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West Virginia Makes Announcement on CCIIO Re-enrollment Proposal

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Insurance Commissioner Mike Riley announced today that West Virginia will not adopt the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight's (CCIIO) "single-year" re-enrollment proposal because the proactive steps taken in 2013 by our insurance marketplace have effectively mitigated the transition concerns expressed by President Barack Obama.

West Virginia insurance carriers were given the option to permit early renewal for 2013 policyholders to extend current polices through all of 2014. Further extension of existing policies cannot guarantee that the policyholders will not see a rate increase for the policy year starting January 1, 2014.

"The abrupt CCIIO proposal comes at a time when West Virginia employers, citizens and insurance carriers have already made extensive changes to comply with the new law," said Commissioner Riley.

"In order to avoid further confusion, provide market stability, mitigate potential rate impacts of the CCIIO proposal, and regulate the West Virginia insurance market in accordance with the existing law, we have decided to maintain our current direction," Riley continued. "After completing our analysis, we concluded that our insurance marketplace and policyholders were given a transition period that is consistent with the existing law. We will continue to monitor any future developments to ensure we protect the interest of West Virginia's citizens.

If consumers have questions about obtaining health insurance coverage or the Affordable Care Act, they may visit their county DHHR office or local Bureau of Senior Services Office to speak with an In-Person Assister, contact the Consumer Services Division of the West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner at 1.888.879.9842 or visit the local help section on the www.healthcare.gov website.