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NH Insurance Department's Network Adequacy Working Group to Meet December 9

Concord, NH – On December 9, the Department will reconvene its Network Adequacy Working Group, designed to revise the current state rules that set out minimum standards for health care providers' networks associated with health insurance plans, including those offered on New Hampshire's federally operated Health Insurance Marketplace.

The public meeting will take place from 2-4 p.m. in Room 100 of the Walker Building, 21 South Fruit St., Concord. To reserve a seat at the meeting, please RSVP by emailing Danielle.Barrick@ins.nh.gov.

At the meeting, the department will review public comments and discuss further details of the future network adequacy model.

The Working Group last met July 24, when members of the Insurance Department presented a conceptual framework for revised rules. A video of the presentation may be found on the Insurance Department's website: http://www.nh.gov/insurance/legal/nhid_nwadequacy_wg.htm.

The Dec. 9 meeting is another informal workgroup session outside of the formal rulemaking process. These meetings will continue until the new guidelines for network adequacy are written and the formal rulemaking process begins. The Department aims to have new guidelines in place for 2017 health plans.

The Insurance Department launched the public working group on April 23. Members include a range of stakeholders, including consumers, health care providers, nonprofit health care advocates, and insurance companies.

The Department developed the current network adequacy rules in 2001 with help from a similar working group, composed of consumer representatives, hospitals, community clinics, physicians, nurses, and mental health providers, as well as all the major health insurance companies.

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