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Anthem Policy Renewal Deadline Extended to November 30.

Concord, New Hampshire – November 15, 2013---Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny announced today that, in an agreement with regulators, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Hampshire will allow individuals to renew their 2013 insurance plans up until November 30, 2013, with coverage extending through November 30, 2014. In contrast with its 2013 policies, Anthem's 2014 individual policies all rely on a narrow network that includes only 16 of New Hampshire's 26 hospitals. The agreement announced today will enable those who wish to keep a broad network to do so, though the coverage could be more expensive for many, because those who buy it will not be eligible for the federal subsidies available through the federally-operated Marketplace website.

“The glitches in the federal Marketplace have caused great concern for those New Hampshire citizens who get coverage through the individual market,” said Commissioner Sevigny. “While many will ultimately qualify for federal subsidies, they have not been able to fully understand their options or to confirm enrollment in Marketplace plans due to the technical problems with the website. Today's agreement will give them the security of knowing that they can continue with their current plans and providers into calendar year 2014, if they choose to do so. Once the Marketplace website is fully functional, they will be able to opt for new coverage if they so choose.”

Commissioner Sevigny continues to review yesterday's announcement by President Obama with respect to the extension of 2013 policies into 2014, and expects to provide further information early next week on what this change will mean for New Hampshire consumers.