

**ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AMENDING A RULE**

To amend Ins 8.49 Appendix 1, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to small employer uniform employee application for group health insurance.

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**ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (OCI)**

**1. Statutes interpreted:**

ss. 600.01, 628.34 (12), 635.10, Stats.

**2. Statutory authority:**

ss. 601.41(3), 601.41 (8), 635.10, 635.18 (8), Stats.

**3. Explanation of the OCI's authority to promulgate the proposed rule under these statutes:**

In accordance with s. 601.41 (8), Stats., the office of the commissioner of insurance is required to revise the uniform small employer application form at least once every two years in consultation with the health advisory council. The rule was initially promulgated in 2003, and due to federal changes and a request of the health advisory council the office of the commissioner of insurance proposes this rule.

**4. Related Statutes or rules:**

Section 635.10, Stats., requires use of the small employer uniform employee application for group health insurance.

**5. The plain language analysis and summary of the proposed rule:**

Additionally the federal government has also modified the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to include the requirement of additional descriptive information for persons who after a qualifying event are permitted the option of a special enrollment period to understand how to obtain and apply for coverage. The proposed rule contains the modifications to the waiver and health underwriting questions to comply with the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA, Pub. L. No. 110-233) and the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA, Pub. L. No. 111-3) as well mandated coverage for dependents.

Specifically, the modifications include several changes to the small employer uniform application for group health insurance. In section V of the application a sentence has been added in accordance with an amendment to CHIPRA that informs an employee how to obtain information on electing health insurance coverage through a special election period due to a qualifying event including Medicaid premium assistance. This information is to be provided at the time the employee waives the right to obtain health insurance through the small employer. Information is updated regarding the treatment of genetic information in the medical information section of the application. Additionally, modifications were made to delete references to a dependent needing to be a full-time student or financially dependent upon the parents as both state and federal law mandate

inclusion of adult children as dependents regardless of the adult child's residency or financial dependency.

During the July 2009 meeting of the health advisory council, a motion was passed to request the office of the commissioner of insurance to modify the uniform application to comply with the GINA and CHIPRA changes pending federal rule promulgation due in February 2010. Subsequent to the state budget passage, the health advisory council revised its request to include modifications to comply with state law. The proposed rule incorporates the changes requested by the council in accordance with GINA and CHIPRA and mandated coverage of dependents to age 27. Failure to amend the current rule will result in insurers being non-compliant with federal and state requirements.

**6. Summary of and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:**

There is no existing or proposed federal regulation related to a uniform employee application for small employer group health insurance.

**7. Comparison of similar rules in adjacent states as found by OCI:**

Iowa: Effective April 16, 2008, Iowa enacted 191-71.26 (513B) uniform health insurance application form to be used by small employer carriers. The uniform application is very similar to Wisconsin's form.

Illinois: Recently enacted Public Act 95-857, requiring the development and use of uniform health applications for small group and individual health insurance. The applications are to be used beginning January 1, 2011. The applications are still being developed by the state.

Minnesota: None as to the small employer uniform application for group health insurance.

Michigan: None as to the small employer uniform application for group health insurance.

**8. A summary of the factual data and analytical methodologies that OCI used in support of the proposed rule and how any related findings support the regulatory approach chosen for the proposed rule:**

The office of the commissioner of insurance reviewed the GINA and CHIPRA regulations as well as newly enacted state mandates to ensure that the proposed modifications are necessary and will enable the application to be compliant with federal requirements.

**9. Any analysis and supporting documentation that OCI used in support of OCI's determination of the rule's effect on small businesses under s. 227.114:**

There are no insurers that offer small employer group health insurance that qualify as small businesses in accordance with s. 227.114 (1), Wis. Stat. Intermediaries that solicit small employer group health insurance will be required to use the new form but since it is available at no cost from the office, the effect will be minimal.

**10. If these changes may have a significant fiscal effect on the private sector, the anticipated costs to be incurred by private sector in complying with the rule:**

There will be no significant fiscal effect on the private sector as the modifications are very minor and will assist in ensuring employees have information with which to make informed decisions and assist in coordinating benefits with the federal Medicare program.

**11. Effect on Small Business:**

This rule will necessitate the use of the revised form by small businesses, however the effect is not significant.

**12. Agency contact person:**

A copy of the full text of the proposed rule changes, analysis and fiscal estimate may be obtained from the Web site at: <http://oci.wi.gov/ocirules.htm>

or by contacting Inger Williams, OCI Services Section, at:

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**13. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:**

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the date for the hearing stated in the Notice of Hearing.

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**The proposed rule changes are:**

**SECTION 1.** Section Ins 8.49, Appendix 1 parts III, IV, V, X and the Authorization to use and disclose protected health information are amended to read:

**SMALL EMPLOYER UNIFORM EMPLOYEE APPLICATION FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**



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Ref: Section Ins 8.49, Wis. Adm. Code, and Sections 601.41 (8), 635.10, Wis. Stat.

*This form is designed for an employer's initial application for coverage. Please contact your agent or the insurer to determine if this form should be used in other situations once the group is enrolled with the insurer.*

**EMPLOYER INFORMATION – To be filled out by Employer**

Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_ Division Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of permanent employees who have a normal work week of 30 or more hours \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Insurers to whom information may be released:  
Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

**Employee Instructions: Please print using black or blue ink. Please fill out the entire application for each person for whom coverage is being sought.**

Employee's First Name, Middle Initial and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height and Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Post Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Home [ ] Work

1. For your current employer: What was your first day of employment? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
How many hours, on average, do you work each week? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are You:
  - a)  Single  Married  Legally Separated  Divorced  Widow or Widower  
If you are married, legally separated, divorced or widowed, please indicate the date that the event occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are married, please indicate the county and state, or country in which you were married: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are married, please indicate your former or maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) A Retiree?  Yes  No
  - c) On COBRA or State Continuation?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," provide start date and reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. TYPE OF HEALTH COVERAGE**

Please select the type of health insurance coverage for which you are applying:  
 Employee Only  Employee and Spouse  Employee and Dependent Child(ren)  Employee, Spouse and Dependent Child(ren)

**III. DEPENDENT INFORMATION**

a) List all dependents, spouse and child(ren) applying for insurance. If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application (**please sign and date the additional sheet**).

Name (First; M.I.; Last)	Sex	Social Security Number	Relationship	Birth Date (Mo/Day/Yr)	Height Weight	Full-Time Student (if 18 years old or older)
			Spouse			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Stepchild <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Other			School _____ Graduation Date _____ Credits/Semester _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Stepchild <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild <input type="checkbox"/> Other			School _____ Graduation Date _____ Credits/Semester _____

b) ~~If required by the insurer, for a dependent child(ren) who is 18 years of age or older and who is a full-time student, do you provide at least 50% of the dependent's support? [ ] Yes [ ] No~~  
~~If "No," provide the name(s) of the dependent child(ren) for whom you do not provide 50% support.~~

c) Does the dependent child(ren) named within this application live with you at the address shown above? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 If "No," please list the dependent child(ren)'s name and address(es):

d) ~~Is anyone named in this application now disabled, mentally incompetent or unable to perform normal work or age-related activities? [ ] Yes [ ] No~~  
~~If "Yes," please identify name(s), health condition(s), date(s) of disability and name(s) and address(es) of the attending physician(s):~~

ed) If there is a stipulation in a legal decree or court order stating who is responsible for providing health insurance of the named dependent child(ren), please indicate name of the person who has primary custody of the dependent child(ren) and the name of the responsible person for health insurance:

**IV. MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Please answer ~~to~~ the following questions to the best of your knowledge. On the next page, please provide the complete details if you answer "Yes" to any of the questions below. The date that this application is signed is the date ~~from which~~ that you should use when answering questions that request you to provide prior history for various periods of time. The health insurance company does not use or collect genetic information for any underwriting purpose. Genetic information includes information related to genetic tests, genetic counseling, and any family history of a disease or disorder. Any such information should not be included on an application or communicated to the insurance company in any manner. Any genetic information that may be obtained will not be used for underwriting of health coverage. You are required to promptly notify your employer so that you may provide updated information to the small employer insurer(s) of any changes or developments in your, your spouse's or your dependent child(ren)'s health history that occur prior to your employer's notifying you that there has been an insurer's underwriting decision regarding this application.

- A. Are you, your spouse or any dependent child(ren) (even if not listed on the application) currently pregnant or an expectant parent? (If "Yes," due date is \_\_\_\_\_) [ ] Yes [ ] No
- B. Has anyone named in this application been treated or diagnosed by a medical professional as having Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or AIDS Related Complex (ARC)? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- C. Has anyone named in this application used tobacco or smokeless tobacco during the past 12 months? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 If "Yes," provide information as requested regarding the product, duration and frequency of use in section H below.
- D. In the past 5 years has anyone named in this application been evaluated or treated for alcoholism or chemical dependency; or joined any organization for alcoholism or chemical dependency; or used illegal drugs or been advised by a health care professional to reduce the use of alcohol or illegal drugs? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- E. Is anyone named in this application now disabled, mentally incompetent or unable to perform normal work or age-related activities? [ ] Yes [ ] No  
 If "Yes," please identify name(s), health condition(s), date(s) of disability and name(s) and address(es) of the attending physician(s):

EF. Within the past 10 years, has anyone named in this application been counseled, consulted or treated for any of the following (please check all conditions that apply):

**1. CIRCULATORY SYSTEM**

- a) heart disease or disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- b) stroke [ ] Yes [ ] No
- c) circulatory disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- d) chest pain [ ] Yes [ ] No

- e) high or low blood pressure [ ] Yes [ ] No
- f) elevated cholesterol and/or triglyceride levels [ ] Yes [ ] No
- g) anemia or blood disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No

**2. DIGESTIVE SYSTEM**

- a) ulcers [ ] Yes [ ] No
- b) stomach disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- c) liver/pancreas disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No

**3. GENITOURINARY SYSTEM**

- a) menstrual disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- b) genital disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- c) sexual dysfunction [ ] Yes [ ] No
- d) pregnancy complications (e.g., premature birth, miscarriage, c-section) [ ] Yes [ ] No

- e) infertility [ ] Yes [ ] No
- f) urinary tract/kidney/bladder disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No

**4. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM**

- a) diabetes [ ] Yes [ ] No
- b) thyroid disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- c) adrenal disorder [ ] Yes [ ] No
- d) enlargement of the lymph-nodes [ ] Yes [ ] No

- d) gallbladder disorder  Yes  No
- e) intestinal disorder (e.g., colitis, Crohn's disease)  Yes  No
- f) hernia  Yes  No
- g) rectal disorder  Yes  No

**6. RESPIRATORY SYSTEM**

- c) emphysema  Yes  No
- d) sinus or nasal disorder  Yes  No
- e) musculoskeletal disorder  Yes  No
- f) skin disorder  Yes  No
- g) chronic fatigue syndrome  Yes  No

**7. NERVOUS SYSTEM**

- a) epilepsy or other seizures  Yes  No
- b) headaches  Yes  No
- c) multiple sclerosis  Yes  No

**8. MUSCULAR or SKELETAL**

- a) arthritis  Yes  No
- b) fibromyalgia  Yes  No
- c) back disorder  Yes  No
- d) joint disorder  Yes  No
- e) musculoskeletal disorder  Yes  No
- f) skin disorder  Yes  No
- g) chronic fatigue syndrome  Yes  No

- e) connective tissue disorder  Yes  No

**5. EAR OR EYE**

- a) eye disorder  Yes  No
- b) ear disorder  Yes  No

**9. CANCER**

- a) cancer  Yes  No
- b) tumor  Yes  No
- c) abnormal growth  Yes  No
- d) carcinoma in situ  Yes  No
- e) lung disease or disorder  Yes  No
- f) shortness of breath  Yes  No

**10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- a) attention deficit disorder  Yes  No
- b) psychological disorder  Yes  No
- c) suicide attempt  Yes  No
- d) eating disorder  Yes  No

**11. OTHER**

- a) organ or other type of transplant or implant  Yes  No
- b) breast disorder  Yes  No
- c) lupus  Yes  No

FG. Within the last 5 years, has anyone named in this application to be covered by this insurance had any other injury, illness or treatment for any condition not already listed; been hospitalized or been scheduled for hospitalization; had surgery or had surgery scheduled; had a test or a test scheduled; or been recommended to have a test or surgery which was not performed for any reason not already mentioned in this application? *We are **not** seeking the results of HIV Antibody test.*  Yes  No

GH. In the space below please list and provide the complete details if you answered "Yes" above to any of the questions or conditions contained in sections A through FG. (**Attach additional pages as needed and sign the additional pages.**)

Question Number	Name of Person	Date(s) of Treatment	Give full details for each question answered "Yes," state the condition, duration and degree of recovery.	Name and address of attending physician or other health care provider.

H. If anyone named in this application is taking medication or has had prescribed or recommended any medication during the period of time related to your answer (i.e. past 5 years, past 10 years, or currently taking), please list all those medications, dosages, and what medical condition is being treated or were treated by each medication in the space provided below. (**Attach additional pages as needed and sign the additional pages.**)

Name of Person	Name, dosage and frequency of medication (include illness or health condition for which medication was prescribed)	Date(s) medication taken (indicate if ongoing)	Name and address of prescribing physician or licensed health care provider and dispensing pharmacy

**V. WAIVER OF COVERAGE**

I understand that I am eligible to apply for group health insurance through my employer. I do **NOT** want, and hereby waive, group health insurance for (check the box that applies):

- Waiving for myself  Waiving for my spouse  Waiving for my dependent child(ren)
- Waiving for me, my spouse and my dependent child(ren)

I am **waiving** group health insurance because (**check all that apply**):

- I, the employee, am covered or will be covered under another plan that is not sponsored by my employer. I am **not** enrolled for coverage under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP). If currently covered, please attach a copy of your identification card for that plan.
- I, the employee, do not have a risk characteristic or other attribute that would be the sole cause for the small employer insurer to make a decision with respect to premiums or eligibility for a policy that is adverse to the small employer.
- My spouse is covered or will be covered under another plan that is not sponsored by this employer. My spouse is **not** enrolled for coverage under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP). If currently covered, please attach a copy of your spouse's identification card for that plan.
- My dependent child(ren) is covered or will be covered under another plan that is not sponsored by my employer. My dependent child(ren) is **not** enrolled for coverage under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP). If currently covered, please attach your identification card for that plan. Please list, below, the name(s) of the child(ren) for whom coverage is being waived.
- I am **not** enrolled under the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan (HIRSP) and the annualized premium contribution to be paid by me on behalf of myself or my dependent spouse and child(ren) would exceed **10%** of my **annualized gross earnings from this employer**.
- Other reason (Please provide a written reason for waiving coverage):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER:** I certify that I have been given the opportunity to apply for group health insurance and decline to enroll as indicated above, on behalf of myself, my spouse and my dependent child(ren). I understand that by signing this waiver, I, my spouse, and my dependent child(ren) forfeit the right to coverage. I was not pressured, forced or unfairly induced by my employer, the agent or the insurer(s) into waiving or declining the group health insurance. If in the future I apply for coverage, I, my spouse, or any of my dependent child(ren) may be treated as a late enrollee and subject to postponement or an exclusion of coverage for preexisting conditions for a period of up to 18 months. This period may be offset by the time I, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) was covered under a qualified health plan.

I understand that if I am declining enrollment for myself, my spouse, or my dependent child(ren) because of other health insurance coverage, including Medicaid, I may in the future be able to enroll myself, my spouse, or my dependent child(ren) in this plan, provided that I request enrollment within 30 days after my other health coverage ends or 60 days after Medicaid ends. In addition, if I gain a dependent spouse or child(ren) as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, I understand that I may be able to enroll myself, my spouse and my dependent child(ren), provided that I request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. If I am declining enrollment for myself, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) because of coverage under Medicaid, I understand that if I, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) become eligible for group health plan premium assistance under Medicaid, I may be able to enroll myself, my spouse or my dependent child(ren), provided I request enrollment within 60 days of initial eligibility for the premium assistance. I understand that I can obtain enrollment information from my employer or small employer group health insurance carrier.

Signature of Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. MEDICARE INFORMATION**

If you need to complete this section for more than one person, **please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application (please sign and date the additional sheet).**

Are you, your spouse or your child(ren) covered by Medicare Part A?  Yes  No Medicare Part B?  Yes  No Medicare Part D  Yes  No  
Name of person covered by Medicare: \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes," reason for Medicare:  Over Age 65  Disability  End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)  Disability and ESRD

Medicare Part A Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare Part B Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare Part D Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. CURRENT AND PREVIOUS COVERAGE**

The information you provide about your other individual or group health insurance coverage (either prior or current) is necessary to determine whether you will have any waiting periods for preexisting conditions under the group health insurance plan under which you are applying for coverage. Your information will also help the small employer insurer(s) to coordinate benefits with any other group health coverage you may have. By providing this information you are not reducing your group health insurance for which you are applying.

**Do you, your spouse or your dependent child(ren) listed in this application have current health insurance coverage or had previous health insurance coverage within the last 18 months?  Yes  No**

If "Yes," please complete the following table and attach a copy of the Certificates of Creditable Coverage for each person.

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Starting with you, the employee, identify each person applying for insurance and include information for all current and previous health insurance coverage(s) in effect during the last 18 months.

Name	Insurance Company, Plan & Group Number	Effective Date of Coverage (mo/day/yr)	Termination Date of Coverage (mo/day/yr)	Reason for Termination of Coverage	Type of Coverage (see key below)

**Type of Coverage Key:** **G** = Group Comprehensive Major Medical; **I** = Individual Comprehensive Major Medical; **M** = Medicare Supplement; **D** = Drug Coverage Only; **H** = Hospital Coverage Only; **V** = Vision Coverage Only

**VIII. HEALTH PROVIDER OR PRODUCT SELECTION, IF APPLICABLE**

This section should be completed only if the small employer group insurance for which you are applying requires the selection of a network, primary care provider or clinic. If applicable, it should also be used to select the product options offered by the employer or insurer. With respect to the provider or network selection, a selection should be made for each individual applying for such coverage and for each insurer from which insurance coverage is being sought. The provider numbers may be listed in the provider materials (i.e., directory) that are supplied by each insurer to your employer. The provider numbers for the same provider may not be the same for different insurers or products. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Product Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coinsurance Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Deductible Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Copayment Option: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Selected Provider is for (choose only one):  Health Insurance  Dental Insurance  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Covered Person's Name	Network or Provider's Name or Number	Is this your current provider?

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Product Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coinsurance Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Deductible Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Copayment Option: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Selected Provider is for (choose only one):  Health Insurance  Dental Insurance  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Covered Person's Name	Network or Provider's Name or Number	Is this your current provider?

**IX. NON-HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE SELECTION, IF APPLICABLE**

Availability of coverage is determined by your employer and whether the coverage is approved for issuance by the insurer(s). Please list the insurer(s) below from whom you are applying for coverage and check all benefits for which you are applying. If you have been given a choice of plans to apply for, or if the coverage you are applying for requires the selection of a primary care provider/clinic/network, please complete the section entitled "Provider and/or Product Selection." If you are waiving application for any coverage on yourself and/or your spouse and/or dependent child(ren), please complete the "Waiver of Coverage" section at the end of this section.

**A. GROUP DENTAL COVERAGE**

- Employee     Employee and Spouse     Employee and Dependent Child(ren)  
 Employee, Spouse and Dependent Child(ren)

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Within the past 12 months, have you, your spouse or your dependent child(ren) had any individual or other group dental coverage?  Yes  No

If "Yes," please provide the following information:

Orthodontia coverage?  Yes  No

Dental Insurer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Coverage Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is coverage still in effect?  Yes  No

Who was or is covered under the policy listed above? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach copies of Certificates of Prior Coverage.

**B. GROUP LIFE/AD&D COVERAGE (dependent coverage only available if employee coverage elected)**

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employee Life/AD&D Amounts:**    **Basic Issue \$** \_\_\_\_\_    **Supplemental \$** \_\_\_\_\_    **Optional \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Beneficiary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beneficiary's Social Security \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Beneficiary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beneficiary's Social Security \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

**Dependent Life Amounts:**    **Basic Issue \$** \_\_\_\_\_    **Supplemental \$** \_\_\_\_\_    **Optional \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- Dependent Spouse Only     Dependent Child(ren) Only     Dependent Spouse and Dependent Child(ren)

**C. GROUP DISABILITY COVERAGE (only available to employees)**

- Short Term Disability     Long Term Disability    Your Annual Salary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Benefit Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / per week    Optional Benefit Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / per week

**D. GROUP DRUG COVERAGE**

- Employee     Employee and Spouse     Employee and Dependent Child(ren)  
 Employee, Spouse and Dependent Child(ren)

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. GROUP VISION COVERAGE**

- Employee     Employee and Spouse     Employee and Dependent Child(ren)  
 Employee, Spouse and Dependent Child(ren)

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

**F. WAIVER OF NON-HEALTH COVERAGE - This section must be completed if you or your dependents do NOT want the coverage listed above that is available to you through your employer.**

I understand that I am eligible to apply for coverage through my employer. I do NOT want coverage for (check all that apply) :

- Employee:**             Dental     Basic Life/AD&D     Supplemental Life/AD&D     Optional Life  
                                  Basic Disability     Optional Disability     Drug     Vision
- Spouse:**             Dental     Basic Life     Supplemental Life     Optional Life     Drug     Vision
- Dependent Child(ren):**     Dental     Basic Life     Supplemental Life     Optional Life     Drug     Vision

The reason I am waiving group coverage at this time is because of:

- Spousal coverage             Individual Coverage             Medicare             Medical Assistance  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER:** I certify that I was not pressured, forced or unfairly induced by my employer, the agent, or the insurer(s) into waiving (declining) the above-noted coverage. I understand that in the event that I should decide to apply for such coverage at a later date, the application will be subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the employer's policy(s), which may require additional limitations and waiting periods. I also understand that I, my spouse and my dependent child(ren) may be required to furnish, at my own expense, evidence of health status/health history representation satisfactory to the insurer(s). I understand that the insurer(s) reserves the right to deny coverage with any future application for coverage.

**Signature of Employee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**X. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

I hereby enroll for coverage under the insurance coverage(s) for which I am presently eligible, or for which I may become eligible under my employer's group contract(s). I have indicated in this Wisconsin Uniform Employee Application for Small Employer Group Health Insurance, if required, the Provider or Product Selection. I understand and agree that the information obtained by using this Application will be used by the insurer(s) to determine eligibility for benefits under my employer's group insurance policies. I, on behalf of myself, my spouse and my dependent child(ren), if any, named herein, agree to cooperate in providing the insurer(s) with information needed to process this Application. This might include signing a form for the release by hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers of pertinent health care records to the Medical Information Bureau, the insurer(s) or their legal representatives.

I acknowledge that I have read and completed the entire Application. If I received assistance in reading or completing this Application, I have identified in the space provided below the person(s) who provided me with such assistance. I declare and agree that the answers are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and true and, together with any supplements or addendums thereto, shall be the basis for any certificate of coverage or certificate of insurance issued. I understand and agree that neither the employer nor the agent has the authority to waive a complete answer to any question, pass on insurability, alter any contract, or waive any of the insurer's other rights or requirements. I additionally agree that the insurer(s) is not liable for any statement, representation, or other information provided to me, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) that is not expressly contained in a written document provided by the insurer and signed by an authorized officer of the insurer. I agree that no insurance will be effective until the date specified by the company on the certificate of coverage or certificate of insurance after this application has been accepted. I understand that any misrepresentation contained herein and relied upon by the insurer may be used to reduce or deny a claim or void the contract within the contestable period if such misrepresentation materially affects the acceptance of risk. I also understand that if I decline any coverage, future changes in coverage are NOT automatic and may be subject to the insurer's approval.

I understand and acknowledge that any person who, with intent to defraud or knowledge that the person is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false deceptive statement is committing a fraudulent act that is a crime. I further understand and acknowledge that in some states, any person who, for the purpose of intentionally misleading an insurer or other person, conceals significant information from an application or claim is committing a fraudulent act.

If any payroll deductions are required for this coverage, I authorize such deductions from my earnings. I reserve the right to revoke this deduction authorization at any time upon written notice to the employer. An Application should not be submitted more than 45 days prior to the effective date. This document will become a part of the insurance contract when coverage is approved and issued.

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I understand that I may request a copy of this Application and the Authorization to Use and Disclose Protected Health Information that are part of this Application. I agree that a photographic copy shall be as valid as the original. A legible facsimile signature shall have the same force and effectiveness as the original.

Signature of Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of each listed dependent who has attained the age of 18:

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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section if someone assisted you in the completion of this Application.

The following person assisted me in completing the Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain your relationship with the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

**Instructions:** Please read this authorization form carefully before signing. This form must be signed by each adult person seeking coverage, including all adult dependent children. Parents should sign for their minor children unless the minor has received treatment without parental consent, consistent with state law. Your application cannot be processed without a signature for each person seeking coverage. Signing this form is a condition of coverage: if you decide not to sign, you will not be enrolled in a health plan of the insurers listed below. You have the right to receive a copy of this form following your signature.

**I. Protected Health Information**

By signing this form, I authorize certain organizations and persons to use or disclose my, my spouse's and my dependent child (ren)'s protected health information. Protected health information includes, but is not limited to, hospital records, physician records, lab results, mental health records, and alcohol and/or drug abuse records. Protected health information may be written, oral, or electronic. This form does not permit the use or disclosure of psychotherapy notes or the disclosure of information concerning whether I, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) have obtained a test for the presence of HIV antigen or nonantigenic products of HIV or an antibody to HIV or what the results of this test were.

**II. Purpose of this Authorization Form**

By signing this form, I, my spouse and my dependent child(ren) authorize the use and disclosure of protected health information for the purposes of pre-enrollment underwriting or risk-rating of health insurance coverage for me, my spouse and my dependent child(ren), to determine eligibility for enrollment or benefits under a health plan or to allow the insurer to conduct utilization review and quality improvement activities ("Purpose").

**III. Entities Authorized to Use and Disclose My Protected Health Information**

**Insurers:** I hereby authorize the following insurers, their reinsurers, and their legal representatives ("Insurers") to receive, use, and disclose my, my spouse's and my dependent child(ren)'s protected health information for the Purpose listed above:

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Insurers to disclose my, my spouse's and my dependent child(ren)'s protected health information: between themselves, to reinsuring companies, and to the plan administrator (if other than the employer), plan sponsor (if other than the employer), insurance intermediaries, or other persons or organizations performing business or legal services in connection with the Purpose above.

I further authorize any licensed physician, medical practitioner, health care provider, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance or reinsuring company, Medical Information Bureau, Inc., consumer reporting agency, or other organization, institution, or person that has any record or knowledge of me, my spouse or my dependent(s), to give to Insurers any and all protected health information about me, my spouse, or my dependent(s) to be covered concerning diagnosis, treatment and prognosis for any physical or mental condition, history or character, general

reputation, personal trait, and mode of living, including, but not limited to, all medical and health care records, but not including whether I, my spouse or my dependent(s) obtained a test for the presence of HIV antigen or nonantigenic products of HIV or what the results of this test were.

**I, my spouse and my dependent child(ren) understand that protected health information described in this form may be used by, or disclosed to or by, organizations and persons who are not subject to federal or state privacy laws.**

**IV. Term of Authorization**

I agree this Authorization shall be valid for two and one half (2 ½) years from the latest signature date below.

**V. Right to Revoke**

I understand I, my spouse or my dependent child(ren) may revoke this authorization at any time by giving advance written notice to Insurers. Revocation of this authorization form will not affect actions Insurers and others took in reliance on this form prior to the written notice of revocation.

**I HAVE HAD FULL OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND CONSIDER THIS FORM. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AUTHORIZE THE USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN THIS FORM. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY ONLY REVOKE AUTHORIZATION FOR MYSELF OR MY MINOR CHILD(REN) UNLESS MY MINOR CHILD(REN) HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT WITHOUT MY CONSENT, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. (CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE.)**

_____ Signature of Adult Applicant	_____ Date signed	_____ Printed Name
_____ Signature of Spouse (if applicable)	_____ Date signed	_____ Printed Name

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (Continued)**

**I HAVE HAD FULL OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND CONSIDER THIS FORM. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AUTHORIZE THE USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN THIS FORM. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY ONLY REVOKE AUTHORIZATION FOR MYSELF OR MY MINOR CHILD(REN) UNLESS MY MINOR CHILD(REN) HAS RECEIVED TREATMENT WITHOUT MY CONSENT, CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW.**

_____ Signature of Adult Dependent (if applicable)	_____ Date signed	_____ Printed Name
_____ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian for Minor Child(ren) (if applicable)	_____ Date signed	_____ Name of Minor Child (please print)

If signing for more than one child, please list the names of each child for whom you are signing:

_____ Name of Minor Child (please print)	_____ Name of Minor Child (please print)
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**For services received by a minor that under state law the minor may consent to treatment without parental or legal guardian consent:**

_____ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian for Minor Child (if minor received treatment with knowledge of parent)	_____ Date signed	_____ Name of Minor Child (please print)
_____ Signature of Minor Child (if minor may have received treatment that does not require parent or legal guardian authorization)	_____ Date signed	_____ Name of Minor Child (please print)

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**Signature of Minor Child** (if minor may have received treatment that does not require parent or legal guardian authorization)

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**Date signed**

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**Name of Minor Child** (please print)

**SECTION 2.** These changes will take effect on the first day of the month after publication, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2010.

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Sean Dilweg  
Commissioner of Insurance

**Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Private Sector Fiscal Analysis**

For rule s. Ins 8.49 Appendix 1,  
relating to small employer uniform employee group health insurance application.

This rule change will have no significant effect on the private sector as the modifications are very minor and will assist in ensuring employees have information with which to make informed decisions and assist in coordinating benefits with the federal Medicare program.