

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**  
**OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**  
**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 69-1**  
**Cranston, RI 02920**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF**  
**OFFICE OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER REGULATION 14**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-14-17 and 42-35-3, that the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) proposes to adopt the following regulation:

**Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Regulation 14**  
**Tobacco Cessation Treatment Coverage**

This regulation (1) establishes uniform standards for cessation treatment coverage, (2) further defines tobacco cessation treatments to include treatments included in the most recent clinical practice guideline sponsored by United States Department of Health and Human Services<sup>1</sup> and (3) improves transparency of tobacco cessation coverage for Rhode Island's insured population.

The proposed regulation and a concise explanatory statement are available for public inspection at [www.ohic.ri.gov](http://www.ohic.ri.gov) or in person at OHIC during regular business hours. OHIC is located at 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg. 69-1, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920. These documents are also available by request. For copies, please email [jcogan@ohic.ri.gov](mailto:jcogan@ohic.ri.gov), call John Aloysius Cogan Jr. at (401) 462-9636, or write to OHIC at the above address and request copies.

Notice is also hereby given in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2, that the OHIC will hold a hearing beginning **Thursday May 28, 2009 at 10:30 am** in the OHIC offices regarding the proposed regulation. All interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed regulation either in person at the at the hearing or written comments by regular mail, hand delivery, email or by any other method of delivery by **Thursday May 28, 2009 at 10:30 am** to John Aloysius Cogan Jr., at OHIC, 1151 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg. 69-1, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, or electronically to [jcogan@ohic.ri.gov](mailto:jcogan@ohic.ri.gov).

If you plan to attend the hearing, please enter OHIC from the parking lot adjacent to Building 68, through the entrance to the Department of Business Regulation (DBR). The DBR entrance is located between Buildings 68 and 69. A telephone is available in the lobby to contact someone from OHIC. All persons who wish to give public comment will be heard at this hearing.

The hearing room is accessible to the disabled and interpreter services for the hearing impaired will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the hearing. Requests for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 462-9517 or TDD 711.

Christopher F. Koller  
Health Insurance Commissioner

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<sup>1</sup> "Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update," available at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat2.chapter.28163](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat2.chapter.28163) (last visited April 21, 2009).