

IDAPA 18 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

18.01.70 – RULES GOVERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT PLAN DESIGN

DOCKET NO. 18-0170-1801

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – ADOPTION OF PENDING RULE

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule has been adopted by the agency and is now pending review by the 2019 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 41-4715, 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:

This rulemaking follows [House Concurrent Resolution 45](#) adopted in 2018 and meetings that had occurred with the Department of Insurance. Health insurers have not covered hearing aids for children based on exclusionary language in this rule addressing the small group market. Public meetings were held July 23 and September 6, 2018. This rulemaking revises language related to exclusions for hearing aids so that hearing loss interventions will be covered with certain parameters. (This rule is a companion to that affecting the individual insurance market in IDAPA 18.01.30.)

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 October 3, 2018, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 18-10, pages 265-268](#).

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, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the pending rule, contact Weston Trexler at weston.trexler@doi.idaho.gov, or (208) 334-4315.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2018.

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