

SENATE BILL NO. 349

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AN ISSUER WHO OFFERS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT INCLUDES ELECTIVE ABORTION COVERAGE TO ALSO SELL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ELECTIVE ABORTION COVERAGE; REQUIRING NOTICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Requirements on ELECTIVE abortion coverage -- notification -- definitions.** (1) A health insurance issuer offering individual or group health insurance coverage that includes coverage for ELECTIVE abortion shall also offer health insurance coverage that does not include coverage for ELECTIVE abortion.

(2) Notice regarding whether a plan of individual or group health insurance coverage includes coverage for ELECTIVE abortion must be provided by:

(a) a navigator, certified application counselor, or other person who is assisting an individual in using an exchange; and

(b) a health insurance issuer or insurance producer prior to selling the health insurance coverage.

(3) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

(a) ~~"Abortion" has the meaning provided in 50-20-104~~ "ELECTIVE ABORTION" MEANS AN ABORTION AS DEFINED IN 50-20-104 THAT IS PERFORMED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN WHEN:

(I) THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER IS ENDANGERED BY A PHYSICAL DISORDER, PHYSICAL ILLNESS, OR PHYSICAL INJURY, INCLUDING A LIFE-ENDANGERING CONDITION CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM THE PREGNANCY ITSELF; OR

(II) THE PREGNANCY IS THE RESULT OF AN ACT OF RAPE OR INCEST.

(b) "Exchange" has the meaning provided in 33-17-102.

(c) "Navigator" has the meaning provided in 33-17-102.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 22, apply to [section 1].

2 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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