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WINhealth Partners Withdraws from Federal Marketplace

Cheyenne – On October 8, 2015, WINhealth Partners notified the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that WINhealth is voluntarily withdrawing from the federal health insurance exchange. WINhealth insurance plans will remain in effect for the remainder of 2015 but will not be available on the Marketplace for 2016.

“WINhealth has faced financial challenges in the health insurance market, so this announcement did not come as a surprise to the Department,” said Insurance Commissioner Tom Glause. Numerous meetings and discussions have been held between WINhealth and the Department. Ultimately, WINhealth’s Board of Directors voted to exit the federal marketplace and the Department of Insurance has increased its regulatory oversight.

WINhealth policies purchased through the Marketplace will remain in effect through December 31, 2015, so long as consumers pay their premiums. WINhealth is cooperating with the Department. “Consumers can see medical providers under their 2015 plan and continue to get the healthcare they need,” said Glause.

Consumers will have an opportunity to choose a new insurance plan during the Open Enrollment period - November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 for plans that will operate in the 2016 year. Consumers are encouraged to enroll in a new plan before December 15, 2015 to have coverage in place by January 1, 2016 and to avoid a break in insurance coverage.

The Wyoming Department of Insurance protects the rights of Wyoming consumers and regulates Wyoming’s insurance industry. For assistance and questions regarding the WINhealth transition, contact the Department of Insurance by email at: WINassist@wyo.gov or visit the Department of Insurance website at: www.DOI.WYO.GOV.