

REGULATORY AGENDA – January 15, 2011

**Agency Name and Address: Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner
1511 Pontiac Ave Cranston, RI 02920**

PART I - Rules Promulgated *June 16, 2010 through January 15, 2011:*

Please indicate if your agency did not promulgate rules during this period, OR complete the following for each rule promulgated (add or delete rows accordingly):

ERLID	Type Filing	Title	Effective Date
6274	Amendment	Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Regulation 14 Tobacco Cessation Programs	January 1, 2011

PART II - Expected Rule-making Activity *January 16, 2011 through June 15, 2011:*

Please indicate if your agency does not anticipate rule-making activity during this period, OR complete the following for each rule anticipated (add or delete rows accordingly):

Type Filing	Title/Subject Area	Objective	Legal Basis	Anticipated Schedule	Agency Contact	Interested Parties
NEW	OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER REGULATION 16 INSURANCE ISSUED TO TRUSTS AND ASSOCIATIONS	The regulation is intended to protect the public from a regulatory vacuum by ensuring that health insurance issued or renewed in Rhode Island through a trust or association is adequately regulated. Many of Rhode Island’s health insurance laws (e.g., benefit mandates, rating rules, standard provisions requirements) are not currently applied to health insurance policies that are	R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-18-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-18.5-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-18.6-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-19-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-20-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-41-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 27-50-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 42-14-5, 42-14.5-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 42-14-17, 42-35-1 <i>et seq.</i> , and 42-62-12.	Hearing anticipated February 2011	Lori Mello 462-9639	Health Insurance Industry

		issued in Rhode Island to trusts and associations				
NEW	OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER REGULATION 15 DISCOUNT MEDICAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS	This regulation is intended to implement the provisions of Title 27, Chapter 74, the “Discount Medical Plan Organization Act” (the “Act”). The purpose of the Act and this regulation is to promote the public interest by establishing standards for discount medical plan organizations; to protect consumers from unfair or deceptive marketing, sales or enrollment practices of discount medical plans; and to facilitate consumer understanding of the role and function of discount medical plans in providing access to medical or ancillary services.	R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-74-16, 42-14-5 and 42-14-17.	February 2011	Lori Mello 462-9639	Health Insurance Consumers