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**NH Insurance Department Moves Section 1332 Waiver Public Hearings to Online Format**

**CONCORD, NH** – In response to social distancing guidance provided by Governor Chris Sununu and the federal government, the New Hampshire Insurance Department is moving the Section 1332 Waiver in-person public hearings to an online webinar format. The public hearing webinars will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Members of the public may register for the webinar on the Insurance Department’s [website](#).

Copies of the draft waiver application and the plan of operations are posted on the Department’s website so that residents will have the opportunity to review and comment on the plan. The Department will accept oral comment during the public hearing webinars and written comment for 30 days from the date the notice is posted.

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](mailto: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.

In January, Governor Sununu [announced](#) that the New Hampshire Insurance Department intends to file a Section 1332 State Relief and Empowerment Waiver application with the federal government to promote stability in the state’s individual health insurance market. The Department expects that the creation of a state-based reinsurance program could reduce 2021 premiums for the individual health insurance market by approximately 15%, over what they would have been otherwise.

To sign up for updates on New Hampshire’s Section 1332 Waiver application, register [here](#).

**The New Hampshire Insurance Department Can Help**

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. Contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your insurance coverage at 1-800- 852-3416 or (603) 271-2261, or by email at [consumerservices@ins.nh.gov](mailto:consumerservices@ins.nh.gov). For more information, visit [www.nh.gov/insurance](http://www.nh.gov/insurance).

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