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**Statement on Federal Decision to End Payments to Health Insurers on HealthCare.gov**

**CONCORD, NH** – New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny and Governor Chris Sununu offer a statement in response to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' announcement that it will end cost-sharing reduction payments to companies operating on the state's federally facilitated health insurance marketplace.

"I had hoped that the federal government would not cease these payments to insurers, an act that could create further instability in individual health insurance markets across the country," Commissioner Sevigny said. "However, New Hampshire prepared for such a contingency by allowing insurers to file rates that assumed these payments would not be made."

"All three insurers who will offer plans in 2018 – Ambetter, Anthem, and Harvard Pilgrim – filed rates with this assumption and so this announcement will not create a further change," Commissioner Sevigny said.

Governor Chris Sununu said, "I'm pleased that we as a state had the foresight to allow for this possibility, and I'm encouraged by the stability we've been able to maintain in New Hampshire: I anticipate that the individual health insurance market in 2018 will have three insurance companies offering plans, as we had expected."

The Insurance Department's guidance to insurers on rate-filing may be found online: [https://www.nh.gov/insurance/media/bulletins/2017/documents/ins\\_17-033-ab.pdf](https://www.nh.gov/insurance/media/bulletins/2017/documents/ins_17-033-ab.pdf).

The full announcement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may be found online: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/10/12/trump-administration-takes-action-abide-law-constitution-discontinue-csr-payments.html>.