SENATE FILE NO. SF0154

Small employer carrier reinsurance amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Scott and Case

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to small employer carrier reinsurance; providing that all authorized insurers pay into the program; removing the cap on what the program will reinsure; providing for alternative reinsurance mechanisms; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 26-19-307(g)(v), (h)(iv), (vii) and by creating a new paragraph (xi) is amended to read:

26-19-307. Small employer carrier reinsurance program.

(g) The plan of operation shall:

(v) Establish procedures for collecting assessments from ~~participating carriers~~ authorized insurers to provide for claims reinsured by the program and for administrative expenses incurred or estimated to be incurred during the period for which the assessment is made;

(h) The program shall have the general powers and authority granted under the laws of this state to insurance companies and health maintenance organizations licensed to transact business, except the power to issue health benefit plans directly to either groups or individuals. The program shall also have the specific authority to:

(iv) Define the array of health coverage products for which reinsurance will be provided, define the limits of reinsurance provided and to issue reinsurance policies, in accordance with the requirements of this act;

(vii) Assess ~~participating carriers~~ authorized insurers in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this section, and to make advance interim assessments as may be reasonable and necessary for organizational and interim operating expenses. Any interim assessments shall be credited as offsets against any regular assessments due following the close of the fiscal year;

(xi) Implement alternative reinsurance mechanisms, including but not limited to forms of retrospective insurance, subject to the commissioner's approval and available funding.

Section 2. W.S. 26-19-307(j)(i) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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