

(ii) A dependent child.

(b) Every group contract WHICH IS IN FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS shall provide continuation benefits meeting the requirements of this section.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Applicable change in status" means the involuntary termination of the insured's employment other than for cause.

(3) "Group contract" means:

(i) Any contract or policy issued or delivered in this State to the employer of the insured by a nonprofit health service insurance plan or an insurance company which provides group hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to the employees of the employer on an expense-incurred basis; or

(ii) Any contract between the employer of the insured and a health maintenance organization certified under Title 19, Subtitle 7 of the Health-General Article which provides group hospital, medical, or surgical benefits to the employees of the employer.

(4) "Insured" means an employee who is a resident of this State and covered under a CURRENT OR PREDECESSOR group contract WITH THE SAME EMPLOYER for a period of not less than 3 months.

(b) Every group contract WHICH IS IN FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE APPLICABLE CHANGE IN STATUS shall provide continuation benefits meeting the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 2, 1990.

CHAPTER 237

(Senate Bill 138)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physician Quality Assurance and the Physician Assistants

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the membership of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance; authorizing the deputy director of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance to issue subpoenas and administer oaths; altering the alternative educational requirements for foreign medical school graduates; repealing the requirement that the Board approve foreign medical schools; authorizing the Board to place a licensee on inactive status, subject to certain conditions;~~