NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SECTION 1332 WAIVER APPLICATION
TO ESTABLISH A STATE REINSURANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 400-A:17 and federal public comment requirements, the New Hampshire Insurance Department will hold two public hearings for members of the public and interested stakeholders to offer their comments on the draft Section 1332 Waiver application to establish a reinsurance program and the draft Plan of Operations for the program. The public hearings shall be held on:

Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
White Mountain Community College
North Conway Academic Center
2541 White Mountain Highway
North Conway
Register for the event here.
Inclement weather meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Find directions here.

Thursday, April 2, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Brown Building Auditorium
129 Pleasant Street
Concord
Register for the event here.
Inclement weather meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Find directions here.

The hearing in North Conway will be recorded and posted on the Insurance Department’s website for those who are not able to attend in person. Those who view the hearing online may submit written comments or questions using the contact information included below. During the hearings, the Insurance Department will present information about the proposed reinsurance program and Section 1332 Waiver and will accept public comments on the waiver and the Plan of Operations.

The proposed reinsurance program would reimburse insurers based on their liability for high-cost claims. The program complies with all federal statutory requirements for Section 1332 Waivers related to comprehensiveness and affordability of coverage, access to coverage and federal spending and is expected to lower premium costs in New Hampshire’s individual market by approximately 16 percent on average and increase enrollment in the individual market’s unsubsidized population by approximately 8 percent. The program is being proposed pursuant to RSA 404-G:12 and RSA 420-N:6-a. Via the Section 1332 Waiver, federal funding may be made available to support the program. If approved, the program will also be funded through a state insurance assessment.

The draft waiver application and the draft Plan of Operations will be posted to the Insurance Department’s website at https://www.nh.gov/insurance/lah/nh-section-1332-waiver.htm on March 16. A paper copy will be available in the Insurance Department’s lobby. Members of the public and interested stakeholders may submit written comments on the draft through April 15 to section1332waiver@ins.nh.gov or via mail to New Hampshire Insurance Department, C/O Eireann Sibley, 21 S Fruit St, Ste 14, Concord, NH, 03301. All comments shall be made available upon request.
People with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats in order to participate in the process should contact Eireann Sibley at (603) 271-3781 or eireann.sibley@ins.nh.gov, or call TDD at 1 (800) 735-2964 no later than March 24, 2020 to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

To sign up for updates on New Hampshire’s Section 1332 Waiver application and regarding the two public hearings, register on the Department’s website (https://www.nh.gov/insurance/lah/nh-section-1332-waiver.htm).