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Insurance Department directive open for public comment

BOISE ID (May 11, 2016) – The Idaho Department of Insurance plans to issue guidance for health insurance carriers regarding third party payments of premiums or cost-sharing expenses such as deductibles, co-payments, or coinsurance.

Third party payments are payments made by someone other than the insured person or insured person's household. Idaho law currently makes it illegal for medical providers to waive or to pay for an insured person's cost-sharing expenses. Of particular concern at this time are premiums or cost-sharing expenses that are paid by others who stand to gain financially by paying these expenses. Such practices could lead to higher medical costs and higher insurance costs for Idaho consumers.

The Department has drafted preliminary guidance in the form of a bulletin and invites comments from the public and from interested parties. The draft bulletin is available on the Department website [here](#). Comments should be directed to Kathy McGill at kathy.mcgill@doi.idaho.gov. Comments may also be mailed to the Department at the following address:

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The Department will accept comments until 5:00 p.m., May 27, 2016.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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