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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-2305 AND 20-2306; RELATING TO ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 13, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding sections 20-2305 and 20-2306, to read:

4 20-2305. Accountable health plan uniform employee health status
5 questionnaire; committee; definition

6 A. THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE IS
7 ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT CONSISTING OF AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS, INCLUDING
8 THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR.
9 THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE COMMITTEE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF
10 ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS, TWO INSURANCE PRODUCERS WHO WORK PRIMARILY IN THE
11 SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET AND TWO SMALL BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES
12 WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE. THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S
13 DESIGNEE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE.

14 B. THE COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS
15 QUESTIONNAIRE TO SIMPLIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SMALL
16 GROUPS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL STUDY EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRES
17 CURRENTLY USED BY MAJOR ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS IN THIS STATE AND
18 CONSOLIDATE THE QUESTIONNAIRES INTO A UNIFORM DOCUMENT OF NOT MORE THAN THREE
19 PAGES.

20 C. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE THE
21 UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, AN
22 ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN SHALL USE THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ALL SMALL GROUPS FOR
23 WHICH IT REQUIRES EMPLOYEES AND THEIR COVERED DEPENDENTS TO COMPLETE
24 QUESTIONNAIRES.

25 D. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012, AND EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER, THE
26 DIRECTOR SHALL RECONVENE THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE
27 COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WHETHER CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE
28 HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE. IF THE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT CHANGES TO THE
29 QUESTIONNAIRE ARE NECESSARY, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PRESCRIBE A REVISED
30 QUESTIONNAIRE. ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLANS SHALL USE THE REVISED QUESTIONNAIRE
31 BEGINNING ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR PRESCRIBES A REVISION.

32 E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE DIRECTOR AND ARE NOT
33 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

34 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "EMPLOYEE HEALTH STATUS
35 QUESTIONNAIRE" MEANS A DOCUMENT THAT POSES QUESTIONS ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL
36 EMPLOYEE OR COVERED DEPENDENT'S HEALTH HISTORY AND THAT IS TO BE COMPLETED BY
37 THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR COVERED DEPENDENT OF A SMALL GROUP THAT SEEKS
38 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM AN ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN.

39 20-2306. Use of uniform employee health status questionnaire

40 A. AN ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN SHALL USE THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH
41 STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-2305 FOR ALL SMALL
42 GROUPS FOR WHICH THE ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN REQUIRES EMPLOYEES AND THEIR
43 COVERED DEPENDENTS TO COMPLETE HEALTH STATUS QUESTIONNAIRES.

44 B. AN ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH PLAN MAY ASK EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS
45 FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR RESPONSES TO THE UNIFORM EMPLOYEE HEALTH
46 STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE.