Agent Notice: Changes to Enrollment Options for Medicare Advantage Insureds in Great Plains Health Territory

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") has determined that Great Plains Health's termination of its participation in WellCare/Centene and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska's ("BCBS NE") Medicare Advantage plans in Nebraska represented a significant change to the network, such that impacted enrollees would be eligible for a Special Election Period ("SEP").

Accordingly, CMS informed Centene/WellCare and BCBS NE on October 25, 2024, that affected enrollees would be granted an SEP beginning the month that enrollees are notified and ending two months after the month that they are notified. The SEP will not be available if Great Plains Health comes to a negotiated agreement with a carrier and restores its participation in their network.

All affected enrollees should receive notification of their eligibility for this SEP from their plan. Likewise, agents should direct consumers with questions about their eligibility or the SEP to Centene/WellCare or BCBS NE.

If you or your insureds have additional questions, please reach out to the carriers. Should you encounter any difficulties please do not hesitate to reach out to Big "I" Nebraska so that we can assist you or help connect you with the Nebraska Department of Insurance.