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 CHAPTER 335—H.F.No.297

*An act relating to group health care plans; providing right to convert to individual coverage upon termination of certain employee health care plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62E.16.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 62E.16, is amended to read:

**62E.16 GROUP HEALTH CARE; CONVERSION PRIVILEGES.** Every program of self insurance, policy of group accident and health insurance or contract of coverage by a health maintenance organization written or renewed in this state, shall include, in addition to the provisions required by section 62A.17, the right to convert to an individual coverage qualified plan without the addition of underwriting restrictions if the individual insured leaves the group regardless of the reason for leaving the group, or upon cancellation or termination of the coverage for the group except where uninterrupted and continuous group coverage is otherwise provided to the group. The person leaving the group may exercise his right to conversion within 30 days of leaving the group or within 30 days following his receipt of due notice of cancellation or termination of coverage of the group and upon payment of premiums from the date of termination or cancellation. Due notice of cancellation or termination of coverage for a group shall be provided to each employee having coverage in the group by the insurer, self insurer or health maintenance organization cancelling or terminating the coverage except where reasonable evidence indicates that uninterrupted and continuous group coverage is otherwise provided to the group. Every employer having a policy of group accident and health insurance, group subscriber or contract of coverage by a health maintenance organization shall, upon request, provide the insurer or health maintenance organization a list of the names and addresses of covered employees. Plans of health coverage shall also include a provision which, upon the death of the individual in whose name the contract was issued, permits every other individual then covered under the contract to elect, within the period specified in the contract, to continue his coverage under the same or a different contract without the addition of underwriting restrictions until he would have ceased to have been entitled to coverage had the individual in whose name the contract was issued lived. An individual conversion contract issued by a health maintenance organization shall not be deemed to be an individual enrollment contract for the purposes of section 62D.10.

Approved May 27, 1977.

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 CHAPTER 336—H.F.No.314

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*An act relating to Olmsted county; authorizing electronic recording of trial proceedings;*

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