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### **BULLETIN 2013-9 MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **NOTIFICATION OF THE UPCOMING MISSISSIPPI STATE-BASED SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM (SHOP) MARKETPLACE**

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#### **I. Purpose**

Establishment of Mississippi's State-based Small Business Health Options Program (the "MS SHOP") Marketplace, called One, Mississippi™ is well underway. The Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association, a nonprofit legal entity created by the Mississippi Legislature, will implement and operate the Marketplace so that small employers may purchase health insurance plans for their employees. One, Mississippi™ will be a free market small business marketplace independent of the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace.

The purpose of this Bulletin is to advise carriers of the opportunity to participate by offering products on One, Mississippi™ and to provide a broad overview of the participation requirements.

#### **II. Participation**

Carriers desiring to offer qualified health plans ("QHPs") must have those plans certified by the Mississippi Insurance Department ("MID"). To apply for certification, issuers must submit all required documentation listed in an application checklist provided by MID. Participating carriers will submit QHP applications, meet the minimum certification standards, and execute contractual agreements with One, Mississippi™.

#### **Qualified Health Plans**

MID will evaluate each health plan proposed to be offered through One, Mississippi™ to ensure that it meets the QHP certification standards. To be certified as a QHP, each plan must be submitted to MID for review and approval.

### III. Contact

MID will post detailed information regarding participation in One, Mississippi™ on its website: [http://www.mid.ms.gov/pages/health\\_care.aspx](http://www.mid.ms.gov/pages/health_care.aspx). To better assist carriers through this process, MID requests all health insurance carriers interested in offering products on One, Mississippi™ send an email to express their interest to MID at [MSShopInfo@mid.ms.gov](mailto:MSShopInfo@mid.ms.gov).

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