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Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Named To Department of Insurance

Frankfort, Ky. (April 28, 2017) – Nancy G. Atkins has been appointed Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI), and Patrick O'Connor has been named Deputy Commissioner of Policy.

Atkins is a 33-year veteran of the insurance industry, working as both a licensed agent and employee benefit manager. She previously served as the Deputy Commissioner for DOI, an appointment she held since February. Prior to joining DOI, she served as the Director of Sales and Marketing for Bluegrass Family Health Inc., where she managed a large team of agents and account representatives while working closely with DOI to ensure regulatory compliance.

"I am honored to lead the department during this critical time for Kentucky's insurance market," said Atkins. "Obamacare has left us with a broken system, but there is a desire for change. We look forward to harnessing that desire for the benefit of all Kentuckians."

Atkins also worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kentucky and Advantage Care, Inc., focusing largely on employee benefit plan management for small and large corporations throughout the state. She is a licensed nurse and former hospital administration professional and understands the complexities that exist for healthcare providers in today's insurance marketplace.

"Nancy is a consummate professional, and her experiences with both the clinical and the administrative components of insurance provide her with a unique perspective that will be invaluable as the leader of DOI," said Public Protection Cabinet Secretary David Dickerson.

Atkins will work closely with Patrick O'Connor, the newly named Deputy Commissioner of Policy for DOI. O'Connor will continue to serve as an Executive Legal Advisor for DOI and assist the department with high-priority legal, policy, and legislative initiatives, including cutting red tape in the state insurance code as part of Governor Bevin's Red Tape Reduction Initiative.

As an attorney with the Insurance Regulation Service Team at Frost Brown Todd LLC, Patrick assisted national and international insurance companies with regulatory compliance needs. In

this position, he also assisted in drafting model law recommendations to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and provided guidance to other organizations regarding state and federal insurance regulatory changes.

“DOI continues to work hard to overcome the blatant failures of Obamacare, and both Nancy Atkins and Patrick O’Connor will continue the important work of exploring new and innovative ways to improve Kentucky’s insurance market,” said Public Protection Cabinet Secretary David Dickerson.

Former Commissioner Brian Maynard will step down from his role at DOI effective April 30 to return to the private sector.

The Kentucky Department of Insurance regulates the Commonwealth's insurance market, licenses agents and other insurance professionals, monitors the financial condition of companies, educates consumers to make wise choices, and ensures Kentuckians are treated fairly in the marketplace. To learn more about DOI, visit insurance.ky.gov.

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