

By Mr. Karol of Attleboro, petition of Stephen J. Karol, Paul D. Harold and A. Joseph DeNucci for legislation to provide for notice to medical insurance policyholders relative to the expiration of coverage for dependent children. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS AS TO EXPIRATION OF COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 108 of chapter 175 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after subdivision 8 the following
3 subdivision: —

4 9. No policy of accident and sickness insurance covering
5 dependent children under a family plan shall be delivered or issued
6 for delivery to, or subsequently renewed by, any person in this
7 commonwealth unless notice of the age at which coverage with
8 respect to such children expires is printed on the first page in either
9 contrasting color or in bold face type at least four points larger
10 than the type size of the largest type on that page.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 8D the following section: —

3 8E. Any contract, which provides for dependent coverage,
4 between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or
5 group hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued for
6 delivery or subsequent renewal in the commonwealth shall include
7 notice of the age at which coverage as to dependent children
8 expires. Said notice shall be printed on the first page of such
9 contract in either contrasting color or in bold face type at least four
10 points larger than the type size of the largest type on that page.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4D the following section:—
3 4E. Any subscription certificate, which provides for dependent
4 coverage, under an individual or group medical service agreement
5 which shall be delivered or issued for delivery or subsequently
6 renewed in the commonwealth shall include notice of the age at
7 which coverage as to dependent children expires. Said notice shall
8 be printed on the face of such subscription certificate in either
9 contrasting color or in bold face type at least four points larger
10 than the type size of the largest type of that page.