

the rates for which cannot practically be filed before they are used.

(12) AN INSURER THAT PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE TO A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL NOTIFY EACH POLICYHOLDER IN WRITING:

(I) OF A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AT THE TIME OF FILING FOR THE RATE INCREASE WITH THE COMMISSIONER;

(II) THAT A HEARING MAY BE REQUESTED WITH RESPECT TO ANY FILING UNDER SUBSECTION (F)(4) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(III) THAT AN ORDER, HEARING, OR REFUSAL OF A HEARING BY THE COMMISSIONER MAY BE APPEALED UNDER § 242B OF THIS ARTICLE.

244W.

IN ANY KIND OR LINE OF INSURANCE SUBJECT-TO IN WHICH AN ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT-TO-§-244(i)-AND-(k) HAS BEEN ISSUED MAKING A FINDING THAT A REASONABLE DEGREE OF COMPETITION DOES NOT EXIST IN THAT LINE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ALSO REQUIRE THE INSURER TO NOTIFY EACH POLICYHOLDER IN WRITING:

(1) OF A PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AT THE TIME OF FILING FOR THE RATE INCREASE WITH THE COMMISSIONER;

(2) THAT A HEARING MAY BE REQUESTED WITH RESPECT TO ANY FILING; AND

(3) THAT AN ORDER, HEARING, OR REFUSAL OF A HEARING BY THE COMMISSIONER MAY BE APPEALED.

482B.

(A) "PUBLIC ENTITY" MEANS ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR UNIT OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ANY NONPROFIT OR NONSTOCK CORPORATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 AND RECEIVES 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF ITS ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FROM THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(B) PUBLIC ENTITIES MAY POOL TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CASUALTY INSURANCE OR SELF-INSURING CASUALTY RISKS.

490B.

(a) Every insurer providing professional liability insurance to a physician [or doctor of osteopathy] licensed in Maryland in accordance with Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article, or to a hospital, nurse, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, OR chiropractor[, or blood bank] licensed under the Health - General Article or the Health Occupations Article, and every self-insured hospital shall report periodically, but in no