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**New Hampshire Insurance Department to Help Lead National Investigation of Anthem Data Breach**

**CONCORD, NH** – The New Hampshire Insurance Department, together with several other states, will lead an investigation into Anthem’s recent data breach, which potentially affects tens of millions of current and former Anthem customers and employees around the country.

“Our mission is to look out for New Hampshire residents, and we will be working in concert with other insurance departments from around the country to investigate the circumstances surrounding this data breach and whether any further corrective action is needed,” said New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny. “In addition, we will continue to work with Anthem to ensure that its consumers in New Hampshire are notified of the breach and of the resources available to them.”

There is no formal federal oversight of the insurance industry: Instead, state insurance departments around the country establish standards and best practices, conduct peer review, and coordinate their regulatory oversight through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).

Following the announcement of the data breach, members of the NAIC began calling for a multi-state examination of Anthem, Inc. and its affiliates.

“Since the news broke, regulators have been working together and have been in discussion with Anthem executives,” said NAIC President Monica Lindeen, Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance. “We are in agreement that an immediate and comprehensive review of the company’s security must be a priority to ensure protection of consumers who are covered by Anthem.”

Given the potential scope of the breach and the number of consumers impacted, the NAIC anticipates all 56 states and territories will sign on to the examinations, which will be inclusive of all subsidiaries and affiliates of Anthem affected by the breach. States with significant Anthem business are expected to take the lead: New Hampshire, Indiana, California, Missouri, and Maine.

Anthem will offer credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to those potentially affected by the data breach. Consumers will be able to sign up for these services, which will be offered free of charge for two years, beginning Friday. Information on how to enroll will be posted at [anthemfacts.com](http://anthemfacts.com).

The New Hampshire Insurance Department’s mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. For more information, visit [www.nh.gov/insurance](http://www.nh.gov/insurance).

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