

2012 Kansas Statutes

40-2,102. Coverage for newly born and adopted children; coverage for immunizations; notification of birth or adoption; mandatory option to cover delivery expenses of birth mother of adopted child. (a)

(1) All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a profit or nonprofit corporation and all contracts issued by health maintenance organizations organized or authorized to transact business in this state which provides coverage for a family member of the enrollee, insured or subscriber shall, as to such family members' coverage, also provide that the health insurance benefits applicable for children shall be payable with respect to a: (A) Newly born child of the enrollee, insured or subscriber from the moment of birth; (B) newly born child adopted by the enrollee, insured or subscriber from the moment of birth if a petition for adoption as provided in K.S.A. 59-2128 and amendments thereto was filed within 31 days of the birth of the child; or (C) child adopted by the enrollee, insured or subscriber from the date the petition for adoption as provided in K.S.A. 59-2128 and amendments thereto was filed or (D) child placed in enrollee, insured or subscriber's home by a child placement agency as defined by K.S.A. 65-503 and amendments thereto, for the purpose of adoption from the date of placement as certified by the enrollee, insured or subscriber. In no case shall the time from the date of placement to the date the petition for adoption as provided in K.S.A. 59-2128 and amendments thereto was filed exceed 280 days.

(2) The coverage for newly born children shall consist of: (A) Coverage of injury or sickness including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities; and (B) routine and necessary immunizations for all newly born children of the insured or subscriber. For purposes of this paragraph "routine and necessary immunizations" shall consist of at least five doses of vaccine against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus; at least four doses of vaccine against polio and Haemophilus B (Hib); and three doses of vaccine against Hepatitis B; two doses of vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella; one dose of vaccine against varicella and such other vaccines and dosages as may be prescribed by the secretary of health and environment. The required benefits shall apply to immunizations administered to each newly born child from birth to 72 months of age and shall not be subject to any deductible, copayment or coinsurance requirements.

(3) If payment of a specific premium or subscription fee is required to provide coverage for a child, the policy or contract may require that notification of birth of a newly born child or the filing of the petition for adoption or certification that a child has been placed in the home for adoption as defined by subsection (a)(1)(D) and payment of the required premium or fees must be furnished to the health maintenance organization, insurer or nonprofit service or indemnity corporation within 31 days after the date of birth or the filing of the petition for adoption or certification that a child has been placed in the home for adoption as defined by subsection (a)(1)(D) in order to have the coverage continue beyond such 31-day period.

(4) The contract issued by a health maintenance organization may provide that the benefits required pursuant to this subsection shall be covered benefits only if the services are rendered by a provider who is designated by and affiliated with the health maintenance organization.

(b) (1) All individual and group health insurance policies providing coverage on an expense incurred basis, individual and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a profit or nonprofit corporation and all contracts issued by health maintenance organizations organized or authorized to transact business in this state which provides coverage for a family member of the enrollee, insured or subscriber, as to such family members' coverage, shall also offer an option whereby the health insurance benefits shall include delivery and obstetrical expenses at birth of the birth mother of a child adopted within 90 days of birth of such child by the enrollee, insured or subscriber subject to the same limitations contained in such policy or contract applicable to the enrollee, insured or subscriber. Such offer of an option regarding such delivery and obstetrical expense shall be made to the enrollee of a health maintenance organization and to the insured and, to the individual subscribers in the case of a group health insurance policy.

(2) Contracts issued by a health maintenance organization may provide that the benefits required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be covered benefits only if the services are rendered by a provider who is designated by and affiliated with the health maintenance organization.

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