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NH Insurance Commissioner to Host Public Forum on Health Care Payment Reform
April 24 Event Will Feature Research Presentations, Panel Discussions

CONCORD, NH – The New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) is hosting a health care provider payment reform forum on Friday, April 24th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. There is no cost to attend the event, but space is limited. The event also will be accessible online via livestream, at <https://livestream.com/Degan/NHHealthCareReform>.

“We invite New Hampshire residents to participate in this important conversation,” said New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny. “Health care spending in the state is high and rising, and this forum will provide an opportunity for researchers to present their findings and for those closest to this issue to discuss how to effectively look at and address health care provider payment reform challenges.”

The forum will include two presentations:

- Joel Ario, a national health policy and insurance expert, will present “*Provider Payment Reform in NH: Legal Considerations for Policymakers*,” prepared for the Insurance Department by Manatt Health Solutions. (The report may be found on the Insurance Department’s website: http://www.nh.gov/insurance/reports/documents/prov_payref_lgl_cons_plcymkrs.pdf.)
- Researchers from Compass Health Analytics / University of Massachusetts Medical School-Center for Health Law and Economics will present their recommendations from research done for the Insurance Department on health care provider financing in NH. (The report may be found online: http://www.nh.gov/insurance/reports/documents/compass_umass_pmt_rfm_rpt.pdf.)

Two panel discussions, one by health care providers and one by health insurance carriers, will be convened to discuss potential reforms of the system in New Hampshire.

The first panel, “Reforming the Delivery System and Paying for Health Care,” will be moderated by Joel Ario. It will feature Dr. Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum, vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center; Peter Gosline, interim chief administrative officer at Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; and Kevin Callahan, president and chief executive officer of Exeter Hospital.

The second panel, “Evolving Payment Systems – What Works and What Doesn’t,” will be moderated by New Hampshire Representative Dr. Tom Sherman. The panel will feature Lisa Guertin, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire; Beth Roberts, senior vice president at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care; Glenn Gerhard, vice president at Cigna Health Care; Kevin Lewis, chief executive officer of Maine Community Health Options; and Tom Policelli, chief executive officer of Minuteman Health.

Please register by contacting Danielle Barrick at Danielle.Barrick@ins.nh.gov and indicating whether you prefer to attend in person or by live-stream. Seating is limited, and seats at the event will be reserved on first-come, first-served basis.

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