



Insurance Department Update

Insurance Commissioner
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2019 Rate Development

- ▶ Guidance issued to Carriers:
 - ▶ Initial Filings Due May 25th
 - ▶ *The Department is requiring that only silver plans, sold both on and off the exchange have their rates loaded to reflect the federal government's non-payment of the cost sharing reductions. It is further required to create corresponding silver plans that only offered off the Exchange so that the consumers purchasing plans off the Exchange are unaffected by the lack of cost sharing reduction funding.*
 - ▶ *2019 Product Filing Requirements*
 - ▶ *Available on our website*



State Innovation RFP

RFP available on OMB's website

<https://apps.nd.gov/csd/spo/services/bidder/displaySolicitation.htm?solNo=401-18-002>

State Innovation RFP

- ▶ Looking to analyze 5 main options:
 - ▶ Changing are existing high risk pool (CHAND) to allow new membership
 - ▶ Utilizing CHAND as an invisible high risk pool
 - ▶ Standard Reinsurance waiver
 - ▶ State-based plans (Idaho)
 - ▶ Combination of a high risk pool option and state based plans

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- ▶ Changing are existing high risk pool (CHAND) to allow new membership
 - ▶ The modification of North Dakota’s current high risk pool ,(known as the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota or “CHAND” ; hereinafter “CHAND”) to allow a greater number of high risk North Dakotans to obtain their health insurance from CHAND,
 - ▶ An analysis of the corresponding insurer assessments necessary for CHAND to successfully operate with an increased high risk membership.
 - ▶ Analysis of how to appropriately define who is considered to be “high-risk” and therefore eligible to obtain health insurance from CHAND.
 - ▶ Analysis to determine feasibility and desirability of amending certain CHAND plan benefits and caps on certain benefits.
 - ▶ Analysis of the amount of federal tax credit pass-through dollars the State would be expected to receive with implementation of this program.
 - ▶ Suggestions for alternative funding sources, other than state legislative appropriation.
 - ▶ Analyze administrative/operational needs and solutions to carry out each suggested option.

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- ▶ Utilizing CHAND as an invisible high risk pool
 - ▶ Same analysis as option no. 1 above, but analyze the items to modify CHAND into an invisible high risk pool where high risk North Dakotans can obtain their health insurance.
- ▶ Standard Reinsurance waiver
 - ▶ Creation of an invisible high risk pool independent of CHAND.
 - ▶ Analysis of how to appropriately define who is considered to be “high-risk” and therefore placed into the invisible high risk pool.
 - ▶ Analysis of the amount of money the state of North Dakota would have to legislatively appropriate and/or the amount insurance companies selling health insurance plans in North Dakota would have to be assessed, based on each company’s share of the North Dakota individual health insurance market, for the invisible high risk pool to successfully operate.
 - ▶ Analysis of the amount of federal tax credit pass-through dollars the State would be expected to receive with implementation of this program.
 - ▶ Suggestions for alternative funding sources, other than state legislative appropriation.

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- ▶ State-based plans (Idaho)
 - ▶ The Consultant will provide an analysis of the feasibility of North Dakota implementing a health insurance strategy similar to that implemented by the state of Idaho with its state based plan initiative and an analysis of the impact on North Dakota's health insurance market as a result of implementing a strategy similar to that implemented by the State of Idaho.

- ▶ Combination
 - ▶ The Consultant will provide an analysis of how the state based plans would work together with each of the three 1332 waiver options listed above.

Deliverables

▶ Deliverables

1. A **draft** Final Report detailing the analysis and results regarding the three proposed Section 1332 waiver options and the Idaho State-based plan initiative, including an analysis of how the Idaho State-based plan initiative would work in conjunction with each of the Section 1332 waiver options.
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3. Travel to Bismarck, North Dakota for legislative hearings to provide testimony on the results of the study. Estimated travel to Bismarck, North Dakota, is between one trip and five trips.
4. Preparation of a North Dakota Health Insurance rate summary report.

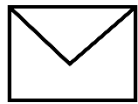
Timeline

- ▶ Contract Start Date
 - ▶ June 25, 2018
- ▶ Draft Report
 - ▶ September 5, 2018
- ▶ State provides comments back
 - ▶ September 7, 2018
- ▶ Final report and informal debriefing
 - ▶ September 11, 2018
- ▶ Report to Legislative Committees
 - ▶ TBD, the RFP does include potential testifying during the 2019 Legislative Session

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