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Session of 2021

SENATE BILL No. 199

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

AN ACT concerning insurance; relating to health insurance; providing for short-term, limited-duration health plans; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,193 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,193 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,193. (a) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Specially designed policy" means an insurance policy that by design may not meet all or part of the definitions of a group or individual sickness and accident insurance policy and includes temporary sickness and accident insurance on a short-term, limited-duration basis.

(2) "Short-term, limited-duration" means an insurance policy period of six months or less than 12 months, based upon policy design, which offers not more than one renewal period or extension periods up to a maximum policy period of 36 months total duration, with or without a requirement of medical re-underwriting or medical requalification.

(b) Specially designed policies shall include policies designed to provide sickness and accident insurance for specific coverage of benefits or services that may be excluded as benefits or services cited under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,192, and amendments thereto. Specially designed policies may include the following stand-alone policies and coverages:

(1) Chiropractic plans;

(2) Acupuncture coverage plans;

(3) Holistic medical treatment plans;
(4) podiatrist plans;
(5) pharmacy plans;
(6) psychiatric plans;
(7) allergy plans; and
(8) such other stand-alone plans or combinations of plans of accepted
traditional and nontraditional medical practice as shall be allowable for
exclusion from group or individual plans under K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,192, and amendments thereto.

(e) No specially designed policy shall be deemed to be included
under the definition of group sickness and accident insurance, including
short-term, limited-duration health insurance, issued or renewed inside or
outside of this state and covering persons residing in this state.

(e) Any insurance company issuing short-term, limited-duration
health insurance shall include the following statement, printed in 14-point
font, in its contracts and application materials for policies having a-
coverage start date on or after January 1, 2022, whether for initial-
enrollment, renewal or extension:

"This coverage is not required to comply with certain federal market
requirements for health insurance, principally those contained in the
Affordable Care Act. Be sure to check your policy carefully to make sure
you are aware of any exclusions, limitations or lifetime or annual dollar
limitations regarding coverage of health benefits, including preexisting-
conditions.

If your policy expires, it may not be automatically renewable. To
continue with a short-term, limited-duration health plan, you may need to
reapply for a new policy."

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 40-2,193 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.