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(Pub. L. 111-148, title I, §1102, title X, §10102(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 143, 892.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(C), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Title XVIII of the Act is classified generally to subchapter XVIII (§1395 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Pub. L. 111-148, §10102(a)(1), substituted “group benefits plan providing health benefits” for “group health benefits plan” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2)(B)(i)(I). Pub. L. 111-148, §10102(a)(2), inserted “or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing” after “political subdivision thereof”.

§ 18003. Immediate information that allows consumers to identify affordable coverage options

(a) Internet portal to affordable coverage options (1) Immediate establishment

Not later than July 1, 2010, the Secretary, in consultation with the States, shall establish a mechanism, including an Internet website, through which a resident of, or small business in, any State may identify affordable health insurance coverage options in that State.

(2) Connecting to affordable coverage

An Internet website established under paragraph (1) shall, to the extent practicable, provide ways for residents of, and small businesses in, any State to receive information on at least the following coverage options:

(A) Health insurance coverage offered by health insurance issuers, other than coverage that provides reimbursement only for the treatment or mitigation of—

- (i) a single disease or condition; or
- (ii) an unreasonably limited set of diseases or conditions (as determined by the Secretary).

(B) Medicaid coverage under title XIX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.].

(C) Coverage under title XXI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.].

(D) A State health benefits high risk pool, to the extent that such high risk pool is offered in such State; and

(E) Coverage under a high risk pool under section 18001 of this title.

(F) Coverage within the small group market for small businesses and their employees, including reinsurance for early retirees under section 18002 of this title, tax credits available under section 45R of title 26 (as added by section 1421), and other information specifically for small businesses regarding affordable health care options.

(b) Enhancing comparative purchasing options

(1) In general

Not later than 60 days after March 23, 2010, the Secretary shall develop a standardized for-

mat to be used for the presentation of information relating to the coverage options described in subsection (a)(2). Such format shall, at a minimum, require the inclusion of information on the percentage of total premium revenue expended on nonclinical costs (as reported under section 300gg-18(a) of this title), eligibility, availability, premium rates, and cost sharing with respect to such coverage options and be consistent with the standards adopted for the uniform explanation of coverage as provided for in section 300gg-15 of this title.

(2) Use of format

The Secretary shall utilize the format developed under paragraph (1) in compiling information concerning coverage options on the Internet website established under subsection (a).

(c) Authority to contract

The Secretary may carry out this section through contracts entered into with qualified entities.

(Pub. L. 111-148, title I, §1103, title X, §10102(b), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 146, 892.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(B), (C), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Titles XIX and XXI of the Act are classified generally to subchapters XIX (§1396 et seq.) and XXI (§1397aa et seq.), respectively, of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

Section 1421, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(F), means section 1421 of Pub. L. 111-148.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-148, §10102(b)(1), which directed insertion of “, or small business in,” after “residents of any”, was executed by making the insertion after “resident of” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-148, §10102(b)(2), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2). Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“An Internet website established under paragraph (1) shall, to the extent practicable, provide ways for residents of any State to receive information on at least the following coverage options:

“(A) Health insurance coverage offered by health insurance issuers, other than coverage that provides reimbursement only for the treatment or mitigation of—

- “(i) a single disease or condition; or
- “(ii) an unreasonably limited set of diseases or conditions (as determined by the Secretary);

“(B) Medicaid coverage under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

“(C) Coverage under title XXI of the Social Security Act.

“(D) A State health benefits high risk pool, to the extent that such high risk pool is offered in such State; and

“(E) Coverage under a high risk pool under section 18001 of this title.”

SUBCHAPTER II—OTHER PROVISIONS

§ 18011. Preservation of right to maintain existing coverage

(a) No changes to existing coverage

(1) In general

Nothing in this Act (or an amendment made by this Act) shall be construed to require that