

# Blanket Accident / Sickness

The following standard is provided to assist the insurer in submitting a filing. This is a brief synopsis and not intended to be all-inclusive or contain all requirements or exceptions. All references should be reviewed for compliance. References beginning with "31A" refer to Utah Code and those beginning with "R590" refer to department rules under Utah Admin Code. As required by § 31A-21-201(2), the insurer is responsible for assuring that all filings submitted are in compliance. Filings found to be out of compliance may be referred to our Market Conduct Division for review and possible action.

## Filing

Subject	Citation	Description
Combination	R590-220-12	A filing that incorporates accident & health insurance and life insurance must be filed under each instance and reference each SERFF tracking number in the Filing Description.
Content Standards	R590-220-5(1)	A form that incorporates other accident & health insurance types must comply with the applicable content standards.
Filing Submission	31A-1-301(68) 31A-21-201 R590-220	An insurer is responsible for assuring a filing is compliant with Utah law. A non-compliant filing will be rejected and not considered filed with the department.
Form Number	R590-220-7(1)(b)	A form must be clearly identified by a unique form number, and the form number may not be variable.
Multi-Line	R590-220-6(2) & (3) R590-220-7(3)	Utah does not allow a single filing for multiple types of insurance (TOI), aka multi-line. All filings must be submitted by TOI and market type (group or individual).
Policy & Related Forms	31A-1-301(72) & (145) R590-220-7(3)	A policy is an enforceable contract. A policy consists of all related forms.
Variability	R590-220-6(4)(f) R590-220-7(1)	A form containing variable data must have a certification statement. Variability as a separate document must be identified by its own unique form number and edition date. Blank spaces must be completed to accurately represent the intended purpose and use.

## General

Subject	Citation	Description
Age	31A-22-613 R590-126-6(8)	If age is used in determining a benefit, a factor affecting premium, or coverage, it must be disclosed.
Appeal / Grievance Process	31A-22-629 R590-192-8 R590-203	A form must include an adverse benefit determination and grievance process that complies with the federal claims regulation.
Application	31A-21-201(3)(a)(iv) R590-220-7(2)	An individual enrollment form is not permissible. A policy filing must include a group application or an informational copy and reference the SERFF tracking number in the Filing Description.
Arbitration	R590-122	If included, a permissible arbitration provision must be properly disclosed and may not deprive Utah courts of jurisdiction over an action against an insurer. Permissible: -Optional binding arbitration at the exclusive election of an insured party. -Both compulsory and optional binding arbitration at the election of either the insured or the insurer. Not permissible: -Compulsory non-binding arbitration
Beneficiary / Estate	31A-22-614(4) R590-192-12(12)	An unpaid benefit following an insured's death is to be issued to the beneficiary or estate. Imposing a dollar limit is not considered good faith.
Cancellation, Renewability, and Termination	31A-22-607(4) 31A-22-727 R590-126-5(3)	A policy may not be terminated without cause before the renewal date. A captioned renewal or non-renewal disclosure, with duration, is required on the first page of the policy.
Certificate	31A-21-311	A certificate must contain a summary of the benefits, exclusions and limitations, and any rights of conversion.
Claim Settlement	31A-26-301 & 301.6 R590-192	Claims must be settled in a fair and timely manner. Interest must be paid when a claim is not addressed promptly.
Company Name & State of Domicile	31A-21-201, 301 & 311	A form must conspicuously reference the exact name of the insurer and its state of domicile; variability is not permitted.
Definitions	31A-1-301 R590-126-3	A form must comply with these definitions and others, as applicable.
Electronic Notices	31A-21-316	An electronic notification must provide consumer awareness and consent, and be filed with the department.
Endorsement or Rider	31A-21-106(2) 31A-21-302 R590-126-6(3) & (4)	An in-force contract may not be modified unless it is in writing and requires a signed acceptance by the policyholder. If an additional premium is charged, the premium must be disclosed in the policy or certificate.

Felony, Riot, Insurrection or Illegal Activities	31A-21-201(3) R590-126-4(4)	A loss must be directly related to the insured's voluntary participation.
Grace Period	31A-22-607	A policy must include a 30-day grace period and must not be terminated prior to the end of the grace period.
Incontestability	31A-22-609	Only a fraudulent misstatement regarding insurability is a basis for avoidance after coverage has been in effect for two years.
Incorporation by Reference	31A-21-106 Bulletin 94-1	A form may not incorporate any provision not fully disclosed unless citing a federal or state law, rule, or public directive.
Jurisdiction	31A-21-314	A form may not contain any provision requiring it to be construed according to the laws of another jurisdiction, or deny Utah courts jurisdiction.
Limitation of Actions	31A-21-313	A form may not limit an action brought against an insurer to earlier than 60 days after proof of loss, waiver of proof of loss, or denial of payment. An insurer may not limit or restrict an action to less than three years.
Limitations or Exclusions	31A-21-201(3) R590-126-4	A form may not limit or exclude coverage or benefits that are in the public's interest. An exception must be approved by the commissioner.
Nondiscrimination Among Health Care Professionals	31A-22-618 R590-126-3	An insurer may not unfairly discriminate against any licensed class of health care provider when the treatment is within the scope of the provider's license.
Notice and Proof of Loss	31A-21-312 R590-192-7 Bulletin 87-6	The proof of loss provision must allow the insured or claimant to file a notice or proof of loss as soon as reasonably possible.
Notice of Termination	31A-22-716	A policy must include a provision that obligates the policyholder to give 30 days prior written notice to each member.
Overpayment / Payment Recovery	31A-21-108 31A-26-301.6(14) R590-131-8(6)	Recovery of an overpayment improperly paid must be by the timeframes outlined in statute.
Premium Change	31A-21-106(2)(b) 31A-21-302 R590-126-5(14)	A change in premium is only allowable at renewal and in specific circumstances.
Return of Premium	31A-21-302 31A-21-315	An insurer must return any excess premium without being requested.
Usual & Customary	31A-21-201(3)(a) R590-126-3(48) R590-126-6(5)	The use of a term such as usual & customary, or similar, must be defined.

## Dependent

Subject	Citation	Description
Administrative or Court Ordered Coverage	31A-22-610.5	Coverage must be provided without regard to open enrollment, dependency, residency, or service area. Unless otherwise specified in a court order, coverage must remain in force as it would for any other dependent.
Coverage from the Moment of Birth or Date of Placement	31A-22-610	<p>If providing coverage for a dependent child, coverage must also be provided for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A newborn child from the moment of birth; and</li> <li>2. An adopted child, from the moment of birth if placement for adoption occurs within 30 days of the child's birth, or from the date of placement if placement occurs 30 days or more after the child's birth.</li> </ol> <p>Placement for adoption may not be defined more restrictively than the assumption and retention of a legal obligation.</p> <p>Notification, enrollment, and additional premium, if required, must be disclosed.</p>
Dependent Eligibility	31A-22-610.5	<p>If providing coverage for a dependent child, the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a dependent must be covered up to age 26;</li> <li>- all dependents must be treated equally (step, court or administrative ordered, etc);</li> <li>- may not require financial dependency;</li> <li>- may not require residency status;</li> <li>- may not require student status; and</li> <li>- coverage must continue in force through the last day of the month</li> </ul>
Disabled Dependents	31A-22-611	A form that provides dependent coverage must comply with the terminology and eligibility of an impaired dependent.

Enrollment when Additional Premium not Required	31A-22-610(2)(e)	If additional premium is not required for a new dependent, an insured has 30 days from the denial of a claim to enroll the child.
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## Specific

Subject	Citation	Description
Accident Benefit Standards	R590-126-7(6) & (7)	A form must comply with the required standards.
Additional Disclosures	R590-126-6(7)	A form must include the required disclosure and notice based on the coverage and benefit type.
Coordination of Benefits	31A-22-619 R590-131-8(2)	Coordination of benefits is not allowed as this product does not meet the definition of a conforming plan, except for an accident-only policy.
Emergency Services	31A-22-627	A plan must comply with the definition and minimum requirements of an emergency medical condition.
Fracture	R590-126-5(12)	A form may not limit benefits to "full or complete" fractures or dislocations only.
Non-Policyholder Enrollment	31A-1-301(14)	A filing should not include an individual enrollment or application form.
Notice to Buyer	R590-126-6(7)	A form must include the required notice and disclosure.
Post Hospital Admission	R590-126-5(7)	A form providing convalescent / extended care coverage may not condition a benefit for admission to less than 14 days after discharge from the hospital.
Preexisting Conditions	31A-22-605.1 R590-126-3(38) R590-126-4(2) R590-126-6(6)	A preexisting condition may not be defined more restrictively than outlined in statute and must appear as a separate paragraph.
Probationary Period	R590-126-4(1)(c)	An accident plan may not contain a probationary or waiting period.
Reasonable Time Limits	31A-21-201(3)(a)(i)	A time limit exceeding a 30-day duration to receive a benefit, for a specific condition, is considered unfair and not in the public's interest.
Time Limit for Occurrence of Loss	R590-126-5(10)	A plan must pay a benefit when a loss occurs within 180 days from the date of an accident.

## Reporting

Subject	Citation	Description
Discontinuance	31A-21-201(1)	When discontinuing or non-renewing a plan, the department requests the number of policyholders and covered lives affected, and identify the plan currently marketed as the most similar replacement.
Plan of Orderly Withdrawal	31A-4-115	Before withdrawing from offering a line of insurance, an insurer must submit: - a request in writing for approval by the commissioner; - a notification of intent to the appropriate divisions; and - a copy of the above information filed in SERFF.
Withdrawal of Previous Filing(s)	R590-220-5(8)	An insurer must notify the department when they no longer offer a form, rate, or supplementary information.