ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0072

ENROLLED ACT NO. 17, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2004 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to medical support for children; amending deadlines for actions by the obligor's employer, as specified; providing for termination of employer-provided health insurance upon termination of the obligor's employment; amending grounds for contest by a medical support obligor; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 20-2-402(a)(iii) and (v) by creating a new subparagraph (D), 20-2-404(c) and 26-15-135(c)(iii) are amended to read:

## 20-2-402. Employer's obligations.

(a) Where a parent is required by a court or administrative order to provide health coverage for a child, at the time of the order, which is offered by and available through an employer doing business in this state to the parent, the employer is required to comply with the following:

(iii) To transfer the national medical support notice to the appropriate group health plan providing the health care coverage for which the child is eligible within twenty (20) business days after <u>receipt</u> the date of the national medical support notice;

(v) Not to disenroll, or eliminate coverage of, the child unless the employee is no longer insured by that employer's plan or the employer is provided satisfactory written evidence that:

(D) The employee is no longer working for the employer.

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## 20-2-404. Rights of obligor.

(c) The obligor may contest the withholding based on any lawful grounds, including mistake of fact, according to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. Notwithstanding any contest by the obligor under this subsection, the employer shall initiate withholding until the employer receives notice from the department that withholding is no longer required. Any funds that are found to be inappropriately withheld shall be refunded to the obligor, if no arrearages exist, in accordance with rules and regulations of the department.

## 26-15-135. Coverage of children.

(c) Where a parent is required by a court or administrative order to provide health coverage for a child and the parent is eligible for family health coverage, the insurer shall be required:

(iii) To complete and return the plan administrator response in conjunction with the national medical support notice to the department of family services within forty (40) business days after <u>receipt</u> the date of the notice; and ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0072

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2004.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

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

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk