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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Insurance Commission TITLE NUMBER: 114
RULE TYPE: Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code §§ 33-20B-6(a)
and 33-2-10
AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 23
TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Medical Malpractice Loss Experience
and Loss Expense Annual Reporting Requirements

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

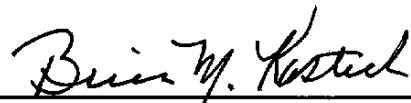
IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 6, 2001 AT 4:30 PM ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Donna S. Quesenberry, General Counsel
Offices of the Insurance
Commissioner

P.O. Box 50540

Charleston, WV 25305-0540

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.



Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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Legislative Rule
Title 114, Series 23

**MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LOSS EXPERIENCE
AND LOSS EXPENSE ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

TITLE 114, SERIES 23

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RULE

West Virginia Code Section 33-20B-6(a) requires the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a rule which establishes "procedures for the fair and appropriate evaluation and determination of the past loss experience and prospective or projected loss experience of insurers within and outside this state, actual past expenses incurred in the state and demonstrable prospective or projected expenses applicable to this state." This proposed rule amends the "Annual Loss Experience and Loss Experience Report Form" contained in the current rule. The amended language requests from insurers information with regard to actual expenses incurred per policy type, i.e. actual claims paid, legal fees paid and administrative costs, as well as audited financial statements. This additional information will enable the Commissioner to more adequately evaluate past and projected loss experience, and thereby more effectively regulate rates.

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STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES

West Virginia Code Section 33-20B-6(a) requires the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a rule which establishes "procedures for the fair and appropriate evaluation and determination of the past loss experience and prospective or projected loss experience of insurers within and outside this state, actual past expenses incurred in the state and demonstrable prospective or projected expenses applicable to this state." This proposed rule amends the "Annual Loss Experience and Loss Experience Report Form" contained in the current rule. The amended language requests from insurers information with regard to actual expenses incurred per policy type, i.e. actual claims paid, legal fees paid and administrative costs, as well as audited financial statements. This additional information will enable the Commissioner to more adequately evaluate past and projected loss experience, and thereby more effectively regulate rates.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Medical Malpractice Loss Experience and Loss
Expense Annual Reporting Requirements
Title 114, Series 23

Type of Rule: X Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: Insurance Commissioner

Address: Post Office Box 50540
1124 Smith Street, Greenbrooke Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0540

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1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current	Next	Thereafter
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	None	None	None	None	None
PERSONAL SERVICES	None	None	None	None	None
CURRENT EXPENSE	None	None	None	None	None
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS	None	None	None	None	None
EQUIPMENT	None	None	None	None	None
OTHER	None	None	None	None	None

2. Explanation of above estimates:

The amendment to the existing rule will have no additional fiscal impact on local, state or federal governments.

3. Objectives of these rules:

The objective of the rule is to provide adequate information with respect to past and projected loss experience of medical malpractice insurers, thereby enabling the Insurance Commissioner to more effectively analyze and regulate rates.

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4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

None

**B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific
Industries; Specific groups of Citizens.**

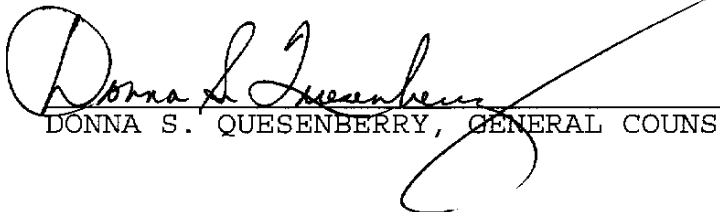
None

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

None

Date: June 6, 2001

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative



DONNA S. QUEISENBERRY, GENERAL COUNSEL

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Section

- 114-23-1. General.
- 114-23-2. Definitions.
- 114-23-3. Insurers Subject to Reporting Requirements.
- 114-23-4. Filing Deadline; Failure to Submit Information.
- 114-23-5. Information Required to Be Reported.
- 114-23-6. Evaluation By Commissioner.
- 114-23-7. Severability.

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LOSS EXPERIENCE
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§ 114-23-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule establishes guidelines and procedures under which each insurer providing five percent (5%) or more of the medical malpractice insurance coverage in West Virginia shall report to the Insurance Commissioner on an annual basis certain specified information concerning loss experience and loss expense in regard to such medical malpractice insurance coverage.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code § 33-20B-6(a) and § 33-2-10.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~April 4, 1988.~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~April 4, 1988.~~

§ 114-23-2. Definitions.

As used in this legislative rule:

2.1. Annual financial statement. Shall mean the financial statement required to be filed annually with the Commissioner pursuant to W. Va. Code § 33-3-14 and § 33-4-14.

2.2. Commissioner. Shall mean the Insurance Commissioner of the state of West Virginia.

2.3. Insurer. Shall mean the insurance company licensed by the Commissioner and authorized to write medical malpractice insurance coverage in the state of West Virginia.

§ 114-23-3. Insurers Subject To Reporting Requirements.

3.1. Insurers subject to annual reporting requirements. This rule shall apply to every insurer which provided five percent (5%) or more of the medical malpractice insurance coverage in West Virginia during the preceding calendar year.

3.2. Notification by Commissioner. The Commissioner shall annually, on or before May 1, notify in writing those insurers which he has determined provided five percent (5%) or more of the

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medical malpractice insurance coverage in West Virginia during the preceding calendar year of their obligation to report to the Commissioner the information specified in section 5 of this rule.

3.3. Method of determination. The Commissioner's determination pursuant to subsection 3.2 shall be based upon a comparison of every insurer's gross direct written malpractice premiums in West Virginia during the preceding calendar year to the total gross direct written malpractice premium in West Virginia for that calendar year.

§ 114-23-4. Filing Deadline; Failure To Submit Information.

4.1. Filing deadline. Insurers shall submit all information specified in section 5 of this rule to the Commissioner on or before August 1 immediately succeeding notification by the Commissioner pursuant to subsection 3.2.

4.2. Failure to submit information. Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 33-20B-6(b), any insurer which fails to timely submit any and all information specified in section 5 of this rule to the Commissioner shall be fined ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each of the first five (5) such failures per year and shall be fined one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the sixth (6th) and each subsequent such failure per year.

§ 114-23-5. Information Required To Be Reported.

5.1. Information required to be reported. The information required to be reported to the Commissioner shall be that specified in the Annual Loss Experience and Loss Expense Reporting Form, attached to and made a part of this rule as Exhibit A.

5.2. Information by individual coverage classifications. A separate Annual Loss Experience and Loss Expense Reporting Form must be filed for each and every individual coverage classification written by the insurer in West Virginia.

§ 114-23-6. Evaluation By Commissioner.

6.1. Evaluation by Commissioner. The Commissioner shall evaluate the information reported pursuant to section 5 of the rule in order to determine whether the filing insurers have fairly and accurately determined the loss experience and loss expense data in the filing.

§ 114-23-7. Severability.

7.1. Severability. If any provision of this legislative rule is held invalid, the remainder of the rule shall not be affected thereby.

Exhibit A

Annual Loss Experience and Loss Expense Reporting Form

(Note: Attach Additional Sheets For Answers When Necessary)

1. Company Name: _____

If part of a group, specify group name:

2. Coverage Classification: _____
3. Provide, on a West Virginia basis and on a countrywide basis, the following information by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months:
 - a. paid losses;
 - b. accumulated paid losses;
 - c. paid loss adjustment expenses; and,
 - d. incurred but not reported losses.
4. Provide, on a West Virginia basis and on a countrywide basis, the calculation of loss development factors by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months for the following:
 - a. paid losses;
 - b. accumulated paid losses;
 - c. paid loss adjustment expenses; and,
 - d. incurred but not reported losses.
5. Provide, on a West Virginia basis and a countrywide basis, the ratio of accumulated paid losses to earned premiums by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months.
6. Provide, on a West Virginia basis and a countrywide basis, the number of policies in force and the paid losses per policy by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months.
7. Provide a comparison of allocated West Virginia operating expenses and actual West Virginia operating expenses by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months.

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8. Provide, on a West Virginia basis and on a countrywide basis, a linear trend analysis which shows the indicated projected trended development factors for paid losses, accumulated paid loss, paid loss adjustment expenses and incurred but not reported losses. Provide the R squared results of the linear models.
9. Provide the methodology by which the credibility of West Virginia data in relationship to countrywide data is weighted in calculating an indicated percentage of premium rate increase by twelve-month accident year for the preceding ninety-six months. Provide formulas used in the methodology and a narrative explanation and justification of use of the particular methodology.
10. Provide the following information with regard to actual expenses:
 - a. Actual paid claims by policy type by year (please separate underlying tort payments from bad faith, unfair claims practices and other extra contractual payments).
 - b. Actual legal fees by policy type by year.
 - c. Actual administrative costs paid by policy type by year.
11. Provide audited financial statements inclusive of income statements and balance sheets, statements of cash flow and footnotes to financials.

The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (type or print)

Title

Address

Telephone Number

Signature



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

Legal Division

BOB WISE
Governor

JANE L. CLINE
Insurance Commissioner

June 6, 2001

HAND DELIVERED

Ms. Judy Cooper, Director
Administrative Law Division
Office of Secretary of State
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Enclosed please find for filing one (1) copy of the following:

- 1) Notice of a Comment Period on a Proposed Rule and Consent of Tax and Revenue Cabinet Secretary to Proposed Rule;
- 2) Brief Summary of Rule;
- 3) Statement of Circumstances;
- 4) Fiscal Note;
- 5) The proposed rule entitled "Medical Malpractice Loss Experience and Loss Expense Annual Reporting Requirements" (Series 23).

Please contact me if further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna S. Quesenberry".

Donna S. Quesenberry
General Counsel

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Enclosures