

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (INCLUDES THE OFFICE OF THE  
HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER)**

**Title of Rule:** Small Employer Health Insurance Availability

**Rule Identifier:** 230-RICR-20-30-10

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 09/11/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/11/2018

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-19-6, 27-20-6, 27-50-1 et seq., 42-14-5, 42-14-17, 42-14.5-1 et seq., 42-62-12, and 42-62-13.

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

This regulation, formerly OHIC Regulation 11, establishes the standard for health benefit plan insurance issued to small employers in Rhode Island. While reformatting for incorporation into the RICR, OHIC identify some technical non-substantive changes reflected in the attached proposal. In addition, the following changes have been made.

- Updated internal cross references for new RICR numbering.
- In §§ 10.5 and 10.13, changed reference to appendices to reflect that they will be issued in a guidance document.
- Deleted all appendices, which will be issued in a guidance document.

The Department does not expect these proposed amendments to be controversial.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before October 11, 2018, Department of Business Regulation (includes the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner) will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

These proposed amendments will result in no adverse impact for small businesses. In the development of the proposed amendment 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.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.