

Arkansas Insurance Department

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DATE: AUGUST 13, 2019

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

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: RULE 119: "MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER WELFARE BENEFIT PLANS"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("Department") Proposed Rule 119, "MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER WELFARE BENEFIT PLANS." The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") is filing for public comment and public hearing a proposed regulation implementing Ark. Code Ann. § 23-92-101(c)(3) and Arkansas Act 919 of 2019 for the licensing and regulation of multiple-employer welfare benefit plans.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-92-101 and § 23-61-108(a)(1), and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on September 24, 2019, 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 Arkansas Insurance Department Rule 119, "MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER WELFARE BENEFIT PLANS."

All interested persons are encouraged to make comments, statements or opinions to the address below or attend the Public Hearing 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 the proposed Rule 119 can be obtained or viewed on the Legal Division's Internet Web Site at <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/proposed-rules/>

Sincerely,

(signed by Booth Rand)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BR' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

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