

**191—71.17(513B) Notification requirements.**

**71.17(1)** A group health plan or carrier shall provide written notice to the employee and dependents of:

- a.* The existence of any preexisting condition exclusions.
- b.* The length of time to which the exclusions will apply.
- c.* The right of the employee or dependent to appeal a decision to impose a preexisting condition exclusion.
- d.* The right of the person to demonstrate creditable coverage including:
  - (1) The right of the person to request a certificate from a prior group health plan or carrier;
  - (2) A statement that the current group health plan or carrier will assist in obtaining the certificate;
  - (3) That the group health plan or carrier will use the alternative method of counting creditable coverage; and
  - (4) Special enrollment rights when an employee declines coverage for the employee or dependents.

**71.17(2)** A group health plan or carrier shall provide written notice to the employee and dependents of the modification of a prior creditable coverage decision when the group health plan or carrier subsequently determines either no or less creditable coverage existed provided that the group health plan or carrier acts according to its initial determination until the final determination is made.

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