

Arkansas Insurance Department

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

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

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: RULE 27: "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") Proposed Rule 27, "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") is filing for public comment and public hearing a proposed regulation implementing Act 684 of 2017 of the 91st Arkansas General Assembly, "An Act To Allow Medigap Coverage To Be Purchased In Arkansas For Individuals With Disabilities Under The Age of Sixty-Five (65)." The proposed rule amendments also separately adopt required Federal reforms under Section 401 of the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act ("MACRA").

Pursuant to Act 684 of 2017, Ark. Code Ann. § 23-79-404, and § 23-61-108(a)(1), and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on October 23, 2017, at 10:00 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 amendments to Arkansas Insurance Department Rule 27, "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES."

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 the proposed Rule 27 can be obtained or viewed on the Legal Division's Internet Web Site at <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/proposed-rules/>

Sincerely,



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