



BERMUDA

HEALTH INSURANCE (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT ACT 2021

2021 : 3

WHEREAS it is expedient to validate the extension to 90 days of the period in which premiums that were due between 1 February 2020 and 1 April 2020 had to be paid under the Health Insurance (Plans) Regulations 1987, and to amend the Health Insurance (Health Insurance Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 1988 and the Health Insurance (FutureCare Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 2009 to provide for reimbursement of providers of telehealth under the plans, with effect from 1 February 2020;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Health Insurance (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2021.

Temporary extension of period for premium payment under Health Insurance (Plans) Regulations 1987

2 (1) In respect of any premium under a plan that is, or becomes, due in the period 1 February 2020 to 1 April 2020 (both dates included), notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Health Insurance (Plans) Regulations 1987—

- (a) cover under the plan shall not cease; and
- (b) insurance under the plan shall not be terminated,

only because payment of any such premium is not made within the period prescribed by those Regulations, unless the premium remains due and unpaid after 90 days of the date it became due.

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(2) In subsection (1), “plan” means the health insurance plan or the FutureCare plan, as the case may be.

Amends Schedule to the Health Insurance (Health Insurance Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 1988

3 In the Schedule to the Health Insurance (Health Insurance Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 1988, insert after paragraph 16—

“17. Any benefit specified in this Schedule that, instead of an office visit, is delivered through telehealth by a provider who is in Bermuda, at the same reimbursement rate as for the office visit.”.

Amends Schedule to the Health Insurance (FutureCare Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 2009

4 In the Schedule to the Health Insurance (FutureCare Plan) (Additional Benefits) Order 2009, insert after paragraph 13—

“14. Any benefit specified in this Schedule that, instead of an office visit, is delivered through telehealth by a provider who is in Bermuda, at the same reimbursement rate as for the office visit.”.

Commencement

5 This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 February 2020.

[Assent Date: 21 January 2021]

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