

### **513B.17 Discretion of the commissioner.**

1. The commissioner may suspend all or any part of section 513B.4 as to the premium rates applicable to one or more small employers for one or more rating periods upon a filing by the small employer carrier and a finding by the commissioner that the suspension is reasonable in light of the financial condition of the carrier or that the suspension would enhance the efficiency and fairness of the marketplace for small employer health insurance.
2. The commissioner may suspend or modify the normal work week requirement of thirty or more hours under the definition of eligible employee upon a finding by the commissioner that the suspension would enhance the availability of health insurance to employees of small employers.
3. The commissioner may adopt, by rule or order, transition provisions to facilitate the implementation and administration of this chapter.
4. The commissioner may, with the concurrence of the board of the Iowa small employer health reinsurance program established in section 513B.13, extend the applicability of the provisions of this subchapter to employers employing up to fifty full-time equivalent employees upon a finding that the market for health insurance coverage for employer groups employing between twenty-five and fifty employees is constricted and not competitive, or upon a finding that the purpose of this subchapter will be furthered by such extension. The extension of the applicability of this subchapter may exclude section 513B.13 relating to reinsurance. Upon the extension of the applicability to employers employing up to fifty full-time equivalent employees the definition of "*small employer*" is deemed to include employers of up to fifty full-time equivalent employees.

91 Acts, ch 244, § 8

CS91, §513B.8

92 Acts, ch 1167, § 18

C93, § 513B.17

93 Acts, ch 80, § 14; 97 Acts, ch 103, §34