

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE



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## UPDATED NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Insurance will hold a public hearing on June 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine to receive comments concerning the adoption of a proposed amendment to Rule Chapter 851, Clear Choice Designs for Individual and Small Group Health Plans. The hearing will be held by an audio-visual link, and instructions for registering for and attending the hearing remotely, by either audio-visual link or telephone, are on the Bureau of Insurance website.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to revise the process for developing health plan cost share designs for individual and, as applicable, small group health plans to conform to amendments to 24-A M.R.S. § 2793 by P.L. 2021, c. 361 § 3 (L.D. 1725, An Act To Clarify the Deferral of the Pooled Market and Link Small Employer Clear Choice to Pooling in the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act), and to make technical changes related to implementation issues observed during the Clear Choice program's first year.

A copy of the proposed rule is at <a href="https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/legal/rules">https://www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/legal/rules</a>.

The rule is proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. §§ 212 and 2793.

The primary source of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed rule is Bureau staff's professional judgment.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments at the hearing or to submit written comments. The purpose of this updated notice is to extend the deadline for submitting written comments from June 13, 2022 to June 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The Bureau has taken this step to give the public an opportunity to comment on recent changes in the proposed amendment to Section 5(2) related to the designated Basic Silver Plan. Written comments should be addressed to: Brittnee Greenleaf, 34 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0034 or Brittnee.L.Greenleaf@maine.gov. A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from Ms. Greenleaf.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication in the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to Ms. Greenleaf either by e-mail or telephone at (207) 624-8491, sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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