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General Comment

Requiring employers, who have been generous enough to pay for family coverage, including children up to age 19, to pay for children up to age 26 is an ATROCIOUS BURDEN to small employers and non-profits that have been attempting to maintain family coverage for staff under very strained financial conditions.

As the CFO of a small local government organization, I strongly suspect that rather than expanding coverage to these additional people, we will be forced to make employees pay for all dependent coverage. In the long run, this will cost our employees more.