

Concise Explanatory Statement

Rhode Island Government Register

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (“OHIC”)

RULE IDENTIFIER: 230-RICR-20-30-10 (formerly OHIC Regulation 11)

REGULATION TITLE: Small Employer Health Insurance Availability

RULEMAKING ACTION: Direct Final Amendment

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

This regulation establishes the standard for health benefit plan insurance issued to small employers in Rhode Island. While reformatting for incorporation into the RICR, OHIC identified some technical non-substantive changes and other minor updates reflected in the Notice of Rulemaking. The appendices have been removed from the regulation and will be issued by OHIC in a Bulletin.

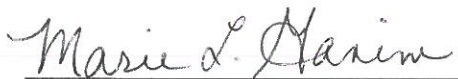
CHANGES TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

No objections or comments were received. Therefore, the final rule is the same as what was proposed.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

This regulation does not impact small business. In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

I, Marie L. Ganim, PhD, the Health Insurance Commissioner, hereby approve the attached final rule, 230-RICR-20-30-10 – Small Employer Health Insurance Availability.



Marie L. Ganim, PhD

Dated:

