

Notice of Post-Award Public Forum

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SECTION 1332 STATE INNOVATION WAIVER

The Maine Bureau of Insurance (“MBOI”) and the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association (“MGARA”) will conduct a joint public forum and accept public comments on the progress of Maine’s Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver.

Background Summary

The State of Maine applied for and received a State Innovation Waiver under Section 1332 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) to facilitate the operation of the MGARA reinsurance program as authorized under 24-A M.R.S. Chapter 54-A (“Section 1332 Waiver”). Pursuant to the Standard Terms and Conditions (“STCs”) applicable to the 1332 Waiver and 31 CFR §33.120(c) and 45 CFR §155.1320(c), the MBOI and MGARA are required to host an annual Post-Award Forum to accept public comment on the progress of the Section 1332 Waiver.

Public Forum

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency pursuant to Governor Janet Mills’ executive order we expect meetings in excess of 50 people will continue to be prohibited during June 2021. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) has advised that Public Forum Requirement under 45 CFR §155.1320(c), can be held virtually using technology-based meeting methods (such as teleconferences, ZOOM, WebEx) or a combination of these methods. The MBOI and MGARA are holding the Public Forum virtually through a ZOOM meeting on **June 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm EST**. The public is invited to join the meeting at the following ZOOM meeting address:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84612984048?pwd=Y2INSjZZ2VYSWVWSFFuRDZaVnV6UT09>

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Written comments will also be accepted by email to Holly.Doherty@maine.gov. Written comments are due by 4:30 pm EST on June 14, 2021.

More detailed information regarding the Section 1332 Waiver and MGARA may be viewed at the MGARA website <https://magara.org> and the Maine Bureau of Insurance website. www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance/mgara/index.html.