

**§ 58-47-125. Admission and termination of group members.**

(a) Prospective group members shall submit applications for membership to the board. The board, a designated employee of the group, or TPA shall approve an application for membership under the bylaws of the group. Members shall have bona fide offices in this State and members' employees shall be primarily engaged in business activities within this State. Members shall receive certificates of coverage from the board on a form acceptable to the Commissioner.

(b) The group shall make available to the Commissioner properly executed applications and indemnity agreements for all members, on forms prescribed by the Commissioner. If the applications and indemnity agreements are not executed properly and maintained, the Commissioner may order the group to cease writing all new business until all of the agreements are executed properly and obtained.

(c) Members may elect to terminate their participation in a group and may be terminated by the group under subsection (d) of this section and the bylaws of the group.

(d) A group may terminate a member's participation in the group on 30 days' written notice to the member. A group may terminate a member's participation in the group for nonpayment of premium on 10 days' written notice to the member. A member may terminate its participation in the group on 10 days' written notice to the group. Notices under this subsection shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. No termination by the group is effective until the notice is received by the member. (1997-362, s. 3; 2001-451, s. 3.)