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**AVMED IMPLEMENTS DEPENDENT COVERAGE  
REFORM PROVISION EARLY**

**MIAMI, FL – May 28, 2010** – AvMed Health Plans will extend coverage to young adults currently enrolled as dependents on their parents’ plans. The newly enacted health reform law expands coverage for dependents under the age of 26 for plan years beginning on or after September 23, 2010. AvMed will adopt the change ahead of schedule to ensure dependents who are currently enrolled will not experience a gap in coverage.

“This decision is consistent with our commitment to service excellence,” said Ed Hannum, AvMed President and COO. “AvMed is proactively implementing this provision because we realize many young adults who are currently AvMed members lose their student status, and potentially their coverage, upon graduation this spring. We didn’t want them to have to wait until the full law takes effect. “

This coverage will be effective immediately for currently enrolled dependents of Individual and Small Group plan members. AvMed will also offer the extension of coverage to their Large Group employer clients for their employees.

The early coverage extension does not apply to dependents who currently are not covered or are enrolled in COBRA.

AvMed Health Plans, one of the largest and oldest not for profits in the state, has been serving Floridians for over 40 years. Large and small businesses around the state count on AvMed for quality benefit options. AvMed’s trademark service is consistently rated the best in Florida.

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