

**INSURANCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE**

**SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

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**Small Employer Health Benefit Plans**

**Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 11:21 Appendix Exhibits F, G, W, Y, HH, and II**

Authorized By: New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board of Directors (Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 17B:27A-17 et seq.

Proposed May 8, 2018

Adopted: June 20, 2018

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 as R. 2017 d. \_\_\_\_ with no changes.

Effective Date:

Operative Date: Upon Promulgation

Expiration Date: October 12, 2023

Summary of Hearing Officer's Recommendations and Agency Responses:

The New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board (SEH Board) held a hearing on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at the Department of Banking and Insurance, 11<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room, 20 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey to receive testimony with respect to the proposed amendments to the standard health benefits plans, set forth in Exhibits F, G, W, Y, HH and II of the Appendix to N.J.A.C. 11:21. Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director of the SEH Board, served as hearing officer.

No persons came to the hearing. The hearing officer made no recommendations regarding the proposed amendments. The hearing record may be reviewed by contacting Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director, New Jersey Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board, P.O. Box 325, Trenton, NJ 08625-0325.

#### Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The SEH Board accepted comments on the proposal through May 29, 2018 and received no comments.

#### Summary of Agency-Initiated Changes

None

### **Federal Standards Analysis**

State agencies that propose to adopt or amend State rules that exceed Federal standards regarding the same subject matter are required to include in the rulemaking document a Federal Standards Analysis. As discussed in the Summary, the amendments are intended to comply with newly enacted State law. The Board is not adopting these amendments under the authority of, or in order to implement, comply with or participate in, any program established under Federal law or under a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal law, standards or requirements as set forth at N.J.A.C. 1:30-5.1(c)4. Accordingly, no Federal Standards Analysis is required.

The SEH Board notes that compliance with the new mandates, and thus, implementation of the proposed amendments can be achieved using current technology.