62A.048 DEPENDENT COVERAGE.

(a) A health plan that covers a Minnesota resident must, if it provides dependent coverage, allow dependent children who do not reside with the participant to be covered on the same basis as if they reside with the participant. Every health plan must provide coverage in accordance with section 518A.41 to dependents covered by a qualified court or administrative order meeting the requirements of section 518A.41, and enrollment of a child cannot be denied on the basis that the child was born out of wedlock, the child is not claimed as a dependent on a parent's federal income tax return, or the child does not reside with the parent or in the health carrier's service area.

(b) For the purpose of this section, health plan includes coverage offered by community integrated service networks, coverage designed solely to provide dental or vision care, and any plan governed under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), United States Code, title 29, sections 1001 to 1461.

History: *1988 c 689 art 2 s 6; 1995 c 207 art 10 s 3; 1997 c 225 art 2 s 62; 2005 c 164 s 29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 28; 2006 c 280 s 46*