



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3999.32 Notice of failure to make required premium payment or contribution.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Certificate holder" means any person whose employment or retirement status is the basis of eligibility for coverage under a group policy of sickness and accident insurance or for enrollment under a group contract of a health insuring corporation.

(2) "Health insurer" means any sickness and accident insurer or health insuring corporation.

(B) Each person to whom a group policy or contract of sickness and accident insurance or other health care coverage has been delivered or issued for delivery in this state by a health insurer shall make a reasonable effort to notify every certificate holder, or certificate holder's designee, who is covered under that policy or contract whenever the person fails to make a required premium payment or contribution on behalf of the certificate holder and that failure results in the termination of coverage. The person shall mail or present the notice to the certificate holder or certificate holder's designee no later than five days after the date on which the person receives the notice from the health insurer as required under division (D) of this section. If a person other than the policyholder or contract holder is obligated to make the required premium payment or contribution on behalf of the certificate holder, that person shall mail or present the notice as required by this section.

(C) The notice required by division (B) of this section shall be in writing and shall clearly state that the person failed to make the required premium payment or contribution, the reasons for the failure, and the effect of the failure on the coverage of the certificate holder under the policy or contract.

(D) If a person described in division (B) of this section fails to make a required premium payment or contribution on behalf of a certificate holder and that failure results in the termination of the coverage, the health insurer providing the coverage shall notify the person in writing of that person's duties as described in divisions (B) and (C) of this section. If a person other than the policyholder or



contract holder is obligated to make the required premium payment or contribution on behalf of the certificate holder, the insurer shall notify the person in writing of that person's duties as described in divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(E) A certificate holder may designate any person to receive on the certificate holder's behalf the notice required by division (B) of this section. The certificate holder shall furnish the name and address of the person so designated to the person to whom the group policy or contract has been delivered or issued for delivery.

(F) No person shall knowingly fail to comply with division (B) or (C) of this section.