

IDAPA 18 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

18.01.73 – RULE TO IMPLEMENT THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT PLAN DESIGN

DOCKET NO. 18-0173-1701

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Sections 41-211 and 41-5211, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

**Idaho Department of Insurance
700 W. State Street – 3rd Floor
Boise, ID 83720**

The meeting site will be accessible to persons with disabilities, if needed. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting to the agency address below.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the agency either in writing (paper or email) or by calling the phone number listed below, and/or by attending the public meeting.

Upon conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusion reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

This rule provides specifics for the plan design of five individual health plans to be offered through the Idaho Individual High Risk Reinsurance Pool, per Chapter 55, Title 41, Idaho Code. Revisions to this chapter, effective 7/1/2017, have eliminated the requirement and the need to design specific products for the Pool, which, going forward, will likely function as a reinsurance mechanism for individuals with certain health conditions enrolled in major medical individual health insurance plans available market-wide. IDAPA 18.01.73 is no longer necessary for the effectuation of Idaho insurance code as Chapter 55, Title 41, Idaho Code no longer provides for individuals to be enrolled in unique high risk pool plans. The approximately 50 individuals grandfathered into these plans prior to the 2017 legislation will be renewed into these plans, if they desire, without modification to plan design. Therefore, rules for design of these plans are obsolete as no new such plans will be created. This rulemaking seeks to repeal this rule.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, submission of comments, or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text, contact Wes Trexler at weston.trexler@doi.idaho.gov, or (208) 334-4315. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho Department of Insurance website at the following web address: www.doi.idaho.gov.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 26, 2017.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2017.

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