



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 280

Assembly Amendment 1

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2007 Assembly Bill 280 specifies that every health insurance policy and governmental self-funded health plan that provides coverage for a person as a dependent of an insured because the person is a full-time student must continue to provide dependent coverage for the person if, due to a medically necessary leave of absence, the person ceases to be a full-time student. The bill provides that this coverage must be continued only until any of several events specified in the bill occurs, but in no event is the coverage required to be continued for more than one year after the continuation began.

Under the bill, a policy or plan is not required to continue coverage unless the person submits documentation and certification of the medical necessity of the leave of absence from the person's attending physician. The bill provides that the date on which the continuation coverage begins is the date the person submits this documentation and certification.

In general, the bill's provisions apply to insurance policies and governmental self-funded plans that are established, extended, modified, or renewed on or after the first day of the seventh month after publication of the bill as an act.

Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill changes the date on which the continuation coverage begins. The bill, as amended by Assembly Amendment 1, provides that the date on which the continuation coverage begins is the date the person ceases to be a full-time student due to the medically necessary leave of absence.

Legislative History

Assembly Bill 280 was introduced by Representative Nygren and others; cosponsored by Senator Roessler and others. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Insurance which recommended passage of the bill on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0. Representative Nygren later introduced Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill. The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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