



Broker Bulletin

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MVP Update on Same Sex Marriage Law

As you are aware, a law was recently passed legalizing same sex marriage in New York State beginning July 24th.

As a result of this new law, nothing has or will change with regard to MVP policies and procedures for spousal enrollment.

Please Note

- The employer group is still responsible for eligibility.
- There are no additional documents required to enroll same sex spouses. As with opposite sex spousal enrollment, we do not require marriage certificates or other proof of marriage for the purpose of enrollment.
- Under previous legislation in NYS, MVP was required to recognize same sex "marriages" wherever legally performed (eg New Hampshire, Vermont & Massachusetts) for the purpose of covering spouses in health insurance. That will remain unchanged.
- The only federal law at this point that may impact the same sex spousal rights is COBRA. Since federal law does not recognize same sex spouses, continuation of coverage would need to be through the State not Federal COBRA.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact your account representative.

