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(c) The filing letter shall be in duplicate and shall contain the following information:

1. The identifying form number and title, if any, of the form.
2. A general description of the form.
3. In case of a certificate, rider or endorsement, the form numbers, identifying symbols or types of policies with which the certificate, rider or endorsement will be used.
4. The form number and date of department approval of any form superseded by the filing.

(3) RATE FILINGS. Schedules of premium rates shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of subsection 204.321 (3) (e), Wis. Stats. The schedules of premium rates shall bear the insurer's name and shall identify the coverages to which such rates are applicable.

(4) CERTIFICATES. (a) Each certificate issued to an employe or member of an insured group in connection with a group insurance policy shall include a statement in summary form of the provisions of the group policy relative to:

1. The essential features of the insurance coverage,
2. To whom benefits are payable,
3. Notice or proof of loss,
4. The time for paying benefits, and
5. The time within which suit may be brought.

(5) COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS. (a) Policies issued in accordance with section 204.321, Wis. Stats., shall offer to insure all eligible members of the group or association except any as to whom evidence of insurability is not satisfactory to the insurer. Cancellation of coverage of individual members of the group or association who have not withdrawn participation nor received maximum benefits is not permitted, except that the insurer may terminate or refuse renewal of an individual member who attains a specified age, retires or who ceases to actively engage in the duties of his profession or occupation on a full-time basis or ceases to be an active member of the association or labor union or an employe of the employer, or otherwise ceases to be an eligible member.

(b) Surgical benefit provisions or schedules shall provide that the benefit for any covered surgical procedure not specifically listed in the schedule and not excluded by the provisions of the policy shall be determined by the company on a basis consistent with the benefit provided for a comparable listed procedure.

(6) ELIGIBLE GROUPS. In accordance with subsection 204.321 (1) (f), Wis. Stats.:

(a) the members of the board of directors of a corporation are eligible to be covered under a group accident and sickness policy issued to such corporation,

(b) the individual members of member organizations of an association, as defined in subsection 204.321 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., are eligible to be covered under a group accident and sickness policy issued to such association insuring employes of such association and employes of member organizations of such association, and

(c) the individuals supplying raw materials to a single processing plant and the employes of such processing plant are eligible to be

covered under a group accident and sickness policy issued to such processing plant.

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Ins 3.15 Blanket accident and sickness insurance. (1) **PURPOSE.** This rule implements and interprets applicable statutes for the purpose of establishing procedures and requirements to expedite the review and approval of blanket accident and sickness policies permitted by subsection 204.322 (1), Wis. Stats.

(2) **FILING PROCEDURE.** Policy forms, including riders or endorsements submitted for review and approval must be filed as follows: (a) One copy of all such forms (2 copies should be submitted if company desires one copy stamped as approved and returned) shall be submitted with a copy of the application applying thereto, if such application is to be made a part of the contract. If such application is already on file and has been previously approved, the form number and date of approval may be submitted rather than the application.

(b) If the nature of the information to be inserted in any blank space of any such form cannot be determined from the wording of the form, such blank space shall be filled in with hypothetical data to the extent needed to indicate the purpose and use of the form. As an alternative such purpose and use may be explained in the filing letter submitted with the form.

(c) The filing letter shall be in duplicate and shall contain the following information:

1. The identifying form number and title, if any, of the form.
2. A general description of the form.
3. In case of a rider or endorsement, the form numbers, identifying symbols or types of policies with which the rider or endorsement will be used.
4. The form number and date of department approval of any form superseded by the filing.

(3) **RATE FILINGS.** Schedules of premium rates shall be filed in accordance with the requirements of subsection 204.322 (5) (e), Wis. Stats. The schedules of premium rates shall bear the insurer's name and shall identify the coverages to which such rates are applicable.

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(4) **ELIGIBLE RISKS.** (a) In accordance with the provisions of subsection 204.322 (1) (f), Wis. Stats., the following are eligible for blanket accident and health insurance: 1. Volunteer fire departments, 2. National guard units, 3. Newspaper delivery boys, 4. Dependents of students, 5. Volunteer civil defense organizations, 6. Volunteer auxiliary police organizations, 7. Law enforcement agencies, 8. Cooperatives organized under chapter 185, Wis. Stats., on a membership basis without capital stock.

(b) A company may submit any other risk or class of risks, subject to approval by the commissioner, which it believes is properly eligible for blanket accident and health insurance.

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(5) **COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.** Surgical benefit provisions or schedules shall provide that the benefit for any covered surgical procedure not specifically listed in the schedule and not excluded by the provisions of the policy shall be determined by the company on a basis consistent with the benefit provided for a comparable listed procedure.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1958, No. 27, eff. 4-1-58; am. (4) (a), cr. (5), Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59; am. (1), (3) and (4) (a), Register, October, 1961, No. 70, eff. 11-1-61; am. (4) (a), Register, April, 1963, No. 88, eff. 5-1-63.

Ins 3.16 Credit accident and health insurance. (1) **PURPOSE.** This rule implements and interprets applicable statutes for the purpose of establishing minimum requirements for the transaction of credit accident and health insurance.

(2) **POLICY PROVISIONS.** (a) Credit accident and health insurance policies may include credit life insurance benefits as defined in section 201.04 (3c), Wis. Stats. Credit accident and health insurance policies which include credit life insurance benefits shall contain all of the appropriate required provisions relating to such insurance.

(b) Each individual policy or group certificate of credit accident and health insurance shall, in addition to other filing requirements, set forth:

1. The name and home office address of the insurer.
2. The name of the debtor.
3. The amount and term of the coverage by description, formula, schedule, or by equating both to the amount and term of the indebtedness. An insurer may submit other methods for indicating amount and term, subject to the approval of the commissioner, which it believes are equally clear.
4. The amount of premium or identifiable charge separately for credit accident and health insurance and for credit life insurance when the debtor has paid or obligated himself to pay all or any part of the premium or identifiable charge.
5. A description of the coverage, including any exceptions, limitations, or restrictions.
6. A provision that the benefits shall be paid to the creditor to reduce or extinguish the unpaid indebtedness.
7. A provision that the insurance on any debtor will be cancelled if his indebtedness is terminated through prepayment, refinancing, or otherwise.
8. A provision that refund will be granted in the event of cancellation or termination. The individual policy or group certificate shall either describe the method of computing the refund or state that the formula or schedule for such computation has been filed with the commissioner of insurance. This provision shall not be required if the debtor has not paid or obligated himself to pay all or any part of the premium or identifiable charge.

(c) If a contract of credit accident and health insurance provides for a limitation of the amount of coverage related to credit accident and health insurance provided by other contracts in force on the debtor, such limitation shall be explained to the debtor at the time the indebtedness is incurred and shall be acknowledged in writing

by him in an instrument separate from the individual policy or group certificate. Alternatively, the individual policy or group certificate shall include a *brief description* or *separate statement* referring to the limitation of amount of coverage. The *brief description* or *separate statement*, if used to meet the foregoing requirement, shall be printed on the first page of the individual policy or group certificate in type more prominent than that used in the text of the policy or certificate and shall clearly indicate the limitation.

(d) If a contract of credit accident and health insurance provides for a limitation of coverage related to the age of the debtor, such limitation shall be explained to the debtor at the time the indebtedness is incurred and shall be acknowledged in writing by him in an instrument separate from the individual policy or group certificate. Alternatively, the individual policy or group certificate shall include a *brief description* or *separate statement* referring to the age limitation. The *brief description* or *separate statement*, if used to meet the foregoing requirement, shall be printed on the first page of the individual policy or group certificate in type more prominent than that used in the text of the policy or certificate and shall clearly indicate the limitation.

(3) **TERM OF CREDIT ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE.** The term of any credit accident and health insurance shall, subject to acceptance by the insurer, commence on the date when the debtor becomes obligated to the creditor, except that, where a group policy provides coverage with respect to existing obligations, the insurance on a debtor with respect to such indebtedness shall commence on the effective date of the policy. The term of such insurance shall not extend more than 15 days beyond the scheduled maturity date of the indebtedness except when extended without additional cost to the debtor or when provided by a group policy the additional premium for which is paid by the policyholder without any additional direct identifiable charge to the debtor.

(4) **AMOUNT OF CREDIT ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE.** The total amount of periodic indemnity payable by credit accident and health insurance in the event of disability, as defined in the policy, shall not exceed the total of the periodic scheduled unpaid installments of indebtedness, and the amount of any individual periodic indemnity payment shall not exceed the scheduled installment due on the indebtedness, or shall not exceed the original indebtedness divided by the number of periodic installments. Periodic indemnity payments may not be payable for a period of disability more than 15 days after the scheduled maturity date of the indebtedness, except that a group policy may provide periodic indemnity payments beyond said date, without direct identifiable charge to the debtor for the extension, provided that such payments shall in no event exceed the aggregate of the scheduled installments of indebtedness remaining unpaid on the said maturity date.

(5) **REFUNDS IN EVENT OF CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE.** Schedules for computing refunds in event of cancellation of credit accident and health insurance prior to the scheduled maturity date of the indebtedness must meet the following minimum requirements: