

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1302

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending Section 3, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 1992 (36 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 4509.2), which relates to group or blanket accident or health insurance plans; requiring acceptance of new employees under certain conditions; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 1992 (36 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 4509.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4509.2 A. When an individual employee who was covered under a group health insurance plan terminates employment with an employer and gains employment with another employer who provides for health insurance through a group plan, the carrier of the succeeding employer shall accept the individual employee and dependents of the employee who were covered under the group plan of the previous employer and shall not apply preexisting conditions limitations or exclusions of preexisting conditions or apply waiting period requirements for the individual employee or ~~his~~ dependents of the employee covered under the group plan of the previous employer beyond the time when any surviving exclusion or waiting period with

the prior carrier would have been fulfilled, provided the individual employee applies for the new coverage within thirty-one (31) days following the date of eligibility for participation in the plan in accordance with the employment or personnel policies of the employer for such participation.

B. When there is a lapse in the coverage of the individual employee provided for by subsection A of this section for any reason other than a probationary period or similar waiting period imposed by the employment or personnel policies of the employer, the provisions of subsection A of this section shall not apply.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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