

TAHU Small Group Specialist (SGS) Designation Application



Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

TDI License number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Are You Grandfathered? ____ Yes ____ No ****If you checked Yes, attach a copy of your grandfather status****

NEW Small Group Specialist Designation Applicants

I certify that I have completed the SB79 Small Group Specialist 8 hour CE and passed the exam.

I certify that I am a licensed agent in the State of Texas, in good standing.

I certify that I am a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters, (NAHU) or Texas Association of Health underwriters, (TAHU) in good standing.

In order to receive the SGS designation, you must complete this application and include a \$100 application fee.

Renewal Small Group Specialist Designation Applicants

I certify that I have completed the SB79 Small Group Specialist 5 hour update CE.

I certify that I am a licensed agent in the State of Texas, in good standing.

I certify that I am a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters, (NAHU) or Texas Association of Health underwriters, (TAHU) in good standing.

In order to receive the SGS designation, you must complete this application and include a \$50 application fee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check (Please make Checks payable to TAHU) Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express (Please circle one)

Name on Card _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

3or4 digit security code on card _____ Cardholder Billing Address _____

Signature _____ Amount: \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: You may not use the SGS Designation and logo until after you have received a confirmation email from TAHU that your application has been processed and approved. Please allow up to 60 days for processing.

By signing this form, you are agreeing that this form remain in force until NAHU/TAHU has received written notification from you of its termination and you authorize your credit card be charged for the amount shown above plus a 3.25% convenience fee. Forms may be faxed to: 972-709-0611, mailed to: TAHU PO Box 381506 Duncanville, TX 75138-1506 or emailed to admin@tahu.org.

If you have taken the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Specialty Certification (SB79) 8 hour CE, passed the exam and are a member of either TAHU or NAHU, then you can now earn the Small Group Specialist DESIGNATION (SGS)!

TO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THE DESIGNATION:

If licensed in Texas, the agent must be a member in good standing of TAHU. If licensed in another state, the agent must be a member in good standing of NAHU.

The agent must have completed the Texas Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Specialty Certification 8 hour continuing education course, if a Texas agent, or hold one of the approved designations of Registered Employee Benefits Consultant (REBC), Registered Health Underwriter (RHU) or Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) as specified in Texas statute SB79. The agent must abide by all requirements of Texas Insurance Code Sec. 1501.351 (c) to “offer and explain to a small employer on inquiry and request by the employer each health benefit plan established by the commissioner ... “

The agent must complete the required application and pay the required fee to TAHU. The initial designation fee is \$100 and the renewal fee, per license period, is \$50.

Designation as a Small Group Specialist will be given only to agents who have taken and passed the classroom examination of the required continuing education course presented by an instructor.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS: TDI requires that all agents who wish to maintain the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Specialty Certification must complete in each reporting period following the reporting period in which the licensee completed the initial 8 hour certification course or qualified by designation (REBC, RHU or CEBS), at least 5 hours of department certified small employer health benefit plans continuing education. There is no examination required for the 5 hour course. TAHU is an approved provider (#32408) for the 5 hour continuing education course, "Small Employer Health Specialty Certification-An Update", Course #87291, 5 credit hours. Once you have taken this renewal course, you may renew your SGS designation by completing an application and submitting the appropriate fee.

You may not use the SGS designation until the paperwork has been processed by TAHU's Executive Director, Laura Firestone and you have received a confirmation email. Allow up to 60 days for processing.