

Arkansas Insurance Department

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DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2016

TO: ALL ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: RULE 114: "PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATIONS FOR TERMINAL ILLNESSES"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") Proposed Rule 114, "PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATIONS FOR TERMINAL ILLNESSES." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") is filing for public comment and public hearing a proposed regulation implementing Act 992 of 2015, "An Act To Regulate the Prior Authorization Procedure For Treatment Of A Terminal Illness." The proposed Rule addresses coverage of prescription pain medication, as authorized under the Act, for persons with a terminal illness.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-99-414 and 23-61-108(a)(1), and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on April 14, 2016 at 9:00 A.M., in the First Floor Hearing Room, Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department"), 1200 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the Commissioner should adopt Proposed Rule 114, " PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PAIN MEDICATIONS FOR TERMINAL ILLNESSES."

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 should notify the Legal Division as soon as possible, and are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance.

Direct your inquiries to the Legal Division at (501) 371-2820 or insurance.legal@arkansas.gov.

A copy of Proposed Rule 114 can be obtained or viewed on the Legal Division's Internet Web Site at <http://insurance.arkansas.gov/prop-rules.htm>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Booth Rand', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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