

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE
MONTANA STATE AUDITOR**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
HEALTH INSURANCE RATE
INCREASES FOR 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI), will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2017 health insurance rate increases submitted by Montana's three largest health insurers doing business in Montana in the Individual and Small Employer Group health insurance market. PacificSource Health Plans, HCSC (dba BlueCross BlueShield of Montana), and the Montana Health CO-OP, are required to present information concerning the basis for their proposed rate increases.

The proposed rate increases constitute a matter of significant interest to the public. Therefore, the CSI will hold a public hearing pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. 2-3-103 and 2-3-111. The hearing will be held **at 9:00 a.m. MST on July 26, 2016**, in the Scott Hart Auditorium at 302 N Roberts in Helena, Montana.

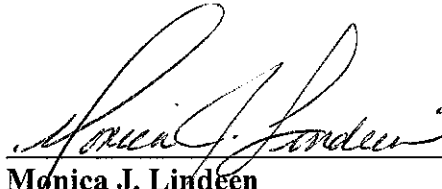
This hearing is open to the public. The CSI will present background information about the rate review process. The insurers will present information that explains their proposed rate increases. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the rate increases after the presentations at the hearing. Also, the public may comment on the proposed rate

increases on the CSI's website at www.csimt.gov beginning on July 8 through August 5, 2016.

A recording of the hearing will be available on the CSI website after the hearing.

The undersigned will consider public comments before finalizing the CSI's findings on the insurer's proposed rates on August 19, 2016.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2016.



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