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Alan McClain
COMMISSIONER,
ARKANSAS INSURANCE
DEPARTMENT

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2021

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RULE 127: "AUTHORIZATION OF OFF-LABEL USE OF DRUG TREATMENTS FOR PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET AND AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("AID") Proposed Rule 127, "Authorization of Off-Label Use For Drug Treatments For Pediatric Acute-Onset and Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Syndrome."

Pursuant to Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on September 30, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., in the Second Floor Hearing Room ("Diamond Mine Room"), at the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the Director should adopt the proposed Rule 127, "Authorization of Off-Label Use For Drug Treatments For Pediatric Acute-Onset and Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Syndrome" implementing Act 1054 of 2021 which requires health benefit plans to cover off-label drugs for the treatment of pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome ("PANS") and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection ("PANDAS"). The Rule also creates a mechanism for enforcement, we are permitting reimbursement via the Rule, and provides for penalty for nonconformance.

All interested persons are encouraged to make comments, statements or opinions to the address below or attend the Public Hearing and present, orally or in writing, statements, arguments or opinions on the proposed Rule. All licensees and other interested persons are responsible for notifying all their personnel, agents, and employees about this Public Hearing.

Persons wishing to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance. Direct your inquiries to: Dan Honey, Counsel, Arkansas Insurance Department, 501-371-

2800, email: dan.honey@arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed Rule may be obtained or viewed at <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/proposed-rules/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Honey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Honey
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