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Issue:

Provides for continued health benefits coverage for certain persons covered under small employer health benefits plans in certain circumstances.

Bill #/Sponsor(s)

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District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblyman Neil M. Cohen
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Assemblywoman Lorretta Weinberg
District 37 (Bergen)

Senator Martha Bark
District 8 (Burlington)

NJAHU Position:**SUPPORT**

- Increases the period for continuation of coverage for employees to 18 months, Modeled after federal COBRA.

Status:

12/7/2004 Passed both Houses of the NJ Legislature and was signed into law by acting Governor Codey. Bill becomes effective 90 days from the Governor signing it. The bill becomes law on March 6th, 2005

Brief Description:

Extends to spouses and dependent children the same option for continued coverage when they might otherwise lose their coverage, due to death of the covered employee, divorce of the employee from the spouse or for a dependent child who ceases to be a dependent child under the provisions of the health insurance policy or contract. Modeled after federal COBRA provisions, which extend continued health benefits coverage to spouses and dependents of covered employees in certain circumstances. Notice of continuation of coverage shall be provided to employees and need NOT be provided to all individuals covered under the health benefits plan.



Legislative Briefing