



Kansas Insurance Department

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HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE UPDATE November 25, 2013

ROBERT G. (BOB) BETHELL JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND KANCARE OVERSIGHT

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

In response to the request for an update on the Health Insurance Marketplace received by the Department on November 18, 2013, we are providing the following information:

We understand that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas issued approximately 10,000 cancellation notices to Kansas insureds advising them that their non-grandfathered health insurance policies would be cancelled on December 31, 2013. As a result of the announcement made by President Obama on November 14, 2013, Blue Cross announced on Tuesday, November 19th that it will rescind those cancellations and allow those policies to be renewed into 2014. We expect that Blue Cross will be sending letters to these insureds in the very near future explaining the various options that are available to them with regard to continuing that non-grandfathered coverage or purchasing other coverage available either inside or outside of the federal Marketplace, which would become effective on January 1, 2014.

At this time no "mandate lite" policy forms have been submitted to the Department for review and approval under the law passed during the 2013 Legislative Session. Therefore, these products are not available for sale in Kansas at this time.

I am happy to stand for any questions.

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