

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All House Members

**From:** Representative Brendan F. Boyle

**Date:** February 1, 2011

**Subject:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Coverage for Individuals to Age 26

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In the near future I will be introducing important legislation to implement the Age 26 dependent child provisions of the federal health care reform law in Pennsylvania law. My legislation will track the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's recent recommendation on how this provision should be implemented.

By way of background, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides that young adults will be allowed to stay on their parents' plan until they turn 26 years old unless they are offered insurance at work. This provision became law in September of 2010.

My legislation will ensure that the Commonwealth's primacy over regulation of the insurance market and health insurers continues. Moreover, it will correct any misperception in the way that the current state law reads as the result of Act 4 of 2009, which extended coverage to children up to age 29 in certain circumstances.

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Kristen Womelsdorf at [Kwomelsd@pahouse.net](mailto:Kwomelsd@pahouse.net) or call our office at 717-787-3055.