

## 2003 SENATE BILL 322

**AN ACT** *to amend* 632.745 (9), 635.01 and 635.02 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
the definition of a group health benefit plan.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 632.745 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:  
2           632.745 (9) “Group health benefit plan” means a health benefit plan that is  
3           issued ~~by an insurer to or through an employer on behalf of a group consisting of~~  
4           covering at least 2 employees or a group including at least 2 eligible employees. The  
5           ~~term includes individual of that employer or health benefit plans covering eligible~~  
6           ~~employees when issued to 3 or more are sold to or through an employees of the same~~  
7           ~~employer, but only if the employer pays, or reimburses the employees, for all or a~~  
8           portion of the premiums.

**SENATE BILL 322****SECTION 2**

1           **SECTION 2.** 635.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **635.01 Scope.** This chapter applies to all group health insurance benefit  
3 plans, ~~policies or certificates,~~ written on risks or operations in this state, providing  
4 coverage for employees of a small employer, ~~or employees of a small employer and the~~  
5 ~~employer, and to individual health insurance policies, written on risks or operations~~  
6 ~~in this state, providing coverage for employees of a small employer, or employees of~~  
7 ~~a small employer and the employer when 3 or more are sold to or through a small~~  
8 ~~employer.~~

9           **SECTION 3.** 635.02 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

10           635.02 **(8)** “Small employer insurer” means an insurer that is authorized to do  
11 business in this state, in one or more lines of insurance that includes health  
12 insurance, and that offers group health benefit plans covering eligible, providing  
13 coverage for employees of one or more small employers ~~in this state, or that sells 3~~  
14 ~~or more individual health benefit plans to a small employer, covering eligible~~  
15 ~~employees of the small employer.~~ The term includes a health maintenance  
16 organization, as defined in s. 609.01 (2), a preferred provider plan, as defined in s.  
17 609.01 (4), and an insurer operating as a cooperative association organized under ss.  
18 185.981 to 185.985, but does not include a limited service health organization, as  
19 defined in s. 609.01 (3).

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