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TO: ALL ADMITTED HEALTH INSURERS

FROM: NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

DATE: January 7, 2010

RE: ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 86 OF THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT RULES

Chapter 86 of the Insurance Department Rules has now been filed with the Secretary of State for adoption of an amendment which eliminated Section 9 of the regulation.

Chapter 86 entitled, "REGULATION TO IMPLEMENT THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FOR PURPOSES OF CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR SMALL GROUP INSURANCE," was created to allow insureds in employer groups in the small group market to obtain a subsidy for continuation of coverage if they are involuntarily terminated. The rule was filed with the Secretary of State on December 31, 2009, with an implementation date of January 4, 2010. In that regulation, there was a sunset provision dated December 31, 2009. The federal government has extended and amended some portions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. To alleviate any confusion, the sunset provision in Chapter 86 has been eliminated.

Copies of Chapter 86 are available upon request at a cost of \$1.50 each from the Department of Insurance, 941 "O" Street, Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68508. Copies of Chapter 86 are available for inspection at the aforementioned address, as well as the Office of the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, Room 343, Lincoln, NE 68509, and through the Department's website at <u>www.doi.ne.gov</u>. Any questions concerning Chapter 86 should be directed to Martin Swanson.