500.3923 Riders or endorsements; certain changes in benefits or premiums; definition, explanation, description, and labeling of certain terms.

Sec. 3923. (1) Except for riders or endorsements by which the insurer effectuates a request made in writing by the insured under an individual long-term care insurance policy, all riders or endorsements added to a long-term care insurance policy after date of issue or at reinstatement or renewal that reduce or eliminate benefits or coverage in the policy shall require signed acceptance by the insured individual. After the date of policy issue, any rider or endorsement that increases benefits or coverage with a concomitant increase in premium during the policy term shall be agreed to in writing and signed by the insured, except if the increased benefits or coverage are required by law. If a separate additional premium is charged for benefits provided in connection with riders or endorsements, that premium charge shall be set forth in the policy, rider, or endorsement.

(2) A long-term care insurance policy that provides for the payment of benefits based on standards described as "usual and customary", "reasonable and customary", or words of similar import shall include a definition of the terms and an explanation of the terms in its accompanying summary of coverage.

(3) If a long-term care insurance policy contains any limitations with respect to preexisting conditions, the limitations shall appear as a separate paragraph of the policy and shall be labeled as "preexisting condition limitations".

(4) A long-term care insurance policy containing any limitations or conditions for eligibility shall set forth a description of the limitations or conditions, including any required number of days of confinement, in a separate paragraph of the policy and shall label the paragraph "limitations or conditions on eligibility for benefits".


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