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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to qualified health plans

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 3242 to read as follows:

S 3242. QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS: PREMIUMS AND GRACE PERIOD. (A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

(1) "QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1301 OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, 42 U.S.C. S 18021, OR ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

(2) "GRACE PERIOD" MEANS THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ALLOWED FOR NONPAYMENT OF PREMIUMS BY AN ENROLLEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1412 OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, 42 U.S.C. S 18082, OR ANY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER.

(B) FOR AN ENROLLEE WHO IS IN THE SECOND OR THIRD MONTH OF THE GRACE PERIOD, AN ISSUER OF A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN SHALL:

(1) UPON REQUEST BY A PROVIDER, PROVIDE INFORMATION WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS REGARDING THE ENROLLEE'S ELIGIBILITY STATUS, TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICAL TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE; AND

(2) NOTIFY A PROVIDER THAT AN ENROLLEE IS IN THE GRACE PERIOD WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SUBMITTAL OF A CLAIM OR STATUS REQUEST FOR SERVICES PROVIDED, WITH SUCH NOTIFICATION, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY.

S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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