

## Notice of Public Comment Period and Information Meetings

### 2019 Health Insurance Rate Requests Submitted to The Maine Bureau of Insurance

The Maine Bureau of Insurance will conduct public information meetings and accept public comments on the rate requests that have been submitted to the Bureau for the 2019 individual and small group markets in Maine.

#### **2019 Rate Information**

Information about individual and small group rates requested by insurers for the 2019 plan year can be found by clicking the “**2019 Health Insurance Rate Filings**” link at the top of the Bureau’s homepage, [www.maine.gov/insurance](http://www.maine.gov/insurance).

The Bureau requested that the insurance carriers submit two sets of rates for the 2019 individual and small group markets; one set of rates assumes that the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association (MGARA) will be operational, again, in 2019 and one set assumes it will not.

A federal Section 1332 State Waiver application was submitted by the Bureau on May 9 of this year to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. If successful, the waiver application would make it possible for Maine to re-establish MGARA.

#### **Public Information Meetings**

The meetings, one in Bangor and one in Portland, will include information about the proposed rates, Maine’s rate review process, and an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions and offer comments. Comments may be provided orally at the meetings or submitted in writing (as provided below). The meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

**Bangor:** July 24, 2018, 5:00 p.m.  
Cross Insurance Center, Ballroom 5  
515 Main Street, Bangor

**Portland:** July 26, 2018, 5:00 p.m.  
USM, Wishcamper Center, Lee Auditorium  
88 Bedford St., Portland

Persons in need of auxiliary aid for effective participation in the meetings are invited to contact Karma Lombard sufficiently in advance of the meetings at phone (207) 624-8540 or by email at [karma.y.lombard@maine.gov](mailto:karma.y.lombard@maine.gov).

#### **Written Comments**

Written comments will be accepted through August 10th and may be submitted via email to [susan.p.tardiff@maine.gov](mailto:susan.p.tardiff@maine.gov) or by mail to:

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