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### **New Hampshire Insurance Department Issues Statement Regarding Biden Administration Mandate For At-Home COVID-19 Testing**

**CONCORD, NH (January 12, 2021)** – Today, the New Hampshire Insurance Department (NHID) released the following statement regarding the Biden administration’s announcement that private insurers will soon have to cover the cost of eight at-home coronavirus tests, per member, per month.

“The New Hampshire Insurance Department strongly supports expanding access to COVID-19 testing for Granite Staters,” said Commissioner Christopher Nicolopoulos. “To that end, we have been proactive in contacting New Hampshire’s health insurers to discuss the implementation of the new mandate. We encourage consumers to contact their insurance provider to understand any testing arrangements that their provider has put into effect. As this new mandate is implemented, we urge the federal government to consider how this can be rolled out in a manner which ensures there is a sufficient supply of COVID-19 tests available, and that spurs robust manufacturer competition to help drive down testing prices.”

“Access to COVID-19 testing is critical, and the Food and Drug Administration should start approving more tests while swiftly working to resolve any concerns of quality and accuracy,” said Deputy Commissioner D.J. Bettencourt. “Furthermore, any mandate’s impact on costs must also be understood and taken into account. When insurance companies are mandated to cover tests, the true costs are often hidden from most consumers. We hope that as this rule is implemented, the federal government will work collaboratively with the insurance industry to include the necessary price transparency to ensure manufactures keep their tests at competitive market rates and any impact on premiums are mitigated.”

**The New Hampshire Insurance Department Can Help**



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