

which the plan administrator is notified under paragraph (2) or (3), whichever is applicable, and any such notification to an individual who is a qualified beneficiary as the spouse of the covered employee shall be treated as notification to all other qualified beneficiaries residing with such spouse at the time such notification is made.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXII, §2206, as added Pub. L. 99-272, title X, §10003(a), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 235; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1895(d)(6)(C), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2939; Pub. L. 100-203, title IV, §4009(j)(8), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-59; Pub. L. 101-239, title VI, §6702(c), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2295; Pub. L. 104-191, title IV, §421(a)(2), Aug. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2088.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in par. (3), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act are classified generally to subchapters II (§401 et seq.) and XVI (§1381 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.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Par. (3). Pub. L. 104-191 substituted “at any time during the first 60 days of continuation coverage under this subchapter” for “at the time of a qualifying event described in section 300bb-3(2) of this title”.

1989—Par. (3). Pub. L. 101-239 inserted “and each qualified beneficiary who is determined, under title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, to have been disabled at the time of a qualifying event described in section 300bb-3(2) of this title is responsible for notifying the plan administrator of such determination within 60 days after the date of the determination and for notifying the plan administrator within 30 days after the date of any final determination under such title or titles that the qualified beneficiary is no longer disabled” after “date of the qualifying event”.

1987—Par. (3). Pub. L. 100-203 amended directory language of Pub. L. 99-514, see 1986 Amendment note below.

1986—Par. (3). Pub. L. 99-514, as amended by Pub. L. 100-203, inserted “within 60 days after the date of the qualifying event”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-191 effective Jan. 1, 1997, regardless of whether the qualifying event occurred before, on, or after such date, see section 421(d) of Pub. L. 104-191, set out as a note under section 4980B of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-239 applicable to plan years beginning on or after Dec. 19, 1989, regardless of whether the qualifying event occurred before, on, or after such date, see section 6702(d) of Pub. L. 101-239, set out as a note under section 300bb-2 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-203, title IV, §4009(j)(8), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-59, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as if included in Pub. L. 99-514.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 applicable only with respect to qualifying events occurring after Oct. 22, 1986, see section 1895(d)(6)(D) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 162 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

NOTIFICATION TO COVERED EMPLOYEES

Pub. L. 99-272, title X, §10003(c), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 236, provided that: “At the time that the amendments

made by this section [enacting this subchapter] apply to a group health plan (covered under section 2201 of the Public Health Service Act [section 300bb-1 of this title]), the plan shall notify each covered employee, and spouse of the employee (if any), who is covered under the plan at that time of the continuation coverage required under title XXII of such Act [this subchapter]. The notice furnished under this subsection is in lieu of notice that may otherwise be required under section 2206(1) of such Act [par. (1) of this section] with respect to such individuals.”

§ 300bb-7. Enforcement

Any individual who is aggrieved by the failure of a State, political subdivision, or agency or instrumentality thereof, to comply with the requirements of this subchapter may bring an action for appropriate equitable relief.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXII, §2207, as added Pub. L. 99-272, title X, §10003(a), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 236.)

CONTINUED COVERAGE OF COSTS OF PEDIATRIC VACCINE UNDER CERTAIN GROUP HEALTH PLANS

Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13631(d), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 643, provided that:

“(1) REQUIREMENT.—The requirement of this paragraph, with respect to a group health plan for plan years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 10, 1993], is that the group health plan not reduce its coverage of the costs of pediatric vaccines (as defined under section 1928(h)(6) of the Social Security Act [section 1396s(h)(6) of this title]) below the coverage it provided as of May 1, 1993.

“(2) ENFORCEMENT.—For purposes of section 2207 of the Public Health Service Act [this section], the requirement of paragraph (1) is deemed a requirement of title XXII of such Act [this subchapter].”

§ 300bb-8. Definitions

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) Group health plan

The term “group health plan” has the meaning given such term in 5000(b)¹ of title 26. Such term shall not include any plan substantially all of the coverage under which is for qualified long-term care services (as defined in section 7702B(c) of title 26).

(2) Covered employee

The term “covered employee” means an individual who is (or was) provided coverage under a group health plan by virtue of the performance of services by the individual for 1 or more persons maintaining the plan (including as an employee defined in section 401(c)(1) of title 26).

(3) Qualified beneficiary

(A) In general

The term “qualified beneficiary” means, with respect to a covered employee under a group health plan, any other individual who, on the day before the qualifying event for that employee, is a beneficiary under the plan—

- (i) as the spouse of the covered employee, or
- (ii) as the dependent child of the employee.

¹ So in original. Probably should be preceded by “section”.