

Arkansas Insurance Department

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

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: RULE 106: "NETWORK ADEQUACY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") Proposed Rule 106, "Network Adequacy Requirements For Health Benefit Plans." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") is proposing to issue medical network requirements for health plans in the individual and group market, as defined in the Proposed Rule, which use medical provider networks for plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§23-61-108(a)(1), 23-61-108(b)(1), 23-76-108(a), and 25-15-204, and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on October 29, 2014, 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 Proposed Rule 106, "NETWORK ADEQUACY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS."

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and may appear 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 106 can be obtained or viewed on the Legal Division's Internet Web Site at <http://insurance.arkansas.gov/prop-rules.htm>.

Sincerely,

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