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TO: All Companies Writing Individual and Small Group Health Insurance in Nebraska

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SUBJECT: Extension of Transitional Policies

On March 25, 2019, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) issued guidance that allows the states the option to extend transitional policies for individual and small group health insurance plans to policy years beginning on or before October 1, 2020 provided that all policies end by January 1, 2021. The bulletin from CCIIO can be viewed at <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/Limited-Non-Enforcement-Policy-Extension-Through-CY2020.pdf>

Pursuant to the option provided to the states by CCIIO, the State of Nebraska will allow transitional policies, for both the individual and small group health insurance markets, to continue until January 1, 2021. A carrier is not required to continue to offer the transitional policies and may discontinue them, subject to state and federal rules on discontinuance, at their discretion. The Department would advise insurers to continue to monitor CCIIO's website for any subsequent guidance that may be issued on this subject and to follow it accordingly.

As before, all other plans issued after January 1, 2014 must be compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

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