

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0008

ENROLLED ACT NO. 4, SENATE

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2010 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to child support; requiring that parents provide for the medical support of dependent children as specified; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 20-2-401(a)(i)(A), (B) and (ii) and 20-2-406(a) by creating new paragraphs (xi) through (xiii) and by renumbering (xi) as (xiv) are amended to read:

20-2-401. Medical support to be included as part of child support order.

(a) In any action to establish or modify a child support obligation, the court shall order either or both of the parents to provide medical support, which may include dental, optical or other health care needs for their dependent children. The court shall:

(i) Require in the support order:

(A) That one (1) or both parents shall provide insurance coverage for the children if insurance can be obtained ~~through an employer or other group carrier, or if it is otherwise reasonably available~~ at a reasonable cost and the benefits under the insurance policy are accessible to the children; and

(B) That ~~one (1) or~~ both parents be liable to pay any medical expenses not covered by insurance and any deductible amount on the required insurance coverage as cash medical support; or

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(ii) Specify in the court order the proportion for which each parent will be liable for any medical expenses as cash medical support, which may include dental, optical or other health care expenses incurred by any person or agency on behalf of a child if the expenses are not covered by insurance.

20-2-406. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xi) "Accessible" means the health care insurance plan is available and provides coverage for the child residing within the geographic area covered by the insurance plan;

(xii) "Cash medical support" means any child support order calculated pursuant to article 3 of this chapter, or an amount ordered to be paid toward the cost of health care coverage provided by another parent through the parent's employer or otherwise, or for other medical costs not covered by insurance;

(xiii) "Reasonable cost" means the cost to provide health care coverage or to provide cash medical support for children at no more than five percent (5%) of the providing party's income, as defined in W.S. 20-2-303(a)(ii);

~~(xi)~~ (xiv) "This act" means W.S. 20-2-401 through 20-2-406.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2010.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk