

40-2202. Same; form of policy; policies issued to nonresidents. (a) No policy of accident and sickness insurance shall be delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state unless:

(1) The entire money and other considerations therefor are expressed therein;

(2) the time at which the insurance takes effect and terminates is expressed therein;

(3) it purports to insure only one person, except that a policy may insure, originally or by subsequent amendment, upon the application of an adult member of a family who shall be deemed the policyholder, any two or more eligible members of such family, including husband, wife, dependent children or any children under a specified age which shall not exceed nineteen years and any other person dependent upon the policyholder;

(4) the style, arrangement and over-all appearance of the policy give no undue prominence to any portion of the text, and unless every printed portion of the text of the policy and of any endorsements or attached papers is plainly printed in lightfaced type of a style in general use, the size of which shall be uniform and not less than 10-point with a lower-case unspaced alphabet length not less than 120-point (the "text" shall include all printed matter except the name and address of the insurer, name or title of the policy, the brief description if any, and captions and subcaptions);

(5) the exceptions and reductions of indemnity are set forth in the policy and, except those which are set forth in K.S.A. 40-2203, and amendments thereto, are printed, at the insurer's option, either included with the benefit provision to which they apply, or under an appropriate caption such as "Exceptions," or "Exceptions and reductions," provided, that if an exception or reduction specifically applies only to a particular benefit of the policy, a statement of such exception or reduction shall be included with the benefit provision to which it applies;

(6) each such form, including riders and endorsements, shall be identified by a form number in the lower left-hand corner of the first page thereof;

(7) it contains no provision purporting to make any portion of the charter, rules, constitution, or bylaws of the insurer a part of the policy unless such portion is set forth in full in the policy, except in the case of the incorporation of, or reference to, a statement of rates or classification of risks, or short-rate table filed with the commissioner of insurance; and

(8) any provision purporting to base the payment of benefits on "usual, customary and reasonable charges" or a standard of similar import is specifically defined and the determination of payable benefits is developed from a statistically valid sample which: (A) Equitably recognizes geographic variations; (B) is produced at least every six months; and (C) is collected on the basis of the most current codes and nomenclature developed and maintained by recognized authorities.

(b) If any policy is issued by an insurer domiciled in this state for delivery to a person residing in another state, and if the official having responsibility for the administration of the insurance laws of such other state shall have advised the commissioner of insurance that any such policy is not subject to approval or disapproval by such official, the commissioner of insurance may by ruling require that such policy meet the standards set forth in subsection (a) of this section and in K.S.A. 40-2203, and amendments thereto.

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