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SUBCHAPTER O. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF COVERAGE UNDER THE TEXAS HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL

28 TAC §§21.2301 - 21.2306

INTRODUCTION. The Texas Department of Insurance adopts the repeal of 28 TAC Chapter 21, Subchapter O, §§21.2301 - 21.2306, relating to Notice of Availability of Coverage under the Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool. The repeal is adopted without changes to the proposal published in the May 13, 2016, issue of the *Texas Register* (41 TexReg 3432).

EXPLANATION. SB 1367, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013), abolished the Texas Health Insurance Pool (THIP) and eliminated the need for Subchapter O, which was "to facilitate public awareness of coverage under and enrollment in" the THIP. The subchapter is now unnecessary and should be repealed.

The adoption of the repeal will result in the elimination of unnecessary regulations.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS. TDI did not receive any comments on the proposed repeal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeal of §§21.2301 - 21.2306 is adopted under SB 1367, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013), and Insurance Code §36.001. SB 1367 abolished the THIP and repealed Insurance Code Chapter 1506. Section 36.001 provides that the commissioner of insurance may adopt any rules necessary and appropriate to implement the powers and duties of TDI under the Insurance Code and other laws of this state.

TEXT.

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§21.2301. Purpose.

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§21.2302. Definitions.

§21.2303. Delivery of Notice.

§21.2304. Notice.

§21.2305. Form.

§21.2306. Compliance and Effective Date.

CERTIFICATION. This agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adopted repeal and found it to be within the agency's legal authority to adopt.

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The commissioner adopts the repeal of 28 TAC §§21.2301 - 21.2306.

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