

SHORT TITLE: State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act;
providing for a partial payment of the dependent coverage premium by
the State of Oklahoma; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 551

By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1309, which relates to dependent coverage of eligible employees; providing for a partial payment of the dependent coverage premium by the State of Oklahoma; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1309, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1309. (1) Any eligible employee may elect to have his or her dependent or dependents covered by the Health Insurance Plan and Dental Insurance Plan or by any available Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) approved by the Board. Such election shall be made at the time the employee becomes enrolled in the Plan, under such procedures as the Board may establish. If dependent coverage is not elected at the time an employee becomes enrolled in the Plan, dependent coverage cannot be elected until the next enrollment period as established by the Board. Such subsequent election of dependent coverage shall be made under such conditions as the Board may impose.

(2) Any employee with dependent coverage, as provided in this section, who has a change in the number of his dependents may at the time of such change increase or decrease the number of dependents covered by the Health Insurance Plan and Dental Insurance Plan or approved HMO plans, under procedures established by the Board.

(3) Any employee who has no eligible dependents at the time he becomes enrolled may elect dependent coverage at the time his dependency status changes under procedures established by the Board.

(4) The Board shall establish a defined percentage of the eligible employee's premium for dependent coverage on the Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan or by any available Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) which shall be paid by the State of Oklahoma through monies appropriated by the State Legislature.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. 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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