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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am filing the required number of copies of the attached Evaluation Report on behalf of the Maryland Insurance Administration as follows:

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Sincerely,

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Catherine Grason
Director of Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Commissioner
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.01

Chapter Name: Examination of Insurers

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109, 2-205, 2-207, 2-208, 2-209, 3-303, 3-318, 3-319, 4-116, 5-201, 5-903, 5-904, 8-461, 8-462, 13-116, 14-125, and 14-411; Health-General Article, §§19-717 and 19-718; Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: August 14, 2006

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth procedures for examinations and for certain financial filings that apply to persons who act as insurers in Maryland.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? □ Yes □ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? □ Yes □ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? □ Yes □ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? □ Yes □ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

| All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State’s Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received. |

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
- any notice published in the Maryland Register;
- any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
- any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
- any mailing by the adopting authority; and
- any public hearing held.

| Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received. |

(4) Provide summaries of:
- all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
- the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

| N/A. |

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

| N/A. |

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

| N/A. |

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

| N/A. |

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

| N/A. |
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act? □ Yes  □ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  □ Yes  □ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to examinations or financial filings being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. There has been no recent legislation requiring the promulgation of regulations under this chapter that has not already been addressed. NOTE: Regulatory changes were made to this chapter in 2014 to comply with statutory changes made to §§5-901 et. seq. of the Insurance Article, which became effective in 2013.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

□ no action
□ amendment
□ repeal
□ repeal and adopt new regulations
□ reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to define and meet the Commissioner’s obligations prescribed by the Insurance Article.

The MIA recommends the following technical changes to this chapter:

- COMAR 31.04.01.03A(7) should be amended to remove the reference to §19-718 of the Health-General Article, and replace it with §2-205(b)(1)(v) of the Insurance Article. §19-718 of the Health-General was repealed by the Acts of 2000 Ch. 465§1 (5/11/2000), and §2-205(b)(1)(v) of the Insurance Article presently provides the Commissioner with the authority to examine HMOs.
- In COMAR 31.04.01.01 B, the term “accepted reinsurers” should be replaced with “accredited reinsurers.” COMAR 31.05.08.02 B(1) defines an “accredited reinsurer” as a reinsurer that is accepted by the Commissioner under Insurance Article, §5-906.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.03

Chapter Name: Home and Executive Offices

Authority: Insurance Article, 2-109, 2-112, 4-113(a)(7)-(9), and 4-115, Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: December 18, 1995

Purpose: This chapter is necessary as an aid to the effectuation of the provisions of Insurance Article, 2-112 and 4-115, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

1. Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? [X] Yes [ ] No
2. Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? [X] Yes [ ] No
3. Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? [ ] Yes [X] No
4. Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? [X] Yes [ ] No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

1. List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

   Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the *Maryland Register* and on the Secretary of State’s Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the *Maryland Register*, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

The MIA reviewed NAIC Model Law and Regulation updates through 2012, as well as actions of the Federal Insurance Office as reported from 2012-2014. There has been no activity related to this regulation during these periods.
(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A

C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

☐ Yes  ☒ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

☒ Yes  ☐ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to the provisions of Insurance Article, 2-112 and 4-115, Annotated Code of Maryland being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to the provisions of Insurance Article, 2-112 and 4-115, Annotated Code of Maryland, requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.03.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

☒ no action

☐ amendment

☐ repeal

☐ repeal and adopt new regulations

☐ reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary in supplementing statutory definitions under §4-115 of the Insurance Article, Maryland Code Annotated.

Person performing review:  

Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title:  

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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.05

Chapter Name: Period of Organization or Proof of Financial Worth Before Admission of Foreign Stock and Mutual Insurance Companies

Authority: Insurance Article, 2-109, 4-102, 4-103, and 4-104, Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: October 23, 1995

Purpose: This chapter sets forth necessary conditions, with certain exceptions, for the consideration of an application of a foreign stock or mutual insurance company for a license to transact insurance business in Maryland.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

No relevant information impacting COMAR 31.04.05 was found.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A.
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

☐ Yes  ☒ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

☒ Yes  ☐ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to an application of a foreign stock or mutual insurance company for a license to transact insurance business being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to an application of a foreign stock or mutual insurance company for a license to transact insurance business, requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.05.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

☒ no action

☐ amendment

☐ repeal

☐ repeal and adopt new regulations

☐ reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary for the proper accreditation of foreign stock and mutual insurance companies. No changes are recommended at this time.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.06

Chapter Name: Conflict of Interests

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109, 4-113(a)(7) – (9), and 4-115 Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: February 12, 2007

Purpose: This chapter sets forth requirements for both foreign and domestic companies to ensure a company has adequate protections in place to prevent conflicts of interest for officers, directors, trustees, board members, and responsible employees.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☑ Yes ☐ No
(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☑ Yes ☐ No
(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☑ Yes ☐ No
(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☑ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i) – (viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit's website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority's responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

N/A.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A.
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

☐ Yes  ☒ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

☒ Yes  ☐ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to conflicts of interest being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to conflicts of interest requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.06.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

☒ no action  

☒ amendment  

☐ repeal  

☐ repeal and adopt new regulations  

☐ reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to ensure that foreign and domestic companies have adequate protections in place to prevent conflicts of interest for officers, directors, trustees, board members, and responsible employees.

The MIA recommends the following technical changes to this chapter:

- §4-115 of the Insurance Article should be removed from the enabling authority for this Chapter. The section is unnecessary and is unrelated to these regulations.

- To ensure consistency between COMAR 31.04.06.01 and the NAIC's Annual Statement template (updated annually), COMAR 31.04.06.01 should be amended to reference the "general interrogatories" section of the NAIC Annual Statement, instead of quoting from the annual statement directly, as the regulation presently does. This is necessary because the quoted text in this regulation is slightly different from the language in the 2014 Annual Statement template. Such minor differences could arise again from future changes by the NAIC to the reporting format, thus this amendment will alleviate any discrepancies between COMAR and current and future NAIC Annual Statement templates.

Person performing review:  

Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title:  

Director of Regulatory Affairs
A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? □ X Yes □ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? □ X Yes □ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? □ Yes □ X No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? □ X Yes □ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
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All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
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(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

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(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority's responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

No relevant information impacting, COMAR 31.04.09 was found.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A.
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

- Yes  
- No  

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

- Yes  
- No  

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to custody agreements for securities being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to custody agreements for securities requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.09.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

- no action  
- amendment  
- repeal  
- repeal and adopt new regulations  
- reorganization  

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to the use and structure of custodial agreements and use of clearing corporations by foreign and domestic insurance companies.

Person performing review:  

Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title:  

Director of Regulatory Affairs
Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.10

Chapter Name: Domestic Insurers—Insider Trading

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 3-119, Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: May 15, 1969

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to prevent "insiders" from retaining profits realized on equity securities, usually stocks, on the basis of information not available to others.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration's (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the *Maryland Register* and on the Secretary of State’s Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
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(c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the *Maryland Register*, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

| N/A. |

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

| N/A. |

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

| N/A. |

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

| N/A. No relevant information impacting, COMAR 31.04.10 was found. |

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

| N/A. |
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

- Yes  
- No  

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

- Yes  
- No  

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to insider trading being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to insider trading requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.10.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

- X no action
- amendment
- repeal
- repeal and adopt new regulations
- reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary for the guidelines on insider trading in the purchase and sale of equity securities issued by insurance companies.

The MIA considered revisions to this chapter to update IRS Code references, but after researching the NAIC Model and other state approaches to the model, which also contain dated references, the MIA does not recommend changes at this time. No consumer or company has complained or commented that the chapter is unclear, and our current chapter citations are consistent with other states’ laws and regulations.

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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.12

Chapter Name: Insurer Transactions With Unappointed Persons—General Business Practices

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 4-113(b)(11) and (e), Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: March 16, 1992

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the methodology used to determine whether an insurer has engaged in accepting business from a person who does not have an appointment from the insurer with such frequency as to constitute a general business practice within the meaning of Insurance Article, §4-113(b)(11), Annotated Code of Maryland.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit's website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

N/A.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A.
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

- [ ] Yes  
- [x] No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

- [x] Yes  
- [ ] No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to general business practices and insurer transactions with unappointed persons being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to general business practices and insurer transactions with unappointed persons requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.12.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

- [x] no action
- amendment
- repeal
- repeal and adopt new regulations
- reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by §4-113 of the Insurance Article. No changes are recommended at this time.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.16
Chapter Name: Filing of Underwriting Standards
Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 27-501, Annotated Code of Maryland
Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: January 15, 2007
Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth certain filing requirements for a carrier's underwriting standards for insurance products.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? [ ] Yes [ ] No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? [ ] Yes [ ] No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? [ ] Yes [ ] No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? [ ] Yes [ ] No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State’s Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.
(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
   (a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
   (b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
   (c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of
       regulation review;
   (d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
   (e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the *Maryland Register*, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of
the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For
Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to
the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit
comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
   (a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
   (b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

   N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

   N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

   N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the
    federal government.

   N/A.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

   N/A.

C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20B(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or
   standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the
   Administrative Procedure Act?  
   [ ] Yes  
   [x] No

   Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  
   [x] Yes  
   [ ] No
Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to filing requirements for a carrier’s underwriting standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to filing requirements for a carrier’s underwriting standards requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.16.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland)
(check all that apply)

- [ ] no action
- [ ] amendment
- [ ] repeal
- [ ] repeal and adopt new regulations
- [ ] reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to establish the timing requirements for carriers to respond to the Commissioner’s request for underwriting guidelines, and the filing requirements if the carrier wishes to request that any portion of the filed underwriting guidelines be treated as confidential commercial information.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.
Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.17

Chapter Name: Filing of Forms for Approval

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109, 8-433(a), 12-203(a)(1)(i) and (2) and (b), 13-110(a), 14-109(3)(iv), 14-110(a)(2)(iii)1, 14-126, 14-405(b)(8) and (9), 14-410(c), 15-904, 15-906, 15-907, 15-908, and 15-911; Health-General Article, §19-713; Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: October 3, 2011

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth certain form filing requirements for certain life and health insurance products.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? X Yes □ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? X Yes □ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? X Yes □ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? X Yes □ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
   (a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
   (b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
   (c) any notice posted on the unit's website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
   (d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
   (e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
   (a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
   (b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

N/A. These regulations are unique to the State of Maryland. They specify the filing requirements for life and health forms submitted for approval in Maryland.

(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

Regulation .03 should be amended to require annuities contracts and certificates that are subject to Maryland’s nonforfeiture laws to file a mathematical outline. In support of this amendment, the MIA will add §16-504 of the Insurance Article to the list of enabling authority.
C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  

☐ Yes  ☒ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  

☒ Yes  ☐ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to form filing requirements for life and health insurance products being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to form filing requirements for life and health products requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.17.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

☒ No action

☐ Amendment

☒ Repeal

☐ Repeal and adopt new regulations

☐ Reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to make clear to carriers the filing requirements for life, health and annuity forms in Maryland.

The MIA will propose a substantive amendment to Regulation .03 to require annuities contracts and certificates that are subject to Maryland’s nonforfeiture laws to file a mathematical outline. In support of this amendment, the MIA will add §16-504 of the Insurance Article to the list of enabling authority.

The following technical amendments will also be proposed:

- §§15-906, 15-907, 15-908 and 15-911 of the Insurance Article should be deleted from the authority line. These statutes have to do with Medicare supplement policies. The MIA’s authority for the regulation of form filing is found in §12-203(a)(1)(i) of the Insurance Article and applies to all life and health policies, including Medicare supplement.
- §19-713 of the Health-General Article should be deleted from the authority line. This chapter does not apply to HMOs. HMOs file forms under COMAR 31.12.02.03.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.18

Chapter Name: Form Filings Under Maryland Insurance Acquisitions Disclosure and Control Act

Authority: Insurance Article, §2-109 and Title 7, Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: March 28, 1994

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth filing requirements for the statements set forth in Insurance Article Title 7, Subtitles 3 and 6, Annotated Code of Maryland.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☑ Yes ☐ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☑ Yes ☐ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☐ Yes ☑ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☑ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the Maryland Register and on the Secretary of State's Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the Maryland Register, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

N/A. No relevant information impacting COMAR 31.04.18 was found.
(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

N/A.

C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act? □ Yes □ No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation? □ Yes □ No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to the Maryland Insurance Acquisitions Disclosure and Control Act being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to Maryland Insurance Acquisitions Disclosure and Control Act requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.18.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) – (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

x no action

amendment

repeal

repeal and adopt new regulations

reorganization

Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary for the proper filing of statements and disclosures with the Commissioner. No changes are recommended at this time.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.

Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs
Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act
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Chapter Codification: COMAR 31.04.19

Chapter Name: Filing of Forms Under File and Use Method

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 12-203(d)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland

Date Originally Adopted or Last Amended: July 17, 2006

Purpose: The purpose of this chapter is to set forth certain file and use form filing requirements for certain life and health insurance products.

A. Review Criteria. (State Government Article, §10-132(1)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 01.01.2003.20E)

(1) Do the regulations continue to be necessary for the public interest? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(2) Do the regulations continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(3) Are the regulations obsolete or otherwise appropriate for amendment or repeal? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(4) Are the regulations effective in accomplishing their intended purpose? ☒ Yes ☐ No

B. Outreach and Research. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(i)–(viii), Annotated Code of Maryland)

(1) List any stakeholders invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

Insurers, producers, and consumers were alerted to the review via notices posted on the following pages of the Maryland Insurance Administration’s (MIA) website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Notices included an invitation to comment, along with a contact name and information. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.
(2) List any other affected agencies that were invited to review the regulations and provide a summary of their participation in and input into the review process.

All State agencies were notified through publication in the *Maryland Register* and on the Secretary of State’s Division of State Documents (DSD) website. No comments were received.

(3) Describe the process used to solicit public comment, including:
(a) any notice published in the Maryland Register;
(b) any notice published in newspapers of general circulation;
(c) any notice posted on the unit’s website or on a Statewide website created for units to post notices of regulation review;
(d) any mailing by the adopting authority; and
(e) any public hearing held.

Notice was published in the *Maryland Register*, on the DSD website, and on the following pages of the MIA website: Proposed Regulations, News Center, For Insurers, For Producers, and For Consumers. In addition, subscribers to these web pages received an email message alerting them to the regulatory review notice. Every notice included an email link for people wishing to submit comments. Comments were collected for sixty (60) days. No comments were received.

(4) Provide summaries of:
(a) all comments received from stakeholders, affected units, or the public; and
(b) the adopting authority’s responses to those comments.

N/A.

(5) Describe any interunit conflict reviewed and the resolution or proposed resolution of that conflict.

N/A.

(6) Provide a summary of any relevant scientific data gathered.

N/A.

(7) Provide a summary of any relevant information gathered related to the regulations of other states or the federal government.

N/A. These regulations are unique to Maryland and were drafted to comply with §12-203(d)(2) of the Insurance Article, which requires the Commissioner to draft regulations permitting the file and use of certain life and health insurance forms for approval.
(8) Provide a summary of any other relevant information gathered.

Two of the definitions in this Chapter need to be amended. Specifically, the definition of “small employer” is defined in terms of a cross reference to a statute that no longer exists. The cross reference should be to § 31-101 of the Insurance Article. The term “stop-loss insurance” is defined as a cross reference to the term in §15-129(a) of the Insurance Article. However, the defined term in §15-129(a) is to the term “medical stop loss insurance.” Therefore, the definition should be amended to refer to “medical stop loss insurance” instead of “stop-loss insurance.”

For the same reason described above, the reference to “stop-loss insurance” in Regulation .05B(14) should be revised to refer to “medical stop-loss insurance.”

Also, Regulation .05B(24) should be amended to indicate that individual health benefit plan applications are not permitted to be filed for approval under the file and use method. The Affordable Care Act places a number of requirements on these applications, making them inappropriate for filing for approval on a file and use method. To date, no carriers have filed such applications under the file and use method.

C. Under COMAR 01.01.2003.20E(3), does the agency have any existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act?  [ ] Yes  [x] No

Has the agency promulgated all regulations required by recent legislation?  [x] Yes  [ ] No

Provide explanations of the above responses, as needed:

N/A. There are no existing policy statements, guidelines, or standards pertaining to file and use form filing requirements for life and health insurance products being applied or enforced which should be promulgated as regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Likewise, there is no recent legislation pertaining to file and use form filing requirements for life and health products requiring amendments to COMAR 31.04.19.

D. Actions Needed. (State Government Article, §10-135(a)(2)(ix) -- (xi), Annotated Code of Maryland) (check all that apply)

- no action
- amendment  [x]
- repeal
- repeal and adopt new regulations
- reorganization

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Summary:

This chapter continues to be necessary for the public interest, and continues to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinions. These regulations continue to be relevant and necessary to allow carriers to file forms for approval on a file and use basis.

The MIA will propose the following amendments to this chapter:

- Regulation .02B(23)—The definition of “small employer” is defined in terms of a cross reference to a statute that no longer exists. The cross reference should be changed to §31-101 of the Insurance Article.
- Regulation .02B(24)—The term “stop-loss insurance” is defined as a cross reference to the term in §15-129(a) of the Insurance Article. However, the defined term in §15-129(a) is to the term “medical stop loss insurance.” Therefore, the definition should be amended to refer to “medical stop loss insurance” instead of “stop-loss insurance.”
- Regulation .05B(14)—Substitute the words “medical stop-loss insurance” for the words “stop-loss insurance.”
- Regulation .05B(24)—Add individual health benefit plan applications to the list of applications that may not be submitted using the file and use method.

Person performing review: Catherine Grason, Esq.
Title: Director of Regulatory Affairs