

Illinois Department of Insurance Announces Public Hearing on Standard Health Insurance Application

June 24 meeting will focus on health insurance applications to be used by all Illinois health insurers beginning in 2011

CHICAGO - June 22, 2010. The Illinois Department of Insurance announced today that the Health Application Working Group (“Working Group”) will host a public hearing to receive comments on the final drafts of a standard health insurance application that will be used by all Illinois health insurers beginning January 1, 2011. The public hearing will take place **Thursday, June 24, 2010, from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.** at the Department’s offices in Springfield and Chicago:

James R. Thompson Center
122 S. Michigan Ave.
19th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

300 W. Washington
4th Floor, Videoconference Room
Springfield, IL 62767

The final drafts of the standard applications may be viewed on the Department’s website at <http://insurance.illinois.gov/HAWG>.

Members of the public may offer comments on the standard applications in one of three ways:

- Attend the public hearing at the Chicago or Springfield locations;
- Participate in the public hearing via conference call; or
- Submit written comments via email. Comments received before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, will be reviewed during the public hearing.

Please contact Josef Weimholt at joe.weimholt@illinois.gov for call-in information, to submit comments, to RSVP for the public hearing, and for any additional information.

During the public hearing, the Working Group will answers questions about the standard applications and receive comments from interested parties.

The Working Group was created from the mandate of Public Act 95-857, which required the development of standard health insurance applications to allow individuals and small businesses in Illinois to compare competing health insurance plans.

The Working Group—with [members](#) from diverse backgrounds—worked for the last four months to develop and refine the standard applications. The Working Group created standard health insurance applications for employees of small businesses (50 or fewer employees) and for individual and family health insurance coverage.

More Information

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