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Illinois Department of Insurance to Host 3rd Educational Webinar on Health Insurance Exchanges

Scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2011, policymakers and interested parties are invited to participate

CHICAGO – January 28, 2011. The Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) announced today the third in a series of educational webinars focused on the health insurance exchanges to be established in 2014 under the federal health care reform bill, known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

As part of its ongoing efforts to educate policymakers and interested parties on the impact of the ACA, DOI's third webinar, "*Health Insurance Premium Increases in Illinois.*" will cover: 1) ACA requirements and guidance for reviewing "unreasonable" premium increases; 2) current Illinois rate review authority; 3) rate review authority of other states; and, 4) the Health Insurance Premium Review federal grant awarded to Illinois.

TOPIC: Health Insurance Premium Increases in Illinois
DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2011
TIME: 12:30 PM CST
WEB ADDRESS: insurance.illinois.gov/webinars

Led by DOI Director Michael T. McRaith, the presentation is scheduled to last approximately 45 minutes, with an opportunity for questions and answers. Questions may be submitted at any point during the webinar by sending an email to doi.webinars@illinois.gov. For details about the technical requirements necessary to participate in the webinar, please visit insurance.illinois.gov/webinars in advance.

For those unable to participate, the written presentation and an audio recording of the presentation will be available on both the Department of Insurance website (insurance.illinois.gov), and the Governor's Health Reform Implementation website (healthcarereform.illinois.gov).

More Information

The Department's mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry's market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Department assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department's Web site at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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