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Medicare Supplement rule amended

BOISE ID – The Idaho Department of Insurance has amended its rule regarding Medicare Supplement (aka Medigap) insurance. Effective January 1, 2018, insurance companies that offer Medigap will be required to sell those plans to eligible individuals of all ages enrolled in Medicare Part B. Previously only a few insurance companies offered coverage to those under age 65 beneficiaries. This rule expands the options to include Medicare-eligible individuals *under* age 65 with disabilities or end-stage renal disease.

Eligible individuals can sign up for coverage to be effective January 1, 2018, including those who previously missed their six-month enrollment window.

The Department's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) counselors are available to answer questions and provide information to all Idahoans who are eligible for Medicare coverage. Consumers are also encouraged to consult with a licensed insurance agent before purchasing coverage.

Consumer with questions about this or other Medicare issues may contact SHIBA at 800-247-4422.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively, and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.