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CHAPTER 683

H.P. 1430 - L.D. 2021

AN ACT to Clarify the Law to Provide for
Notice to the Mother When an
Individual Acknowledges Paternity of a
Child Born Out of Wedlock.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 MRSA §2761, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 188, is amended to read:

4. Illegitimate child. In Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in the case of a child conceived and born out of wedlock, the name of the putative father shall not be entered on the certificate without his written consent. The signature of the putative father on the written consent shall be acknowledged before an official authorized to take oaths. However, if Within a reasonable time after the acknowledgment, the official taking the acknowledgment shall make a good faith effort to notify the mother of the child for whom paternity has been acknowledged. Notification shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by in hand notice. If a determination of paternity has been made by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the name of the father as determined by the court shall be entered on the birth certificate without the father's consent.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 684

H.P. 1615 - L.D. 2273

AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to Group
Health Insurance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2330, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Continued group coverage; certain circumstances. Notwithstanding this section, if the termi-

nation of an individual's group insurance coverage is a result of the member or employee being temporarily laid off or losing his employment because of a work-related injury or occupational disease, the compensability of which under Title 39 is not controverted by his employer, the insurer shall allow the member or employee to elect, within the time period prescribed by paragraph B, to continue coverage under the group policy at the member's or employee's expense or, at the member's or employee's option, to convert to a policy of individual coverage without evidence of insurability in accordance with this section.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "member or employee" includes only those persons who have been a member or employee for at least 6 months.

B. If the member's or employee's coverage is terminated because of:

(1) A temporary layoff, the member or employee shall have 31 days from the termination of coverage in which to elect and make his initial payment under this subsection; or

(2) A noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease, the member or employee shall have 60 days from the termination of coverage in which to elect and make his initial payment under this subsection.

C. An insurer is not required to continue coverage under a group policy if the member or employee meets the conditions set out in subsection 3, paragraph A.

D. The payment amount for continued group coverage under this subsection may not exceed the group rate in effect for a group member, including an employer's contribution, if any.

E. At the option of the member or employee, the continued group coverage may cover the member or employee, the member or employee and his dependents or only the dependents of the member or employee; provided that, in the latter 2 cases, the dependents have been covered for a period of at least 3 months under the group policy, unless the dependents were not eligible for coverage until after the beginning of the 3-month period.

F. Except as provided in paragraph G, coverage provided under this section shall continue and may not be terminated:

(1) In the case of a termination which is the result of a temporary layoff, until 6 months from the last day of work;

(2) In the case of a termination which is the result of a member or employee losing his employment because of a noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease which renders him partially incapacitated, until 6 months from the last day of work; and

(3) In the case of a termination which is the result of a member or employee losing his employment because of a noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease which renders him totally incapacitated, until one year from the last day of work.

G. Coverage provided under this section may be terminated sooner than provided under paragraph F if:

(1) The member or employee fails to make timely payment of a required premium amount; or

(2) The member or employee becomes eligible for coverage under another group policy.

H. At the expiration of any continued group coverage obtained under this subsection, the member or employee has the same conversion privileges as otherwise granted under this section.

I. This subsection shall not be construed to:

(1) Prevent members or employees from negotiating for or receiving greater continued coverage of group insurance than is provided in this subsection; or

(2) Require coverage beyond the time limits set in paragraph E.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2809-A, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Continued group coverage; certain circumstances. Notwithstanding this section, if the termination of an individual's group insurance coverage is a result of the member or employee being temporarily laid off or losing his employment because of a work-related injury or occupational disease, the compensability of which under Title 39 is not controverted by his employer, the insurer shall allow the member or employee to elect, within the time period prescribed by paragraph B, to continue coverage under the group policy at the member's or employee's expense or, at the member's or employee's option, to convert to a policy of individual coverage without evidence of insurability in accordance with this section.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "member or employee" includes only those persons who have been a member or employee for at least 6 months.

B. If the member's or employee's coverage is terminated because of:

(1) A temporary layoff, the member or employee shall have 31 days from the termination of coverage in which to elect and make his initial payment under this subsection; or

(2) A noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease, the member or employee shall have 60 days from the termination of coverage in which to elect and make his initial payment under this subsection.

C. An insurer is not required to continue coverage under a group policy if the member or employee meets the conditions set out in subsection 3, paragraph A.

D. The payment amount for continued group coverage under this subsection may not exceed the group rate in effect for a group member, including an employer's contribution, if any.

E. At the option of the member or employee, the continued group coverage may cover the member or employee, the member or employee and his dependents or only the dependents of the member or employee; provided that, in the latter 2 cases, the dependents have been covered for a period of at least 3 months under the group policy, unless the

dependents were not eligible for coverage until after the beginning of the 3-month period.

F. Except as provided in paragraph G, coverage provided under this section shall continue and may not be terminated:

(1) In the case of a termination which is the result of a temporary layoff, until 6 months from the last day of work;

(2) In the case of a termination which is the result of a member or employee losing his employment because of a noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease which renders him partially incapacitated, until 6 months from the last day of work; and

(3) In the case of a termination which is the result of a member or employee losing his employment because of a noncontroverted work-related injury or occupational disease which renders him totally incapacitated, until one year from the last day of work.

G. Coverage provided under this section may be terminated sooner than provided under paragraph F if:

(1) The member or employee fails to make timely payment of a required premium amount; or

(2) The member or employee becomes eligible for coverage under another group policy.

H. At the expiration of any continued group coverage obtained under this subsection, the member or employee has the same conversion privileges as otherwise granted under this section.

I. This subsection shall not be construed to:

(1) Prevent members or employees from negotiating for or receiving greater continued coverage of group insurance than is provided in this subsection; or

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