

STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (OCI)

Notice of Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance will hold a public hearing on a permanent and emergency rule pursuant to s. 227.18 Stats., to amend s. Ins 17.35 (4) relating to deductibles and cost sharing provision limitations in medical malpractice insurance policies and affecting small business at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: March 16, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: OCI Room 227, 125 S. Webster Street 2nd Floor, Madison, WI.

Accessibility Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Julie Walsh at (608) 264-8101 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing. There is also handicap access at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Written comments can be mailed to:

Julie E. Walsh
Legal Unit - OCI Rule Comment for Rule Ins 1735
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
PO Box 7873
Madison WI 53707-7873

Written comments can be hand delivered to:

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Comments can be emailed to:

Julie E. Walsh at julie.walsh@wisconsin.gov

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2015.

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at adminrules.wisconsin.gov or at <http://www.oci.wi.gov/ocirules.htm> no later than 4:00 pm on March 22, 2016.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., the proposed rule may have an effect on small businesses. The initial regulatory flexibility analysis is as follows:

a. Types of small businesses affected:

Small businesses that are either owned or operated by one or more physicians or certified nurse anesthetists that participate in the Fund and currently have a fully insured policy with cost sharing provisions that are in excess of 25%. Small businesses that owned and operated in Wisconsin receiving services from a health care provider group whose current fully insured policy exceeds the proposed 25% maximum liability for Fund providers.

b. Description of reporting and bookkeeping procedures required:

None beyond those currently required.

c. Description of professional skills required:

The consultation with an agent or broker to determine best cost alternatives for primary coverage for medical malpractice in accordance with s. 655.23 (4), Stats.

Agency Small Business Regulatory Coordinator The OCI small business coordinator is Kate Ludlum kate.ludlum@wisconsin.gov or 608-264-6232.

CONTACT PERSON

A copy of the full text of the emergency rule and the proposed permanent rule changes, analysis and fiscal estimate may be obtained from the OCI internet Web site at <http://oci.wi.gov/ocirules.htm> or by contacting Julie E. Walsh, 125 South Webster Street – 2nd Floor, Madison WI or PO Box 7873, Madison WI 53707-7873.
