



July 10, 2007

OAD CHANGES

Dependent Age Eligibility Change

During the 2007 Idaho Legislative Session, a bill was signed into law regarding dependent children eligibility. The new law is effective July 1st, 2007, and increases the age that dependent children can stay on their parents plan from nineteen (19) to twenty-one (21), and from twenty-three (23) to twenty-five (25) for full time college students who are financially dependent upon the parent. Regence BlueShield of Idaho has opted to increase the dependent age limit to twenty-five (25) for individual business and small groups with 2-50 eligible employees. Groups of 51-99 remain unchanged

Dependent children that previously lost eligibility based on age, but will be eligible as of July 1st, 2007, will be considered newly eligible dependents and can reapply for coverage with Regence BlueShield of Idaho.