500.3561 Insolvency; continuation of benefits.

Sec. 3561. A health maintenance organization shall have a plan for handling insolvency that allows for continuation of benefits for the duration of the health maintenance contract period for which premiums have been paid and continuation of benefits to any enrollee who is confined on the date of insolvency in an inpatient facility until his or her discharge from the facility. Continuation of benefits in the event of insolvency is satisfied if the health maintenance organization has at least 1 of the following, as approved by the director:

(a) A financial guarantee contract insured by a surety bond issued by an independent insurer with a secure rating from a rating agency that meets the requirements of section 436a(1)(p).

(b) A reinsurance contract issued by an authorized or eligible insurer to cover the expenses to be paid for continued benefits after an insolvency.

(c) A contract between the health maintenance organization and its affiliated providers that provides for the continuation of provider services in the event of the health maintenance organization's insolvency. A health maintenance organization shall include in a contract under this subdivision a mechanism for appropriate sharing by the health maintenance organization of the continuation of provider services as approved by the director and shall not include a provision that continuation of provider services is solely the responsibility of the affiliated providers.

(d) An irrevocable letter of credit.

(e) An insolvency reserve account established with a federal or state chartered financial institution under a trust indenture acceptable to the director for the sole benefit of subscribers and enrollees, equal to 3 months' premium income.


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