

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 298

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “coverage;” delete the rest of the line and line 3 and
2 insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) When an individual described in ORS 414.706 (5) applies for medical as-**
5 **istance under ORS 414.705 to 414.750, the Department of Human Services may not impose**
6 **as a condition of eligibility a period of time during which the individual has not been covered**
7 **by private health insurance if:**

8 **“(a) The individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance; and**

9 **“(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-**
10 **nated:**

11 **“(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon**
12 **dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and**

13 **“(B) Within the six months preceding the date of the application.**

14 **“(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
15 **731.069.**

16 **“SECTION 2. (1) When an individual applies to enroll in the Family Health Insurance**
17 **Assistance Program established in ORS 735.720 to 735.740, notwithstanding ORS 735.720 (1)(c),**
18 **the Insurance Pool Governing Board may not impose as a condition of eligibility a period of**
19 **time during which the individual has not been covered by private health insurance if:**

20 **“(a) The individual is otherwise eligible to enroll in the program; and**

21 **“(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-**
22 **nated:**

23 **“(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon**
24 **dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and**

25 **“(B) Within the six months preceding the date of application.**

26 **“(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
27 **731.069.**

28 **“SECTION 3. (1) When an individual under 19 years of age whose family income is no**
29 **more than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines qualifies for medical assistance under**
30 **the Oregon State Children’s Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Secu-**
31 **rity Act, the Department of Human Services may not impose as a condition of eligibility a**
32 **period of time during which the individual has not been covered by private health insurance**
33 **if:**

34 **“(a) The individual is otherwise eligible for medical assistance; and**

35 **“(b) The individual’s prior coverage under a group health insurance policy was termi-**

1 **nated:**

2 **“(A) At the death of a certificate holder of the group health insurance policy or upon**
3 **dissolution of marriage with, or legal separation from, a certificate holder; and**

4 **“(B) Within the six months preceding the date of the application.**

5 **“(2) As used in this section, ‘certificate holder’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
6 **731.069.**

7 **“SECTION 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this 2005 Act apply to an application for assistance sub-**
8 **mitted on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

9 **“SECTION 5. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
10 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
11 **on its passage.”.**

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