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32. Nursing Home Labor Regions:

Delete Joint Finance and Governor's provisions and request the Department of Health and Family Services, with representatives from the nursing home industry and organized labor, to develop a new, comprehensive labor region plan.

The Department is then required to submit this proposal to the Joint Committee on Finance on or before September 1, 2001. The committee shall have a 14-day passive review of the proposal.

33. Feasibility Study on WIC:

Change the date of completion on the feasibility study on WIC from January 1, 2003 from January 1, 2002.

34. Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program (PEHCCP)

Program Background:

The Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program created in 1999 Act 9, was based primarily on the Health Insurance Plan of California (the HIPC). It is worth noting that the California program has been an overwhelming success. It currently has over 140,000 participants. The average business group size is ten employees and the average new business enrollee size is five employees. It is fully privatized and a second pool has been created by insurance agents to compete with the original pool.

It is also important to note that when HIPC was created it was part of a broad re-write of California small employer health insurance regulations intended to stabilize insurance rates, increase competition in the insurance market, and increase the number of insured individuals in the state. Humana (formerly Employer's Health Insurance of Wisconsin) was the third party administrator and marketer of the program in California. Another Wisconsin firm, Electronic Data Systems (EDS) also administers the California Healthy Start Program.

Finally, without exception, everyone we have consulted with regarding pooling programs around the country strongly recommended that to the greatest extent possible the standards and rules in the overall small employer market be identical to those inside the small employer pool.

Technical Changes to the Program:

The primary reason the pool is not up and running is a provision in 1999 Act 9, which required the private administrator to secure contracts with insurers. The prospective administrators have not typically done this and did not wish to. We are transferring responsibility for contracting with insurers to ETF. We are also making several smaller technical changes to the program including not requiring agent's commissions to be published on the front page of the policies sold through the pool (this is not done in the market now but would have been required by Act 9).

Redefining "Eligible Employee":

Currently, the language under s. 40.98(1)(c), which was included in 1999 Act 9, defines "employee" within the pool. This draft deletes this language and insert in its place the definition of "eligible employee" currently used in the small business insurance market under s. 632.745(5)(a) in order to keep the pool consistent with the outside market.

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TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55**

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