Dear Senators PATRICK, Guthrie, Ward-Engelking, and Representatives BARBIERI, Clow, Smith:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Idaho Department of Insurance:

IDAPA 18.01.30 - Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0130-1701);
IDAPA 18.01.35 - Guidelines Respecting the Use of Claim Forms for Disability Insurance Claims - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0135-1701);
IDAPA 18.01.56 - Rebates and Illegal Inducements to Obtaining Title Insurance Business Rules - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0156-1701).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 10/06/2017. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 11/06/2017.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4834, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce & Human Resources Committee and the House Business Committee

FROM: Deputy Division Manager - Katharine Gerrity

DATE: September 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Idaho Department of Insurance

IDAPA 18.01.30 - Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0130-1701)

IDAPA 18.01.35 - Guidelines Respecting the Use of Claim Forms for Disability Insurance Claims - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0135-1701)

IDAPA 18.01.56 - Rebates and Illegal Inducements to Obtaining Title Insurance Business Rules - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 18-0156-1701)

1. IDAPA 18.01.30 - Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule

   The Idaho Department of Insurance submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 18.01.30 - Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule. According to the department, the rulemaking will allow, but not require, carriers to offer return of premium or cash value benefits to covered persons for specified disease, limited benefit policies and accident only policies in addition to the other types of policies currently permitted. Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 41-211 and 41-4207, Idaho Code.

2. IDAPA 18.01.35 - Guidelines Respecting the Use of Claim Forms for Disability Insurance Claims

   The Idaho Department of Insurance submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 18.01.35 - Guidelines Respecting the Use of Claim Forms for Disability Insurance Claims. The rulemaking will repeal the chapter. According to the department, the rule from 1980 requires insurers to furnish, to hospitals and certain other service providers, a six month supply of paper forms for filing claims. The department states that the rule is outdated as most claims are now submitted electronically. Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 41-211, Idaho Code.
The Idaho Department of Insurance submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 18.01.56 - Rebates and Illegal Inducements to Obtaining Title Insurance Business Rules. According to the department, the rulemaking revises the definition of "things of value" and revises a number of provisions relating to cancellation fees due to the fact that there are various scenarios where it seems inappropriate to charge cancellation fees. Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 41-211, Idaho Code.

cc: Department of Insurance
    Thomas A. Donovan
AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 41-21 and 41-4207, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 20, 2017.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Following negotiated rulemaking, this proposed rulemaking will allow, but not require, carriers to offer return of premium or cash value benefits to covered persons for specified disease, limited benefit policies, and accident only policies in addition to the other types of policies currently permitted.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A


INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Wes Trexler, weston.trexler@doi.idaho.gov (208) 334-4315.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered either by hard copy or via email to the same email address for questions set forth above on or before September 27, 2017.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2017.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 18-0130-1701
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

006. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS, STREET ADDRESS AND WEB SITE.

01. Office Hours. The Department of Insurance is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. (____)

02. Mailing Address. The department’s mailing address is: Idaho Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043. (____)

03. Street Address. The principal place of business is 700 West State Street, 3rd Floor, Boise, Idaho 83702-0043. (____)

04. Web Site Address. The department’s website is http://www.doi.idaho.gov. (____)

007. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.
Any records associated with this rule are subject to the provisions of the Idaho Public Records Act, Title 74, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, as well as applicable exemptions. (____)

0068. -- 010. (RESERVED)

011. PROHIBITED POLICY PROVISIONS.

01. Probationary or Waiting Period. Except as provided in Subsection 004.10 pertaining to the definition of a preexisting condition, a policy shall not contain provisions establishing a probationary or waiting period during which no coverage is provided under the policy. Accident policies shall not contain probationary or waiting periods. (3-30-01)

02. Additional Coverage as Dividend. A policy or rider for additional coverage may not be issued as a dividend unless an equivalent cash payment is offered as an alternative to the dividend policy or rider. A dividend policy or rider for additional coverage shall not be issued for an initial term of less than six (6) months. (3-30-01)

a. The initial renewal subsequent to the issuance of a policy or rider as a dividend shall clearly disclose that the policyholder is renewing the coverage that was provided as a dividend for the previous term and that the renewal is optional. (3-30-01)

03. Return of Premium or Cash Value Benefit. A disability income policy, accident only policy, limited benefit policy, specified disease policy or hospital confinement indemnity policy may contain a “return of premium” or “cash value benefit” so long as the return of premium or cash value benefit is not reduced by an amount greater than the aggregate of claims paid under the policy, and the insurer demonstrates that the reserve basis for the policies is adequate. No other policy subject to this rule shall provide a return of premium or cash value benefit, except return of unearned premium upon termination or suspension of coverage, retroactive waiver of premium paid during disability, payment of dividends on participating policies, or experience rating refunds. (3-30-01)

04. Federally Operated Hospital. Policies providing hospital confinement indemnity coverage shall not contain provisions excluding coverage because of confinement in a hospital operated by the federal government. (3-30-01)

05. Exclusions. A policy shall not limit or exclude coverage by type of illness, accident, treatment or medical condition, except as follows:

a. Preexisting conditions or diseases, except for congenital anomalies of a covered dependent child; (3-30-01)
b. Mental or emotional disorders, alcoholism and drug addiction; (3-30-01)

c. Pregnancy, except for complications of pregnancy; (3-30-01)

d. Illness, treatment or medical condition arising out of:
   i. War or act of war (whether declared or undeclared); participation in a felony, riot or insurrections; service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it; (3-30-01)
   ii. Suicide (sane or insane), attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury; (3-30-01)
   iii. Aviation; (3-30-01)
   iv. With respect to short-term nonrenewable policies, interscholastic sports; and (3-30-01)
   v. With respect to disability income protection policies, incarceration. (3-30-01)

e. Cosmetic surgery, except that “cosmetic surgery” shall not include reconstructive surgery when the service is incidental to or follows surgery resulting from trauma, infection or other diseases of the involved part, and reconstructive surgery because of congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent child; (3-30-01)

f. Foot care in connection with corns, calluses, flat feet, fallen arches, weak feet, chronic foot strain or symptomatic complaints of the feet; (3-30-01)

g. Care in connection with the detection and correction by manual or mechanical means of structural imbalance, distortion, or subluxation in the human body for purposes of removing nerve interference and the effects of it, where the interference is the result of or related to distortion, misalignment or subluxation of, or in the vertebral column; (3-30-01)

h. Benefits provided under Medicare or other governmental program (except Medicaid), a state or federal worker’s compensation law, employers liability or occupational disease law, or motor vehicle no-fault law; services performed by a member of the covered person’s immediate family; and services for which no charge is normally made in the absence of insurance; (3-30-01)
   i. Dental care or treatment; (3-30-01)
   j. Eye glasses, hearing aids, and examination for the prescription, or fitting of them; (3-30-01)
   k. Rest cures, custodial care, transportation, and routine physical examinations; and (3-30-01)
   l. Territorial limitations. (3-30-01)

06. Authority of Director to Disapprove. Policy provisions precluded in Section 011 shall not be construed as a limitation on the authority of the Director to disapprove other policy provisions in accordance with Chapters 21, 22 and 42 of Title 41 of the Idaho Code, or that in the opinion of the Director are unjust, unfair or unfairly discriminatory to the policyholder, beneficiary or a person insured under the policy. (3-30-01)
AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 41-211, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 20, 2017.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This rule requires insurers to furnish, to hospitals and certain other service providers, a six month supply of paper forms for the filing of claims. Since the rule was adopted in 1980, the vast majority of claims are submitted electronically, and it is no longer necessary for providers to have a six-month supply of paper forms on hand at all times. IDAPA 18.01.35 is not necessary for the effectuation of Title 41, Idaho Code as it reflects outmoded practices. This rulemaking proposes to repeal this rule.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the July 5, 2017, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Volume 17-7, p. 66.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Wes Trexler, weston.trexler@doi.idaho.gov (208) 334-4315. Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered either by hard copy or via email to the same email address for questions set forth above on or before September 27, 2017.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2017.

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IDAPA 18.01.35 IS BEING REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY
AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 41-211, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 20, 2017.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

We are revising the definition of “things of value” at Subsection 010.05 and revising provisions 4.l. and 9 of Exhibit 1, requiring cancellation fees because there are various scenarios where it seems inappropriate to charge a cancellation fee, and title insurance agents would not charge cancellation fees but for the current rule.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars ($10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A


INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Tom Donovan, tom.donovan@doi.idaho.gov (208) 334-4214.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered either by hard copy or via email to the same email address for questions set forth above on or before September 27, 2017.

DATED this 31st day of July, 2017.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 18-0156-1701
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Business of Title Insurance. “Business of title insurance” has the meaning set forth in Idaho Code, Section 41-2704 and includes in addition thereto, the performance in this state by a title entity of any service in conjunction with the issuance of any contract or policy of title insurance. (7-1-93)

02. Person. “Person” includes any natural person and any firm, association, organization, partnership, business trust, corporation or other legal entity. (7-1-93)

03. Producer of Title Business. “Producer of title business” includes any person engaged in this state in the trade, business, occupation or profession of:

a. Buying or selling interest in real property; or (7-1-93)

b. Making loans secured by interest in real property; and (7-1-93)

c. Shall include but not be limited to real estate agents, real estate brokers, mortgage brokers, lending or financial institutions, builders, attorneys, developers, subdividers, auctioneers engaged in the sale of real property, consumers, and the employees, agents, representatives, or solicitors of any of the foregoing. (7-1-93)

04. Self Promotional. “Self promotional” refers to either a promotional function which is conducted by a single entity or a promotional item intended for distribution by a single entity. All benefits from the promotional function or item must accrue to the entity promoting itself. (7-1-93)

05. Things of Value. “Things of value” means anything that has a monetary value and includes, but is not limited to, tangible objects, services, use of facilities, monetary advances, extension of lines of credit, creation of compensating balances, uncollected cancellation fees for issuance of title commitments, and all other forms of consideration. (7-1-93)

06. Trade Association. “Trade association” means an association of persons, a majority of whom are producers of title business, or persons whose primary activity involves real property. (7-1-93)

07. Title Entity. “Title entity” includes both title insurance agents and title insurers and their employees, agents, or representatives. (7-1-93)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

021. -- 999. (RESERVED)

EXHIBIT 1

A title entity shall not provide things of value except as provided in Sections 012, 013, 014, and 015 of this rule. The following is a partial, but not all inclusive, list of acts and practices which are considered illegal inducements prohibited by the Idaho Insurance Code:

1. A title entity shall not sponsor any activity off its premises unless the producer of title business bears the entire cost of the activity. A title entity shall not cosponsor, subsidize, contribute fees, prizes, gifts, or
otherwise provide things of value for a promotional function off the title entity’s premises regardless whether the function is self-promotional or not. Off premises functions/activities include, but are not limited to, meetings, luncheons, dinners, conventions, installation ceremonies, celebrations, outings, or related activities of producers of title business, cocktail parties, hospitality room functions, open house celebrations, dances, fishing trips, motor vehicle rallies, sporting events of all kinds, gambling trips, hunting trips or outings, golf tournaments, artistic performances, and outings in recreation areas or entertainment areas. It shall be the burden of the title entity to be prepared to present documentation to the Department of Insurance that no things of value were provided.

2. A title entity shall not sponsor, subsidize, supply prizes or labor, or otherwise provide things of value for promotional activities of producers of title business. This does not prevent a title entity from attending activities of producers of title business if there is no cost to the title entity other than the title entity’s own entry fees, registration fees, meals, etc., and provided that these fees are no greater than those charged to producers of title business.

3. A title entity shall not provide or offer to provide, either directly or indirectly, a compensating balance or deposit in a lending institution either for the express or implied purpose of influencing the extension of credit by such lending institution to any such person, or for the express or implied purpose of influencing the placement or channeling of title insurance business by such lending institution.

4. A title entity shall not pay or offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, with respect to any producer of title business for:
   a. The services of an outside professional whose services are required by any producer of title business to complete or structure a particular transaction;
   b. The salary of an employee of such producer of title business;
   c. The salary or any part of the salary of a relative of any producer of title business employed by a title entity, if the payment is in excess of the reasonable value of the work actually performed;
   d. A fee for making an inspection or appraisal of property, whether or not the fee bears a reasonable relationship to the services performed;
   e. Services required to be performed by any producer of title business in his or her professional capacity (e.g., the drafting of documents that are required to be filed by such producer of title business with the title entity for the initiation of closing and settlement services);
   f. Any evidence of title or a copy of the contents thereof which is not produced or issued by the title entity, if the evidence or the title relates to a current transaction;
   g. The rent for all or any part of the space occupied by any producer of title business;
   h. Money, prizes, or other things of value in any kind of a contest or promotional endeavor;
   i. Any advertising effort made in the name of, for, or on behalf of any producer of title business;
   j. Any business form of any such producer of title business other than a form regularly used in the conduct of the title entity’s business, which form is furnished solely for the convenience of the title entity and does not constitute a benefit to the producer of title business; or
   k. Any salary, commission, or any other consideration to any employee who is at the same time actively engaged as a real estate licensee in the real property or mortgage brokerage business or is actively engaged in any other business of a producer of title business; or
   l. The cancellation fee, the fee for the preliminary title report or other Any fee on behalf of any producer of title business before or after inducing such producer of title business to cancel an order with another title entity.
5. A title entity shall not furnish, or offer to furnish, all or any part of the time or productive effort of any employee of the title entity (example: office manager, escrow officer, secretary, clerk, messenger, etc.) to any producer of title business. This provision is not intended to effect the title entity’s day to day business with producers of title business. It is directed at title entity employees being utilized by, or “loaned” out to a producer of title business for the self-promotional interests of the producer of title business.

6. A title entity shall not furnish, or offer to furnish, pay for, or offer to pay for, furniture, office supplies including file folders, telephones, equipment, or automobiles to any producer of title business, or pay for, or offer to pay for, any portion of the cost of renting, leasing, operating, or maintaining any of the aforementioned items.

7. A title entity shall not provide, or offer to provide, non title services (example: computerized bookkeeping, forms management, computer programming, trust accounting) or any similar benefit to a producer of title business, without charging for and receiving a fee commensurate for services provided (e.g. a fee for trust accounting shall be a like fee charged by state or federally chartered banks or savings and loan associations in the local area). This provision also does not prevent title entities from contracting with trade associations to provide non-title services for a profit (i.e. MLS services).

8. A title entity shall not provide gifts or other things of value in excess of fifty dollars ($50) per year per individual in connection with congratulations or condolences to a producer of title business.

9. A title entity shall not waive a cancellation fee, fail to charge for a cancellation fee, or otherwise fail to make efforts to collect a cancellation fee from the recipient of services provided by the title entity. A title entity shall not issue a title insurance binder, commitment or preliminary report without an order.

10. A title entity shall not furnish any part of its facility (e.g. conference rooms, meeting rooms, etc.) to a producer of title business or trade association without receiving a fair rental charge commensurate with the average rental for similar facilities in the area.

11. A title entity shall not furnish reports containing publicly recorded information, appraisals, estimates, or income production potential, information kits or similar packages containing information about one or more parcels of real property (other than as permitted in Section 012) helpful to any producer of title business, consumer, or member of the general public without making a charge that is commensurate with the actual cost of the work performed and the material furnished (e.g. “farm packages”, lot book reports, tax information, title commitments).

12. Delivery service between a title entity and a producer of title business shall be conducted by the title entity’s regular messenger service and shall only involve the delivery of items from a title entity to a producer of title business or from a producer of title business to a title entity.