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Harvard Pilgrim Confirms Participation in NH's Exchange for 2018

Concord, NH – Harvard Pilgrim has confirmed today that it will offer plans on New Hampshire's federally facilitated health insurance marketplace in 2018, pending federal approval of filed rates.

The insurance company covers more than 11,000 Granite Staters through HealthCare.gov and through the state's Medicaid expansion program. Harvard Pilgrim, along with Anthem, had initially announced intentions in May to offer plans on the exchange in 2018. However, both companies this summer said publicly that their participation in 2018 was uncertain due to a number of factors, including instability at the federal level.

Earlier today, the New Hampshire Insurance Department announced that Anthem had confirmed its intention to offer plans on the state's exchange in 2018. Last week, Ambetter [confirmed its intention](#) to remain in the market for 2018.

"Today's announcements by Anthem and Harvard Pilgrim mean that New Hampshire residents will now be able to count on having three companies to choose from in 2018," said New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny. "Thanks in part to the uncertainty coming from Washington, D.C., individual markets around the country are facing unprecedented instability. To have three insurance companies recommit to staying in New Hampshire in 2018 is incredibly encouraging."

Another company, Minuteman Health, [announced in June](#) that it would not offer plans in 2018, but its management team was attempting to form a new company by today to offer plans on the New Hampshire exchange for this coming year.

Last week, the federal government [extended the rate-filing deadline](#) from August 16 to September 5 for companies offering plans on the 2018 exchange to file revised rates with the states for review. Companies may file rates with the assumption that the federal government will not offer reimbursements called "Cost Sharing Reduction payments" to the companies in 2018. The Insurance Department is prohibited by law from releasing rate information prior to open enrollment (November 1), but the federal government has made publicly available proposed rate increases of 10 percent or more on its [rate review website](#).

Today, August 16, is the deadline for states to submit all 2018 plan information, other than rates, to the federal government, for plans to be offered on the NH exchange. Companies must sign a contract with the federal government by September 27 in order to offer plans on the exchange in 2018.

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.