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## New Hampshire Insurance Department Issues Consumer Alert Regarding Sharity Ministries Bankruptcy

Health Care Sharing Ministry Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and Ceases Operations Effective Immediately

**CONCORD, NH (July 26, 2021)** – The New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) has learned that Sharity Ministries Inc. (formerly known as Trinity Healthshare, Inc.), a Health Care Sharing Ministry, has filed for Chapter 11 protection and has ceased operations.

Sharity Ministries and Aliera Healthcare, Inc., (doing business as Aliera Companies, Inc.), have been involved in regulatory action in New Hampshire since 2019. More details of the ongoing regulatory action can be found on the NHID website at <a href="https://www.nh.gov/insurance/legal/aliera-trinity-legal-information.htm">https://www.nh.gov/insurance/legal/aliera-trinity-legal-information.htm</a>.

On its website, Sharity informs its members that it will not be able to facilitate sharing requests or continue to provide service of any kind.

"These are rapidly unfolding developments which we are closely monitoring," said NHID Commissioner Chris Nicolopoulos. "It is very important for consumers to remember that if you were a member of Sharity, you likely do not have any health care coverage at this time. I urge affected consumers to take the necessary steps to insure themselves and their families. The NHID has a wealth of resources to help you navigate the market and find the best plan for your particular circumstance."

Any consumers that have a health care sharing plan with Sharity, Aliera Healthcare, or Trinity Healthshare should immediately contact the NHID if they have paid a premium for July 2021. Additionally, consumers should take advantage of the Special Enrollment Period, ending August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, to purchase a health care plan on the Exchange.

More information about the Special Enrollment Period can be found at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period">https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period</a>.

"We encourage consumers to consider more traditional health insurance coverage through the individual market, in particular because the Federal Open Enrollment has been extended through



August 15, 2021 with enhanced financial supports," said Deputy Commissioner D.J. Bettencourt. "For more information about individual market plans, coverage, and benefits, you may visit <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a> or our website. Both resources can help can help consumers navigate the market and find the best particular plan for their circumstance."

## 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 <a href="mailto:consumerservices@ins.nh.gov">consumerservices@ins.nh.gov</a>. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.nh.gov/insurance">https://www.nh.gov/insurance</a>.

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