

INSURANCE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD

Individual Health Coverage Program
Civil Unions

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 11:20-1.2 and Appendix Exhibits A, B and F.

Proposed: March 5, 2008 (see 40 N.J.R 1744(a))

Adopted: April 8, 2008 by the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program Board,
Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director.

Filed: _____ as R. 2008 d. ____ **without change**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 17B:27A-2 et seq.

Effective Date: April 17, 2008.

Expiration Date: December 7, 2010.

Summary of Hearing Officer Recommendations and Agency Responses:

The New Jersey Individual Health Coverage (IHC) Program Board held a hearing on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the Department of Banking and Insurance, 11th floor Conference Room, 20 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey to receive testimony with respect to the proposed amendments to the standard health benefits plan and basic and essential healthcare services plan set forth in N.J.A.C. 11:20 as Appendix Exhibits A, B, and F. Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director of the IHC Program Board, served as hearing officer. No testimony was provided during the hearing. The hearing officer made no recommendations regarding the proposed amendments. The hearing record may be reviewed by contacting Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director, New Jersey Individual Health Benefits Coverage Board, P.O. Box 325, Trenton, NJ 08625-0325.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

No comments were received.

Federal Standards Statement

The Board did not propose these amendments under the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with or participate in any program established under Federal law or under a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal law, standards or requirements as set forth at N.J.A.C. 1:30-5.1(c)4. Accordingly, there are no Federal laws that apply to this rule.

Full text of the adoption follows:

11:20-1.2 Definitions

Words and terms contained in the Act, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings as defined in the Act, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, or as such words and terms are further defined by this chapter.

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"Dependent" means:

1. The applicant's spouse;
2. The applicant's same-gender domestic partner as that term is defined in P.L. 2003, c. 246,
3. The applicant's civil union partner pursuant to P.L. 2006, c. 103 as well as same sex relationships recognized in other jurisdictions if such relationships provide substantially all of the rights and benefits of marriage;
4. A child or step child of the applicant;
5. A child of the applicant's domestic partner subject to applicable terms of the individual health benefits plan; or
6. A child of the applicant's civil union partner subject to applicable terms of the individual health benefits plan.

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"Family unit" means:

1. A legally married man and woman;
2. A person and his or her same-gender civil union partner;
3. A person and his or her same gender domestic partner;
4. A legally married man and woman and their dependent children;
5. A person and his or her same-gender civil union partner and their dependent children as the term dependent is defined in the individual health benefits plan;
6. A person and his or her same gender domestic partner and their dependent child(ren), as the term dependent is defined in the individual health benefits plan;
7. An adult and his or her dependent child(ren), as the term dependent is defined in the individual health benefits plan, who are members of the same household; and
8. Dependent children only who are members of the same household as the term dependent is defined in the individual health benefits plan.