RULE 110 PREPAID FUNERAL BENEFITS CONTRACTS TRANSFER FEE

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Section 1. Authority

This Rule is promulgated pursuant to Section Two (2) of Act 880 of 2015 of the Arkansas General Assembly, codified in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-40-122(b); authority is also found in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-108, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204, and other applicable laws or rules.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Rule is to establish a fee for a transfer or cancellation of prepaid funeral benefits contracts.

Section 3. Definitions

- A. "Seller" means the organization who sold the prepaid funeral benefits contract to the consumer.
- B. "Policyholder" means the contract purchaser.
- C. "Funding life insurance company" means the life insurance company that is responsible for funding the prepaid funeral benefits contract.
- D. "Substitute provider" means the funeral home which is assuming the prepaid funeral benefits contract in the case of a transfer.

Section 4. Fee

Either the seller or the funding life insurance company, but not both, is permitted to collect a fee not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the transfer of the contract to a substitute provider or, alternatively, for the cancellation of the contract.

Section 5. Requirements

The purpose of the fee is to defray the administrative costs of the seller in effecting the transfer or cancellation. The fee may be paid by either the policyholder or the substitute provider. Any seller or funding life insurance company who intends to collect the fee shall give written notice in the contract that the policyholder may be responsible to pay the fee in the event the policyholder chooses to transfer the contract to a substitute provider, or chooses to cancel the contract.

Sellers	who	sell	cash-funded	contracts	are	allowed	to	collect	the	fee	upon	transfer	or
cancellation.													

Section 6. Effective Date

This Rule shall apply to all sellers and funding life insurance companies wishing to collect the fee on and after December 1, 2015.

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DATE