

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-3, 50-13-4, 50-13-6, 50-13-21, and, 33-2-9 of the following proposals by the Commissioner of Insurance to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Rules and Regulations of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance are proposed to be amended by the following actions:

- Adding Regulation Chapter 120-2-104 entitled "Premium Rates and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.01 entitled "Statutory Authority"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.02 entitled "Purpose and Interpretation"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.03 entitled "Individual Accident and Sickness Policies"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.04 entitled "Group Accident and Sickness Policies"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.05 entitled "Severability"
- Adding Regulation 120-2-104-.06 entitled "Repeal of Chapter"

SYNOPSIS AND EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The purpose of the proposed Rule and Regulation 120-2-104 of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is to implement changes to Title 33 which resulted from the passage of Senate Bill 236, signed by the Governor May 7, 2013. The changes are aimed at ensuring that the public understands the correlation between anticipated increases in health insurance premium rates and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The full text of the proposed Rule and Regulation 120-2-104 entitled "Premium Rates and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

SCHEDULE

The aforesaid proposals, which are being forwarded to the Attorney General for approval as to legality pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9, are now on file in the Administrative Procedure Division of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and are hereby declared to be a public record as follows:

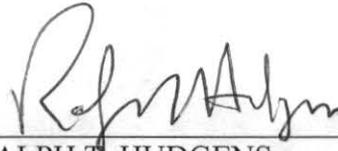
Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking process by submitting their written comments to **Vince Wiegand, Administrative Procedure Division, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 1016 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King,**

Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments must be received by the Administrative Procedure Division by 4:30 p.m. on Friday August 30, 2013. Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting oral comments at the hearing to commence on **Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Seventh Floor, West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.**

Oral presentations at the hearing may be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Administrative Procedure Division.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commissioner of Insurance may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules which may require another rulemaking hearing.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this 25th day of July, 2013.



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