

June 6, 2002

H 1580. STATE HEALTH PLAN CHANGES. TO PROVIDE THAT THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN PROVIDES BENEFITS ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT DESIGN FOR OFFICE VISITS UNDER THE PLAN, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO DEDUCTIBLES AND AGGREGATE MAXIMUMS. Changes fiscal year for State Health Plan from July 1-June 30 to Jan. 1-Dec. 31. For six-month period from July 1, 2002, until Dec. 31, 2002, provides for deductibles and aggregate maximums under plan as follows: (1) deductible per individual of \$200 (now, \$350 per year); (2) deductible per family of \$600 (now, \$1050 per year); (3) maximum co-payment of \$800 per person (now, \$1,500 per year) and \$2,400 per family (now, \$4,500); (4) maximum co-payment for prescription drugs of \$1,500 per person; (5) maximum benefits for chiropractic services of \$1,050 (now, \$2,000 per year), for routine diagnostic examinations of \$80 (now, \$150 per year), and for outpatient diabetes programs of \$160 (now, \$300 per year); and (6) precertification for outpatient visits for chemical dependency or mental health beyond 14 visits (now, 26 per year). Effective Jan. 1, 2003, increases deductibles and co-payments as follows: deductible for individual increased from \$350 to \$375 and for family from \$1,050 to \$1,125; maximum co-payment increased from \$1,500 to \$1,600 for individual and from \$4,500 to \$4,800 per family. Effective July 1, 2003, allows employee to choose the following as an alternative plan to regular deductibles and co-payments: 80%/20% co-payment does not apply to doctor's services, outpatient benefits, physical therapy, inhalation therapy, speech therapy, chiropractic services, occupational therapy, or routine diagnostic examinations but coverage is not provided for the first \$25 (regular plan is \$15) of those services; annual deductible of \$425 per individual and \$1,275 per family of all other services; and regular plan co-payment of 80%/20% applies to other services. Effective July 1, 2002.

Intro. by Wright by request.

Ref. to Rules	GS 135
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