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Moda Health Will Exit Alaska Individual Healthcare Insurance Market in 2017

May 2, 2016 JUNEAU – Moda Health Plan, Inc. has announced that they will not offer healthcare insurance in the individual market in Alaska in 2017. Current and new policyholders will be covered through December 31, 2016.

Moda Health currently serves 14,000 Alaskans in the individual healthcare market. During the Affordable Care Act's 2017 open enrollment period, which begins in November 2016, those individuals will have to choose a different insurer. The Division of Insurance anticipates that Premera BlueCross-Blue Shield will be the only insurer offering plans in the individual market in Alaska in 2017.

"A single insurer does not allow for adequate choice for the 23,000 Alaskan consumers on the individual market, and is even more of a concern given that Premera is also experiencing significant losses in Alaska's individual market," said Lori Wing-Heier, director of the Division of Insurance. "The underlying issues of the high costs for medical care, a small market, and unsustainable claim losses continue to harm our health insurance market."

In an effort to stabilize the market, Governor Walker introduced a bill that would reinsure the high risk claims of the individual market much like the high-risk pool did prior to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The bill has received support in both the House and Senate but is still in the committee process.

The Division of Insurance will continue to work with the legislature and the industry to address the underlying issues facing Alaska's health insurance market as well as the immediate concerns that arise from Moda's announcement.

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