

2. THE "EASTERN SHORE REGION" INCLUDES CAROLINE COUNTY, CECIL COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY, KENT COUNTY, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, TALBOT COUNTY, WICOMICO COUNTY, AND WORCESTER COUNTY;

3. THE "SOUTHERN REGION" INCLUDES ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY;

4. THE "SUBURBAN WASHINGTON REGION" INCLUDES PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND

5. THE "WESTERN REGION" INCLUDES ALLEGANY COUNTY, CARROLL COUNTY, FREDERICK COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE THE TIME AND PLACE OF A HEARING THAT IS HELD AT THE REQUEST OF A POLICYHOLDER FOR RELIEF.

(III) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL SELECT THE REGION WHERE A HEARING IS HELD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY CONSIDERING:

1. THE COUNTY WHERE THE POLICYHOLDER PRESENTLY RESIDES;
2. THE COUNTY WHERE THE POLICYHOLDER RESIDED WHEN THE INSURANCE POLICY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED, OR LAST RENEWED OR ENDORSED;
3. THE NEEDS OF DISABLED WITNESSES;
4. THE NEEDS OF INDIGENT WITNESSES; AND
5. THE NEEDS OF A MAJORITY OF THE WITNESSES.

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A demand for a hearing received by the Commissioner prior to the effective date of any order issued by [him] THE COMMISSIONER or within ten (10) days after such order is delivered, shall stay the effectiveness of such order pending the hearing and an order made thereon, except as to action taken or proposed (i) under an order on hearing, or (ii) under an order based upon impairment of assets or unsound financial condition of an insurer[; and if]. IF the Commissioner after written request therefor fails to grant a stay, the person aggrieved may apply FOR A STAY OF THE COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSED ACTION to the Circuit Court for:

1. THE COUNTY WHERE THE PERSON AGGRIEVED PRESENTLY RESIDES; OR