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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill makes changes to health insurance termination notices, requiring information regarding continuation of coverage for handicapped dependents who meet certain conditions to be included in the notices.

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1 Handicapped children. Amends § 62A.14.

Subd. 1. Individual family policies. Requires any notice of termination of health insurance coverage for handicapped children, due to attainment of the limiting age, to include information stating that attainment of the limiting age does not operate to terminate the coverage of the child while the child meets certain conditions.

Subd. 2. Group policies. Requires any notice of termination of health insurance coverage for handicapped children, due to attainment of the limiting age, to include information stating that attainment of the limiting age does not operate to terminate the coverage of the child while the child meets certain conditions.

2 Coverage of full-time students. Amends § 62A.301. Requires any notice of termination of health insurance coverage due to attainment of the limiting age to include information regarding the definition of full-time student, if the insurer provides individual or group accident and health coverage for dependents based on full-time status after what otherwise would be the limiting age.

3 Handicapped dependents. Amends § 62C.14, subd. 5. Requires any notice of termination of coverage due to attainment of the limiting age to include information about continuation of

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coverage for handicapped dependents who meet certain requirements.

- 4** **Effective date; application.** Makes sections 1 to 3 effective August 1, 2003, and applicable to all notices regarding termination of coverage due to attainment of the limiting age sent on or after that date.