

DSHS Mandate, 12/19/2007

Health carriers in Washington are often required to make changes to their policies and contracts in order to comply with legislation or rulings made by the state's Office of the Insurance Commissioner. As a result of recent mandates, we are making a clarification to the Enrollment provisions of your medical contract that went into effect July 22. This provision applies to groups with fewer than 51 employees that have any Regence medical plan. We have included it in group contracts since Oct. 1. This letter is being mailed to groups that were new or renewed effective Aug. 1 or Sept. 1, 2007.

This mandate revises your plan's Enrollment provision to clarify that employees and eligible dependents may apply for coverage under this plan, or any other your group offers, under a specific set of circumstances and provided the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) determines that it would be cost-effective for the eligible dependents to have that coverage. For more information about SB5093 visit: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo>.