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DATE: JANUARY 31, 2022

TO: ALL HEALTH INSURERS & HMOs, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 111: CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALY RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY COVERAGE

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("AID") Proposed Amended Rule 111, "CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALY RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY COVERAGE."

Pursuant to Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on February 24th, at 1:30 PM., in the Second Floor Hearing Room ("Central High/Old Mill Room"), at the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202. Interested parties may also attend via telephone or zoom by using the following link: <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/proposed-rules/>.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the Director should adopt the Proposed Amended Rule 111, "CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALY RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY COVERAGE." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner is proposing a rule which implements Act 955 of 2021 pertaining to craniofacial anomaly coverage. The Commissioner is refiling a previously filed Rule to obtain public comment on changes made during a previous administrative hearing.

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. **The record will remain open for public comment until the close of business, March 4, 2022.**

Persons wishing to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance. Direct your inquiries to: Booth Rand, Managing Attorney, Arkansas Insurance Department, 501-371-2820, email: booth.rand@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,

Booth Rand
Managing Attorney
Arkansas Insurance Department

Attachment – Legal Ad for Proposed Rule 111 "Craniofacial Anomaly Reconstructive Surgery Coverage"

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