

SENATE BILL No. 101

AN ACT concerning health insurance; relating to extension of payment of benefits; amending K.S.A. 40-2254 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 40-2254 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2254. Every *issuer of a group policy and certificate of accident and sickness insurance providing inpatient hospital, medical-surgical benefits issued or renewed within this state or issued or renewed outside this state covering residents within this state shall:*

(a) ~~Contain~~ *Include in its contracts a provision extending payment of such benefits until discharged or for a period not less than 31 days following the expiration date of the policy, whichever is earlier, for covered insureds confined in a hospital on the date of termination; and*

(b) *not fail to enroll in a replacement group policy, contract or certificate without any gap in coverage any individual who is confined to a hospital or otherwise disabled at the time such individual's prior group policy, contract or certificate terminates;*

(c) ~~provide that coverage~~ *payment of benefits under any subsequent replacement policy, contract or certificate that is intended to afford continuous coverage will commence immediately following expiration of any prior policy, contract or certificate with respect to benefits not paid or payable under subsection (a).*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-2254 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.