

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. 0024

ENROLLED ACT NO. 46, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to group health insurance; limiting the use of genetic testing results by group insurers as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 26-19-107 by creating a new subsection (m) and 26-19-306 by creating a new subsection (j) are amended to read:

**26-19-107. Group disability and blanket insurance standard provisions; exceptions.**

(m) In addition to the prohibitions on the use of genetic information provided in paragraph (g)(vi) of this section, an insurer offering a policy of group or blanket disability insurance shall not, based on the genetic testing information of an individual or a family member of an individual:

(i) Deny eligibility;

(ii) Adjust premium rates;

(iii) Adjust contribution rates;

(iv) Request or require predictive genetic testing information concerning an individual or a family member of the individual, except the insurer may request, but not require, predictive genetic testing information if needed for diagnosis, treatment or payment. As part of a request under this paragraph, the plan or issuer shall provide a description of the procedures in place to safeguard confidentiality of the information.

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**26-19-306. Availability of coverage.**

(j) In addition to the prohibition on the use of genetic testing information provided in paragraph (c)(i) of this section, all health benefit plans covering small employers shall not, based on the genetic testing information of an individual or a family member of an individual:

(i) Establish rules of eligibility to enroll in the plan;

(ii) Deny eligibility;

(iii) Adjust premium rates;

(iv) Adjust contribution rates;

(v) Request or require predictive genetic testing information concerning an individual or a family member of the individual, except the health benefit plan may only request, but not require, predictive genetic testing information if needed for diagnosis, treatment or payment. As part of a request under this paragraph, the plan or issuer shall provide a description of the procedures in place to safeguard confidentiality of the information.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk