

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
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IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC :
HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF :
OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTIONS : NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
3901-1-18, 3901-1-22, 3901-6-04, 3901-6-06, :
AND 3901-6-07 :

Pursuant to section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Superintendent of Insurance, State of Ohio, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, October 3, 2022, to consider the amendment of Ohio Administrative Code sections 3901-1-18 Ohio fair plan - plan of operation, 3901-1-22 Risk modification plans, 3901-6-04 Life insurance illustrations, 3901-6-06 Accelerated benefits, and 3901-6-07 Universal life insurance.

The public hearing will be conducted remotely by video conferencing coordinated by the Ohio Department of Insurance ("Department"). Instructions and a web link and/or telephone number for accessing the hearing will be provided on the Department's web site, www.insurance.ohio.gov. Alternatively, a request for the web link and/or telephone number may be submitted to ecomment@insurance.ohio.gov.

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The purpose of rule 3901-1-18 is for adoption by the superintendent of a plan of operation submitted by the board of governors of the "Ohio Fair Plan Underwriting Association". The plan of operation has been formulated for the purpose of making basic property and homeowners' insurance coverage, as identified in section 3929.42 of the Revised Code, available for qualified property owned by persons who have been unable to secure such insurance in the normal insurance market.

Rule 3901-1-18 is being reviewed as part of the agency five-year rule review. Recommended amendments include 1. Paragraph (G)(9) remove the following language: "In no case will the association provide coverage unless the necessary corrections are to commence within thirty days following the date of the application." With

ongoing labor and supply shortages, removing this timeline benefits Ohio consumers. 2. Paragraph (H)(2) remove the following language: “In no case will the association provide coverage unless the necessary repairs are to commence within thirty days following the date of the application.” With ongoing labor and supply shortages, removing this timeline benefits Ohio consumers. 3. Paragraph (L) Fidelity bonds – modernizing this section, "fidelity coverage" is in use and more recognized than "fidelity bonds". 4. Paragraph (O)(6) – Currently states that any matter may be proposed and voted upon by mail. Proposing to bring in language from paragraph (O)(7) that will read; “regular mail, email or other electronic means” this amendment will modernize this rule.

The purpose of rule 3901-1-22 is to set forth the requirements of risk modification plans that are permitted for non-personal lines insurance to recognize variation in hazard and characteristics of risk.

Rule 3901-1-22 is being reviewed as part of the agency five-year rule review. The recommended amendments clarify citation references.

The purpose of rule 3901-6-04 is to provide rules for life insurance policy illustrations that will protect consumers and foster consumer education. The rule provides illustration formats, prescribes standards to be followed when illustrations are used, and specifies the disclosures that are required in connection with illustrations. The goals of this rule are to ensure that illustrations do not mislead purchasers of life insurance and to make illustrations more understandable. Insurers will, as far as possible, eliminate the use of footnotes and caveats and define terms used in the illustration in language that would be understood by a typical person within the segment of the public to which the illustration is directed.

Rule 3901-6-04 is being reviewed as part of the agency five-year rule review. Recommended amendments remove gender specific language.

The purpose of rule 3901-6-06 is to regulate accelerated death benefit provisions of individual and group life insurance policies and to provide required standards of disclosure.

Rule 3901-6-06 is being reviewed as part of the agency five-year rule review. Recommended amendments remove gender specific language.

The purpose of rule 3901-6-07 is to supplement existing regulations on life insurance policies in order to accommodate the development and issuance of universal life insurance plans.

Rule 3901-6-07 is being reviewed as part of the agency five-year rule review. The recommended amendments correct citations as a result of changes made to the Ohio Revised Code.

Requests for copies of these rules should be addressed to Tina Chubb, Ohio Department of Insurance, 50 West Town Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or proposed rules can be viewed online at www.insurance.ohio.gov.

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