

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 62D, is amended by adding a section to read:

[62D.101] CONVERSION PRIVILEGES FOR FORMER SPOUSES. Subdivision 1. No health maintenance contract which in addition to covering an enrollee, also covers the enrollee's spouse shall contain a provision for termination of coverage for a spouse covered under the health maintenance contract solely as a result of a break in the marital relationship except by reason of an entry of a valid decree of dissolution of marriage between the parties.

Subd. 2. Every health maintenance contract, other than a contract whose continuance is contingent upon continued employment or membership, which contains a provision for termination of coverage of the spouse upon dissolution of marriage shall contain a provision to the effect that upon the entry of a valid decree of dissolution of marriage between the covered parties the spouse shall be entitled to have issued to him or her, without evidence of insurability, upon application made to the health maintenance organization within 30 days following the entry of the decree, and upon the payment of the appropriate fee, an individual health maintenance contract. The contract shall provide the coverage then being issued by the organization which is most nearly similar to, but not greater than, the terminated coverage. Any probationary or waiting period set forth in the conversion contract shall be considered as being met to the extent coverage was in force under the prior contract.

Subd. 3. This section applies to every health maintenance contract which is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed or amended on or after the effective date of this section.

Sec. 4. This act is effective 60 days after its final enactment.

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CHAPTER 187—S.F.No.380

An act relating to courts; lapse of causes of action arising outside the state; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 541.14.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **COURTS; LAPSE OF CAUSES OF ACTION.** Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 541.14, is repealed.

Approved May 20, 1977.

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