, but not more frequently than annually after the 2-year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

SECTION 2. 204.335 of the statutes is created to read:

204.335 POLICY EXTENSION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. A group or blanket hospital or medical expense insurance policy issued under ss. 204.321 and 204.322, or hospital service plan contract or medical service plan contract, delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than 120 days after the effective date of this section (1971) or on any contract renewal, which provides that coverage of a dependent child of an employe or other member of the covered group shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy or contract shall also provide in substance that such limiting age shall not operate to terminate the coverage of such child while the child is and continues to be both 1) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap, and 2) chiefly dependent upon the employe or member for support and maintenance, provided proof of such incapacity and dependency is furnished to the insurer or hospital service plan corporation or medical service plan corporation by the employe or member within 31 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age and subsequently as the insurer or corporation requires, but not more frequently than annually after the 2-year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.
