



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
LAW DEPARTMENT

December 6, 2011

Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Response to Board Order #192224

Dear Honorable Board Members:

You have requested that the Director of Personnel and I report back to you as to why Somerville residents previously covered as survivors through their parent's policies will not receive coverage from the Group Insurance Commission (GIC). Generally, the GIC establishes that surviving dependents may remain covered until they reach 19 years old.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapters 31A and 32B, section 19 and 805 CMR 1.00 through 9.00 inclusive the Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission (GIC) has promulgated various Rules and Regulations that define the conditions of coverage under the GIC's various policies.

805 CMR 9.10 states:

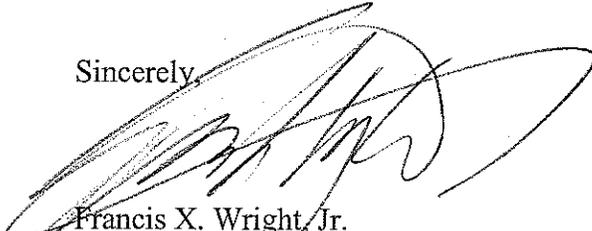
Surviving Dependents of insured Employees, insured Retirees, Municipal Insureds or insured Surviving Spouses may elect to continue their Health Coverage until the Surviving Dependent enrolls in other group coverage or turns 19 years old, whichever occurs first. Surviving Dependents must apply for Health Coverage within six months of the employee's or Retiree's death. For good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time to apply.

The Personnel Director has informed me that her staff has, and continues to, review individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis upon request of previously insured surviving dependent(s).

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Francis X. Wright, Jr.
City Solicitor

cc: Sarah Kloos, Personnel Director