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First Meeting of Health Exchange Advisory Board

October 31, 2012 – Concord, New Hampshire - The New Hampshire Health Exchange Advisory Board will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the New Hampshire Hospital, 136 Clinton Street in Concord. The Advisory Board was created by the New Hampshire legislature in 2012 under HB 1297. It will advise Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny and Commissioner of Health and Human Services Nicholas Toumpas regarding the interests of New Hampshire businesses and consumers with respect to the health exchange that will serve New Hampshire residents starting in January of 2014.

An exchange is a health care marketplace in which consumers may purchase health insurance, find out whether they qualify for free or subsidized health care, and enroll in Medicaid. New Hampshire's exchange will be set up by the federal government, but there is also a role for local input as laid out in HB 1297.

The twelve-member health exchange advisory board will represent a variety of interests. New Hampshire Governor John Lynch has nominated four public members, three of whom have now been confirmed by the Executive Council:

- **Russell Grazier**, Portsmouth;
- **Scott Baetz**, Windham (confirmation pending);
- **Lisa Morris**, Gilford; and
- **Nancy Clark**, Intervale.

Commissioner Toumpas has appointed the following four members:

- **Beryl McCormack**, Pembroke;
- **Sandra Ruka**, Home Care and Hospice of Carroll County;
- **Lisa Kaplan Howe**, New Hampshire Voices for Health; and

- **Timothy Soucy**, Manchester Public Health Department.

The four members appointed by Commissioner Seigny are:

- **Beth Roberts**, Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare of Northern New England;
- **Lisa Guertin**, Anthem Health Plans of New Hampshire, Inc.;
- **Christine Alibrandi**, Northeast Delta Dental; and
- **Raymond White**, Cornerstone Benefit and Retirement Group, Inc.

The board's meetings will be open to the public and notice will be posted on the New Hampshire Insurance Department website: <http://www.nh.gov/insurance>