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Sandy Praeger

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PRAEGER TABBED FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE *Insurance Commissioner Appointed to Executive Committee*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She has also been selected to serve as Chair of NAIC's Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee which is charged with reviewing all aspects of health care, including developing regulatory standards, monitoring state and federal senior health care initiatives and overseeing managed health care reforms.

"I truly look forward to working with Sandy and taking advantage of her extensive knowledge in the field of health insurance as we work through complex issues this coming year, such as the Medicare bill," said NAIC President and South Carolina Insurance Director Ernie Csiszar.

"State and national leaders have a responsibility to create meaningful health care legislation," said Commissioner Praeger. "I am honored to be given this assignment and look forward to working with members of Congress as we respond to the health care needs of Americans."

In addition to leading the Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee, Commissioner Praeger has been appointed to serve on a variety of NAIC committees and working groups, including: Consumer Protections, Government Affairs, Senior Issues and Workers' Compensation.

Sandy Praeger is Kansas' 24th Commissioner of Insurance. She is responsible for regulating all insurance sold in Kansas, a \$10 billion a year industry. The Kansas Insurance Department licenses nearly 1,700 insurance companies and 23,300 agents in Kansas every year.

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is a voluntary organization of the chief insurance regulatory officials of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories. The association's overriding objective is to protect consumers and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry by offering financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. Formed in 1871, it is the oldest association of state officials.

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