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AGENDA ITEM

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Title: Approval of Regulations to extend the one-time, exceptional circumstance, special enrollment period related to the COVID-19 pandemic

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the board with information related to extension of the Exceptional Circumstance Special Enrollment Period established through emergency regulations on March 17, 2020.

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On March 17, 2020 the Board of Directors for the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange) approved emergency regulations promulgated by Governor Steve Sisolak establishing an exceptional circumstance Special Enrollment Period (SEP) under the authorities provided to State-Based Insurance Exchanges outlined in federal statute 45 CFR §155.420 and state statute NRS 695I.370(2). The emergency regulation resulted from the declared statewide emergency related to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic disease outbreak. The regulation provided the Exchange with the immediate authority to open a one-time exceptional circumstance SEP to allow qualified individuals who did not seek qualified health plan coverage during Open Enrollment to enroll in plan year 2020 coverage.

The Exchange has received significant interest in the previously established exceptional circumstance SEP. Uninsured and underinsured Nevadans recognize the importance of health insurance and are seeking access to

the Exchange's comprehensive health plans and premium assistance. As Nevada, and the nation continue to experience the negative economic and health related consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak Nevadans have an increased need to access comprehensive and affordable benefits offered only through Nevada Health Link. With support from Governor Sisolak, Exchange insurance carriers, and stakeholders the Exchange Executive team recommends the Board approve of the following regulation to expand the established deadline of the previously adopted regulation from April 15, 2020 to May 15, 2020 to allow qualified individuals who did not seek qualified health plan coverage during Open Enrollment to gain access to plan year 2020 coverage.