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BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan Announce Dependent Children May Remain On Their Parents' Policy In Advance Of New Federal Law

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and BlueChoice HealthPlan will allow adult children to remain covered on their parents' policy in advance of a new federal law.

We will allow covered individuals under age 26 to remain on their parents' individual health insurance policies effective June 1. We will also offer this extension of coverage to our fully insured employer accounts for their employees.

This extension applies to those who currently have coverage and would lose that coverage during the gap between June 1 and the effective date of the new law.

The extension does not apply to those who currently are not covered. Those currently uninsured will be offered this coverage when the law takes effect later this year.

That law, enacted last month, extends coverage to adult children up to age 26 for plan years effective after September 23, 2010. However, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans feel that this timetable could mean many young people would lose their coverage prior to this date because of their age, student status (including graduation from school) or other factors. So shortly after the law passed, we pro-actively began discussions to see how we could help young Americans remain covered through their parents' plans.

This is one example of how we, along with all of the other 38 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, are committed to implementing the letter and the intent of the new law, and to enhance and preserve coverage for our 100 million members nationwide.

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