IDAPA 18 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

18.01.73 – RULE TO IMPLEMENT THE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT PLAN DESIGN

DOCKET NO. 18-0173-1701 (CHAPTER REPEAL)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – ADOPTION OF PENDING RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule has been adopted by the agency and is now pending review by the 2018 Idaho State Legislature for final approval. The pending rule becomes final and effective at the conclusion of the legislative session, unless the rule is approved or rejected in part by concurrent resolution in accordance with Sections 67-5224 and 67-5291, Idaho Code. If the pending rule is approved or rejected in part by concurrent resolution, the rule becomes final and effective upon adoption of the concurrent resolution or upon the date specified in the concurrent resolution.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5224, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a pending rule. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 41-211 and 41-5211, Idaho Code.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a concise explanatory statement of the reasons for adopting the pending rule and a statement of any change between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the pending rule with an explanation of the reasons for the change:

The current rule provides specifics for the plan design of five individual health plans to be offered through the Idaho Individual High Risk Reinsurance Pool (Pool), per Chapter 55, Title 41, Idaho Code. Revisions to Chapter 55, Title 41, Idaho Code, effective July 1, 2017, have eliminated the requirement and the need to design specific products for the Pool, which, going forward, will likely function as a reinsurance mechanism for individuals with certain health conditions enrolled in major medical individual health insurance plans available market-wide. IDAPA 18.01.73 is no longer necessary for the effectuation of Title 41, Idaho Code as Chapter 55, Title 41, Idaho Code no longer provides for individuals to be enrolled in unique high risk pool plans. The approximately 50 individuals grandfathered into these plans prior to the 2017 legislation will be renewed into these plans, if they desire, without modification to plan design. Therefore, rules for design of these plans are obsolete as no new such plans will be created. This rulemaking repeals this rule.

There are no changes to the pending rule and it is being adopted as originally proposed. The complete text of the proposed rule was published in the September 6, 2017, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 17-9, page 224.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this pending rule, contact Wes Trexler at weston.trexler@doi.idaho.gov or (208) 334-4315.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017

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