

Arkansas Insurance Department

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DATE: OCTOBER 31, 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 115: "PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TRANSPARENCY ACT"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") Proposed Rule 115, "PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TRANSPARENCY ACT." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") is filing for public comment and public hearing a proposed regulation implementing Act 815 of 2017 of the 91st Arkansas General Assembly, "An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions of the Prior Authorization Transparency Act." The proposed Rule implements Act 815 by amending Rule 115 to establish threshold amounts as to what constitutes a "benefit inquiry" under the Prior Authorization Transparency Act.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-99-1118, 23-99-1113(a)(2)(A), 23-61-108(a)(1), and 23-61-108(b)(1), and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on **December 8, 2017, at 1 P.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 115, "PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TRANSPARENCY ACT."

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 115 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Booth Rand', with a stylized, flowing script.

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