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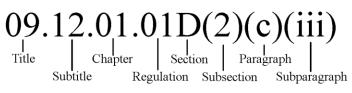
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This table, previously printed in the Maryland Register lists the regulations, by COMAR title, that have been adopted, amended, or repealed in the Maryland Register since the regulations were originally published or last supplemented in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). The table is no longer printed here but may be found on the Division of State Documents website at www.dsd.state.md.us.

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The Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2016.14

(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2015.21) Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission

WHEREAS, The integrity of elections is essential to the success of our democracy;

WHEREAS, Fairness in process and good governance are what the citizens of Maryland expect and deserve;

WHEREAS, The process of redistricting should be fully transparent and subject to input and scrutiny from the public;

WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of Marylanders favor an independent, non-partisan commission for redistricting over the existing process for drawing district lines;

WHEREAS, It could be considered a conflict of interest for politicians to redraw the districts in which they run for re-election;

WHEREAS, National publications have listed Maryland as having some of the most "gerrymandered" congressional districts in the United States;

WHEREAS, Maryland's redistricting can negatively impact the creation of majority-minority districts causing underrepresentation of racial minorities:

WHEREAS, Every effort should be made to keep communities, counties, and municipalities within a single election district to help ensure all Marylanders have effective representation;

WHEREAS, Independent commissions in other states have greatly reduced politics and partisanship in redistricting and have established more election districts based on population, compactness, and natural boundaries;

WHEREAS, Maryland should lead on this issue and should not wait for the federal government or other states to act on the issue of redistricting reform;

WHEREAS, The establishment of the Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission would benefit the State by gathering citizens, experts and interested parties to conduct a comprehensive examination of Maryland's redistricting process and make recommendations on ways to reform our system; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission was originally set to terminate on November 8, 2016, but the Governor declares that it shall remain in operation until November 8, 2017 in order to issue additional reports as directed by the Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. There is a Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission (Commission).

- B. Membership. The Commission consists of the following voting members:
- (1) Two members of the Maryland Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate:
- (2) Two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Delegates;
 - (3) Two representatives from policy research organizations;
- (4) One representative from a non-profit voter advocacy organization;
- (5) One representative from a government reform advocacy organization; and
 - (6) Up to five additional members appointed by the Governor.
- C. The members identified in Sections B(3) through B(6). shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- D. The Governor shall designate the Chair or Co-Chairs from among the members.
- E. In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor to fill the remainder of the term.
- F. To the extent practicable, the members of the Commission shall reflect the diversity of the population of the State.
 - G. Procedures.
- (1) The majority of voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
- (2) The Commission shall hold publicly announced meetings at such times and such places as it deems necessary. The meetings shall be accessible to the general public in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act or other applicable law.
- (3) The Commission may adopt such other procedures as may be necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business, including the creation of committees.
- (4) The Chair or Co-Chairs may, with the consent of the Commission, designate additional individuals, including interested citizens, elected officials, educators, or specialists with relevant expertise, to serve on any committee.
- (5) The Commission may consult with the principal departments of State government to obtain such technical assistance and advice as it deems necessary to complete its duties. All Executive Branch departments shall cooperate with and assist the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.
 - H. Duties. The Commission shall:
- Conduct a comprehensive examination of ideas that could enhance the integrity of Maryland's congressional and legislative redistricting process;
- (2) Review approaches of other states that have established independent, non-partisan redistricting commissions;
- (3) Conduct regional summits in various parts of the State, including the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and Central Maryland to allow citizens to offer their ideas and input on redistricting reform;
- (4) Provide an electronic portal for citizens to submit their comments to the Commission;
- (5) Develop a recommendation for a constitutional amendment on congressional and legislative redistricting; and
- (6) Promote redistricting reform publicly across the State as an essential component of ensuring fair elected representation and election integrity in Maryland.
 - I. Reports and Recommendations.
- (1) The Commission shall issue a report addressing the duties listed in Section H.

- (2) The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, no later than November 3, 2015.
- (3) The Commission may issue additional reports as directed by the Governor.
- J. Termination of the Commission. The Commission shall terminate on November 8, [2016] 2017, unless the Governor declares before that date that the Commission shall remain in operation.

Given Under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 7th Day of November, 2016.

LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR. Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN C. WOBENSMITH Secretary of State

[16-24-23]

Open Meetings Compliance Board

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS ISSUED FROM JULY 1 — SEPTEMBER 30, 2016*

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 74 (2016)

Prince George's County Local Development Council, (Jay Krueger, Complainant)

July 20, 2016

Topics discussed: Status of local development council as "public body" subject to the Act; open meeting requirement; administrative function exclusion (not applicable to formulation of recommendations about gaming funds); requirements that public bodies respond to complaints in a timely fashion and designate a trainee

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 77 (2016)

Charles County Planning Commission (Kenneth W. Hastings, Jr., Complainant)

July 19, 2016

Topics discussed: Closed-session procedures and disclosures; inapplicability of personnel exceptions to discussion about whether to close a land use file to further correspondence; inapplicability of legal advice exception to action on whether to close a land use file to further correspondence; training requirement

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 80 (2016)

Howard County Board of Education, (Craig O'Donnell, Complainant)

August 23, 2016

Topics discussed: Acknowledgment of violation (deadline not extended by request for reconsideration); standards for reconsideration

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 83 (2016)

City Council, City of Greenbelt, (John B. Almquist, Complainant) August 23, 2016

Topic discussed: Wording of agenda

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 85 (2016)

Prince George's County Board of Education, (Craig O'Donnell, Complainant)

August 24, 2016

Topics discussed: Adequacy of pre-prepared closing statements and summaries of closed sessions

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 91 (2016)

Prince George's County Local Development Council, (Nathaniel Baccus, III, Complainant)

September 13, 2016

Topic discussed: Notice (website and email subscription lists)

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 93 (2016)

Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, (Craig O'Donnell, Complainant)

September 13, 2016

Topics discussed: Notice (advice on website notices); document retention; timeliness of minutes

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 95 (2016)

Board of Supervisors of Elections of the City of Rockville (Max A. van Balgooy, Complainant)

September 13, 2016

Topics discussed: Notice (use of calendar function on website; timeliness of notice of new date for meeting that had been canceled because of a blizzard); timeliness of minutes; complaints about practices already addressed by the Compliance Board

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 98 (2016)

Mayor and Council of Chestertown, (Daniel Divilio, Kent County News, Complainant)

September 13, 2016

Topics discussed: Applicability of legal advice exception to session that was closed to receive counsel's advice, but not to deliberations on it; inapplicability of exceptions not cited on the closing statement; closing statements

10 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 101 (2016)

Mayor and City Council of Taneytown, (Katherine Adelaide, Complainant)

September 21, 2016

Topics discussed: Inapplicability of Act to city employees assigned a task; Compliance Board's lack of authority to require a city council to defer action on a city election matter pending resolution of the open meetings complaint

*The Compliance Board's opinions for this quarter are posted in full in Volume 10, accessible at http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/OpenGov%20Docume nts/Openmeetings/OMCB_Topical_Index.pdf

[16-24-19]

The Judiciary

COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

ATTORNEYS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE BAR

Annapolis, Maryland November 4, 2016

The State Board of Law Examiners, after careful consideration of their qualifications, has by report to the Court recommended that the applicants named on Exhibit A attached hereto be admitted to the Bar, conditioned upon successful completion of the Orientation Program pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-210(e). As to certain applicants named in an attachment to the Report, the favorable recommendation also is conditioned upon the outcome of proceedings pending under Maryland Rule 19-203(a) (Character Review).

It is thereupon the 4th day of November 2016, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland ORDERED that the Board's recommendation be ratified subject to the conditions therein stated on the 5th day of December 2016, unless exceptions to the Board's recommendation of any applicant be filed on or before said date, provided a copy of this Order be published at least one time in the Maryland Register before such ratification.

MARY ELLEN BARBERA Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: November 4, 2016

Abrams, Evan Turner

BESSIE M. DECKER Clerk, Court of Appeals of Maryland

EXHIBIT A MARYLAND GENERAL BAR EXAMINATION JULY 2016

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[16-24-26]

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

This is to certify that by an Order of the Court of Appeals dated October 27, 2016, **ERIC JOHN PARHAM**, 10008 Raritan Way, Thornton, Colorado 80260, has been suspended, effective immediately, from the further practice of law in the State, and his name as an attorney at law has been stricken from the register of attorneys in this Court (Maryland Rule 19-761).

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This is to certify that by an Order of the Court of Appeals dated October 28, 2016, **BRUCE DAVID BLUM**, 10518 Truxton Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783, has been replaced upon the register of attorneys in the Court of Appeals as of November 3, 2016 having subscribed to the oath of attorneys, in compliance with the Order of Court filed October 28, 2016. Notice of this action is certified in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-761.

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This is to certify that by an Order of the Court of Appeals dated November 1, 2016, **BRUCE MICHAEL SMITH**, 700 Trout Dale Terrace, Bel Air, Maryland 21014, has been disbarred by consent, effective immediately, from the further practice of law in the State, and his name as an attorney at law has been stricken from the register of attorneys in this Court (Maryland Rule 19-761).

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This is to certify that by a Per Curiam Order of the Court of Appeals dated November 4, 2016, **PHILIP JAMES SWEITZER**, 140 Carlisle Street, #105, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325, has been disbarred, effective immediately, from the further practice of law in the State, and his name as an attorney at law has been stricken from the register of attorneys in this Court (Maryland Rule 19-761).

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This is to certify that by an Order of the Court of Appeals dated November 4, 2016, **PATRICK J. CHRISTMAS**, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 640, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, has been placed on inactive status by consent, effective immediately, from the further practice of law in the State, and his name as an attorney at law has been stricken from the register of attorneys in this Court (Maryland Rule 19-761).

[16-24-26]

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CHARGES AND HEARING IN THE MATTER OF JUDGE LYNN STEWART MAYS CJD 2015-069 & CJD 2015-108

The Commission on Judicial Disabilities will hold a hearing to consider Charges brought against Judge Lynn Stewart Mays in the above-captioned cases on January 26th and 27th, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The place of the hearing is in Courtroom No. 1 of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building, 361 Rowe Boulevard, Second Floor, Annapolis, Maryland. The hearing is open to the public.

The Charges and any response by the Judge are available for inspection on the Commission website (www.mdcourts.gov/cjd/publications.html).

For further information, contact the Office of Communications and Public Affairs, 410-260-1488.

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Title 10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Subtitle 05 FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES

10.05.02 Freestanding Birthing Centers

Authority: Health-General Article, §19-3B-01 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-238-F]

On November 9, 2016, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted amendments to Regulations .01 and .06 under COMAR 10.05.02 Freestanding Birthing Centers. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:19 Md. R. 1075—1076 (September 16, 2016), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: December 8, 2016.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 44 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

10.44.07 Rules of Procedure for the Disciplinary Process

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§4-316 and 4-318, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-240-F]

On November 9, 2016, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted amendments to Regulation .05 under COMAR 10.44.07 Rules of Procedure for the Disciplinary Process. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:19 Md. R. 1082—1083 (September 16, 2016), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: December 8, 2016.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 52 PREVENTIVE MEDICINE 10.52.16 Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Program

Authority: Health-General Article, §§13-701—13-709, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-241-F]

On November 9, 2016, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted the repeal, in their entirety, of existing Regulations .01—.15 under COMAR 10.52.16 Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Program. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:19 Md. R. 1083 (September 16, 2016), has been adopted as proposed. Effective Date: December 8, 2016.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 54 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

10.54.02 Local Agency

Authority: Health-General Article, §18-108, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-232-F]

On November 9, 2016, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted amendments to Regulation .18 under COMAR 10.54.02 Local Agency. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:19 Md. R. 1083-1084 (September 16, 2016), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: December 8, 2016.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 58 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

10.58.15 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§17–101, 17–205, 17–301, 17–303, 17–308, and 17–309, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-242-F]

On November 14, 2016, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted amendments to Regulations .03 and .04 under COMAR 10.58.15 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:19 Md. R. 1085 (September 16, 2016), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: December 8, 2016.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Title 12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Subtitle 10 CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION

12.10.01 General Regulations

Authority: Correctional Services Article, §§2-109 and 8-208, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[16-211-F]

On October 12, 2016, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in cooperation with the Correctional Training Commission, adopted amendments to Regulation .22 under COMAR 12.10.01 General Regulations. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 43:17 Md. R. 980—981 (August 19, 2016), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: January 1, 2017.

STEPHEN T. MOYER

Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Proposed Action on Regulations

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Promulgation of Regulations

An agency wishing to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations must first publish in the Maryland Register a notice of proposed action, a statement of purpose, a comparison to federal standards, an estimate of economic impact, an economic impact on small businesses, a notice giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the text of the proposed regulations. The opportunity for public comment must be held open for at least 30 days after the proposal is published in the Maryland Register.

Following publication of the proposal in the Maryland Register, 45 days must pass before the agency may take final action on the proposal. When final action is taken, the agency must publish a notice in the Maryland Register. Final action takes effect 10 days after the notice is published, unless the agency specifies a later date. An agency may make changes in the text of a proposal. If the changes are not substantive, these changes are included in the notice of final action and published in the Maryland Register. If the changes are substantive, the agency must repropose the regulations, showing the changes that were made to the originally proposed text.

Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken. When an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.

Title 07 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Subtitle 02 SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

07.02.10 Youth Transitional Services

Authority: Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §3-801 et seq.; Family Law Article, §\$1-101, 5-501—5-503, 5-524—5-525, 5-527—5-528, and 5-531—5-532; Annotated Code of Maryland Agency Note: Federal Reference: Fostering Connection Act of 2008, PL110-35

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-305-P]

The Secretary of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulations .08 and .18 under COMAR 07.02.10 Youth Transitional Services.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to increase the frequency of updates to a transition plan for youth in care and clarify documentation that is to be provided to a youth when leaving out-of-home placement.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Tristan Fernandez, Government Affairs Administrator, Office of Government Affairs, 311 W. Saratoga Street Baltimore MD 21201, or call 410-767-8966, or email to Tristan.Fernandez@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.08 Service Agreement and Transition Plan.

A.— C. (text unchanged)

- D. Youth Transition Plan.
 - (1)—(2) (text unchanged)
- [(3) For youth 14 to 16 years old, the transition plan shall be updated at least annually.]
- [(4)] (3) For youth [16] 14 years and older, the transition plan shall be updated at least every 180 days.
- [(5)] (4) Except as applicable in [\$D(6)] \$D(5) of this regulation, the transition plan shall be finalized 90 days prior to the youth's 18th birthday.
 - [(6)] (5)—[(8)] (7) (text unchanged)

.18 Termination of Youth Transitional Services.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Before a youth 18—21 years old leaves out-of-home placement, the caseworker shall:
 - (1)—(3) (text unchanged)
 - (4) Obtain contact information for the youth; [and]
- (5) Provide the youth, free of charge, with *a*: [a certified birth certificate, social security card, and health passport.]
 - (a) Certified birth certificate;
 - (b) Social security card;
 - (c) Health insurance card; and
 - (d) Health passport; and
- (6) Assist the youth with obtaining either a Maryland identification card or a Maryland driver's license.
 - C. (text unchanged)

SAM MALHOTRA Secretary of Human Resources

Subtitle 02 SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

07.02.11 Out-of-Home Placement Program

Authority: Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §§3-801, 3-802, 3-815, 3-816.1, 3-817, 3-819.1, 3-819.2, 3-820, and 3-823; Education Article, §§7-101(b) and 15-106.1; Family Law Article, §§5-501, 5-504, 5-524—5-534, 5-701, and 5-709; Human Services Article, §9-101 et seq.; Annotated Code of Maryland

(Agency Note: Federal Regulatory Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§620 et seq., 670 et seq.; 45 CFR §205.10; 45 CFR §303.72; 45 CFR 1355—1357)

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-304-P]

The Secretary of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulations .03, .05, and .16 under COMAR 07.02.11 Out-of-Home Placement Program.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard to conform with the federal "Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families" Act, H.R. 4980.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Tristan Fernandez, Government Affairs Administrator, Department of Human Resources, 311 W. Saratoga St. Baltimore Maryland 21201, or call 410-767-8966, or email to Tristan.Fernandez@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Definitions.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Terms Defined.
- (1) "Abandonment" means [a determination made by the court in situations in which] to leave a child without any provision for support and without any person who has accepted long-term responsibility to maintain care and have custody and control of the child when:
- (a) [The identity of the child's] $\it The\ where abouts\ of\ the\ parents\ or\ guardian\ [is]$ $\it are\ unknown;\ and$
- (b) [No one has claimed to be the child's parent within 60 days of the adjudication of the child as a child in need of assistance as stated in Family Law Article, §5-323, Annotated Code of Maryland.] The local department has made reasonable efforts to locate the parent or guardian over a period of at least 6 months and has been unsuccessful.
 - (2)—(5) (text unchanged)
- (6) "Age or Developmentally Appropriate Activities" means extracurricular, enrichment and social activities that are generally accepted as suitable for children of the same chronological age or level of maturity and that promote cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral growth.

- [(6)] (7)—[(41)] (42) (text unchanged)
- (43) "Reasonable and prudent parent standard" means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain a child's health, safety, and best interests while at the same time encouraging the child's emotional and developmental growth, that an out-of-home placement provider shall use when determining whether to allow a child in foster care under the responsibility of the State, to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities.

[(42)](44)—[(70)](72) (text unchanged)

.05 Local Department Responsibility for Out-of-Home Placement.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

- C. A local department with responsibility for a child's case shall:
 - (1)—(2) (text unchanged)
- (3) Immediately initiate a search for relatives and the absent parent, if applicable;
- (a) Within 30 days after removal of a child from the custody of the child's parent or legal guardian, subject to exceptions due to family or domestic violence, notify any found *adult* relatives *and parents with legal custody of siblings* of the child that the child has been removed from the parent's custody; and
 - (b) (text unchanged)
 - (4)—(15) (text unchanged)
 - (16) Ensure that, at a minimum, the caseworker:
 - (a)—(b) (text unchanged)
- (c) Has monthly contact with the out-of-home placement provider; [and]
- (17) Notify the appropriate court if the department has information indicating that a child's interest as a victim is not protected in a court case[.];
- (18) Ensure that the child has opportunities for age or developmentally appropriate activities; and
- (19) Ensure that the out-of-home placement provider is applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard in making decisions regarding the child's engagement in age or developmentally appropriate activity opportunities.

.16 Decision to Make the Permanency Plan Other than

- A. [The] In addition to engaging in the analysis set for in §C of this regulation and giving primary consideration to the health and safety of the child, the local department shall give serious consideration to implementing the permanency plan other than reunification if any of the following circumstances exists:
- (1) The parent *or guardian* has subjected the child to *any of the following aggravated circumstances:* [torture, chronic or severe physical abuse, sexual abuse, or chronic and life-threatening neglect;]
 - (a) The parent or guardian has engaged in or facilitated:
- (i) Chronic or severe physical abuse of the child, a sibling of the child, or another child in the household;
- (ii) Chronic or life threatening neglect of the child, a sibling of the child, or another child in the household;
- (iii) Sexual abuse of the child, a sibling of the child, or another child in the household;
- (iv) Torture of the child, a sibling of the child, or another child in the household;
- (b) The parent or guardian knowingly failed to take appropriate steps to protect the child after a person in the household inflicted sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, life threatening neglect, or torture on the child or another child in the household; or
- (c) The child, a sibling of the child, or another child in the household has suffered severe physical abuse or death resulting from abuse by the parent or guardian or another adult in the household

and all persons who could have inflicted the abuse or caused the death remain in the household;

- (2) The parent or guardian has been convicted, in any state or court of the United States, of:
- (a) [a] A crime of violence, as defined in Criminal Law Article, §14-101, Annotated Code of Maryland, against:

[(a)] (i) The child[,];

[(b)] (ii) [The other] Another parent or guardian of the [a,b];

[(c)] (iii) Another child of the parent or guardian; or

- [(d)] (b) [Any individual who resides in the household of the parent;] Aiding or abetting, conspiring, or soliciting to commit a crime described above in §(2)(a) of this regulation;
 - (3)—(5) (text unchanged)
- (6) The child has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance, neglected, abused, or dependent in a prior juvenile proceeding and the local department has documented one of the following continuous or serious acts or conditions of the parent or legal guardian:
- (a) A disability which renders the parent or legal guardian consistently unable to care for the immediate and ongoing psychological and physical needs of the child for long periods of time, even with appropriate and available supports and services to avoid discriminating on the basis of disability;
- (b) Acts of abuse or neglect, as determined by child protective services of the local department, toward any child in the family[,]:
- (c) Repeated or continuous failure to provide for the child's physical, mental, or emotional health and development, even though the parent or legal guardian is physically and financially able; or

(7) (text unchanged)

B. The local department may request a waiver of reunification efforts, for one or both parents, or the legal guardian, from the court at the CINA adjudication hearing or whenever it is determined that the circumstances described in §A(1)—(4) of this regulation apply *to a child adjudicated a CINA*.

C.— I. (text unchanged)

SAM MALHOTRA

Secretary of Human Resources

Title 10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Subtitle 09 MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-300-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to amend:

- (1) Regulation .03 under COMAR 10.09.23 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services;
- (2) Regulation .19-3 under COMAR 10.09.65 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Managed Care Organizations; and
- (3) Regulations .01, .07, and .12 under COMAR 10.09.67 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Benefits.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to:

- (1) Increase the minimum score requirement on Healthy Kids Program quality assurance reviews from 70 to 80 percent;
- (2) Remove the requirement that an MCO be Statewide in order to receive a portion of any outstanding funds after the initial rural access incentive is paid;
- (3) Clarify that MCOs must provide the services covered under the State Plan; and
- (4) Increase from 30 to 90 the number of days an MCO is responsible for long term care admissions.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to dhmh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

10.09.23 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

Authority: Health-General Article, §2-104(b) 15-103, and 15-105, Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Conditions for Participation.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. To be certified to participate in the Healthy Kids Program as an EPSDT screening provider, a provider shall agree to:
 - (1)—(8) (text unchanged)
- (9) Maintain a minimum score of [70] 80 percent on all Healthy Kids Program quality assurance reviews.
 - C. (text unchanged)

10.09.65 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Managed Care Organizations

Authority: Health-General Article, §§2-104 and 15-103 Annotated Code of Maryland

.19-3 MCO Rural Access Incentive.

- A.—B. (text unchanged)
- C. Amount of Rural Access Incentive.
- (1) [Effective January 1, 2015, the] *The* Department shall allocate a maximum of \$11,000,000 for each of the payments in B(1) and (2) of this regulation, among each of the rural counties specified in D of this regulation, based on the total MCO enrollment in each county.
- (2) An eligible MCO shall receive a portion of the funds allocated to the rural county based on the ratio of the eligible MCO's enrollment to the total enrollment for all eligible MCOs in the county combined with the fund distribution methodology described in §E of this regulation.

(3) Effective January 1, [2015] 2017, any outstanding funds not awarded in §C(2) of this regulation shall be distributed to all [Statewide] MCOs in accordance with each MCO's Statewide enrollment, [or if there are no Statewide MCOs, to all MCOs in accordance with each MCO's total enrollment] regardless of participation in a rural area or whether an MCO is accepting new members.

D.—E. (text unchanged)

10.09.67 Maryland Medicaid Managed Care Program: Benefits

Authority: Health-General Article, Title 15, Subtitle 1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Required Benefits Package — In General.

A. Except for non-covered services set forth in Regulation .27 of this chapter and the non-capitated services described in COMAR 10.09.70, an MCO shall provide its enrollees with a benefits package that includes the covered services specified in this chapter when these services are deemed to be medically necessary *including services covered under the Maryland Medicaid State Plan in the amount, duration, and scope set forth in the State Plan and in accordance with 42 CFR §440.230.*

B.—F. (text unchanged)

.07 Benefits — Inpatient Hospital Services.

A. (text unchanged)

- B. Admission to Long-Term Care Facility.
- (1) An MCO shall provide to its enrollees medically necessary long-term care facility services for:
- (a) The first [30] 90 continuous days following the enrollee's admission; and
- (b) Any days following the first [30] 90 continuous days of an admission until the date the MCO has obtained the Department's determination that the admission is medically necessary as specified in §B(2) of this regulation.
- (2) For any long-term care facility admission that is expected to result in a length of stay exceeding [30] 90 days, an MCO or long-term care facility shall request a determination by the Department that the admission is medically necessary.
- (3) The Department's determination as described in \$B(2) of this regulation is only applicable if the enrollee is still in the long-term care facility on the [31st] 91st day.
- (4) Acute care services provided within the first [30] 90 days following an enrollee's admission to a long-term care facility do not constitute a break in calculating the [30] 90 continuous day requirement if the enrollee is discharged from the hospital back to the long-term care facility.

C.— I. (text unchanged)

.12 Benefits — Long-Term Care Facility Services.

- A. An MCO shall provide to its enrollees medically necessary services in a chronic hospital, a chronic rehabilitation hospital, or a nursing facility for:
- (1) The first [30] 90 continuous days following the enrollee's admission; and
- (2) Any days following the first [30] 90 continuous days of an admission until the date the MCO has obtained the Department's determination that the admission is medically necessary as specified in \$C of this regulation.
- B. Acute care services provided within the first [30] 90 days following an enrollee's admission to a long-term care facility do not constitute a break in calculating the [30] 90 continuous day requirement if the enrollee is discharged from the hospital back to the long-term care facility.

- C. For any long-term care facility admission that is expected to result in a length of stay exceeding [30] 90 days, an MCO or long-term care facility shall request a determination by the Department that the admission is medically necessary.
- D. The Department's determination as described in §C of this regulation is only applicable if the enrollee is still in the long-term care facility on the [31st] 91st day.

E.—G. (text unchanged)

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 09 MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

10.09.60 Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program

Authority: Health-General Article, §15-1005(b)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-303-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to amend Regulations .01—.08 under COMAR 10.09.60 Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to update the regulations regarding the administration of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program which was transferred from the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on July 1, 2016, in accordance with H.B. 489 (Termination of Maryland Health Insurance Plan, Transfer of Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program, and Funding for State Reinsurance Program), Ch. 321, Acts of 2016.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to dhmh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

- (1) "Administrator" means the third party that contracts with the [Board] *Department* to administer the Program.
 - (2) (text unchanged)

- (3) ["Board" means the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.] "Department" means the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
 - (4) (text unchanged)
- (5) "Enrollee" means an individual enrolled in the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program.
- [(6) "Fund" means the Maryland Health Insurance Plan Fund established under Insurance Article, §14-504, Annotated Code of Maryland.]
 - [(7)] (6) (text unchanged)
 - [(8) "Plan" means the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.]
 - [(9)] (7) (text unchanged)
- [(10)] (8) "Program" means the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program established under [Insurance Article, Title 14, Subtitle 5, Part II] *Health-General Article, Title 15, Subtitle 10,* Annotated Code of Maryland.
- [(11)] (9) "Program Fund" means the [segregated account of the Fund that is dedicated to the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program] Fund established under Insurance Article, §15-1004, Annotated Code of Maryland.
- [(12)] (10) "Reasonable administrative expenses" means administrative expenses including, but not limited to, marketing, advertising, mailing, printing, and fully allocated costs for administration of the Program[, not exceeding 10 percent of total revenues].
 - [(13)] (11) (text unchanged)

.02 Eligibility, Enrollment, and Disenrollment.

- A.—C. (text unchanged)
- D. Maximum Capacity of Program.
- (1) The Administrator may not enroll additional individuals at a time when the Program's total enrollment reaches the level authorized by the [Board] *Department*.
 - (2) (text unchanged)
- (3) If, after the Program reaches its maximum capacity as established by the [Board] *Department*, the number of individuals enrolled decreases, the Administrator may recommence enrolling eligible individuals in the Program as specified in this regulation, until the Program's enrollment again reaches the authorized maximum.
- (4) The [Board] *Department* may direct the Administrator to limit enrollment based on the amount of money remaining in the Program Fund.
 - E. (text unchanged)

.03 Outreach Program.

- A. The [Board] *Department* shall develop and implement an outreach program targeted at eligible individuals.
- B. The [Board] *Department* shall publicize the existence and eligibility requirements of the Program through the following entities:
 - (1)—(6) (text unchanged)
- (7) Any other entity that the [Board] *Department* determines is appropriate.
 - C. (text unchanged)
- D. The [Board] *Department* shall ensure that the entities used to publicize the existence of the Program under §B of this regulation, have sufficient Program applications and enrollment materials for distribution.
 - E. Mail-In Application.
- (1) The [Board] Department shall develop a mail-in application for the Program.
 - (2) (text unchanged)
- F. Any outreach performed by the [Board] *Department* on behalf of the Program shall be funded through the Program Fund.

.04 Administrator.

- A. Administrator Contract. The Administrator and the [Board] *Department* shall execute an Administrator contract specifying the terms under which the Administrator shall operate the Program, including but not limited to an agreement by the Administrator to:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
- (2) Submit a detailed quarterly financial accounting of the Program, including the identification of all revenue and cost items to the [Board] *Department*;
 - (3) (text unchanged)
- (4) Collect and submit to the [Board] *Department*, data regarding the costs for program enrollees.
- B. Program Operation. The Administrator shall operate the Program in a manner consistent with:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
- (2) The Administrator contract governing operation of the Program that is executed between the [Board] *Department* and the Administrator; and
 - (3) (text unchanged)
 - C. (text unchanged)

.05 Program Description Booklet.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The Program description booklet is subject to approval by the [Plan] *Department*.
 - C. (text unchanged)

.06 Prescription Drug Benefit Subsidy.

- A. The Program shall:
- (1) Provide a prescription drug benefit subsidy, as determined by the [Board] *Department*, that may pay all or some of the deductibles, coinsurance payments, premiums, and copayments under the federal Medicare Part D Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for enrollees of the Program; and
 - (2) (text unchanged)
 - B. (text unchanged)
 - C. The [Board] *Department* shall determine annually:
 - (1)—(3) (text unchanged)
- [D. On or before January 1 of each year, the Board, in accordance with State Government Article, §2-1246, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall report to the General Assembly on:
- (1) The number of individuals on the waiting list for the Program; and
- (2) To the extent that the Board is able to collect the information:
- (a) The number of enrollees with out-of-pocket prescription drug costs that exceed \$2,250, broken down for each fiscal quarter; and
- (b) The total annual out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for enrollees.]

.07 Contracts with Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors.

- A. The [Plan] *Department* may enter into contracts with prescription drug plan sponsors who have been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to offer Medicare Part D plans in the State.
- B. A prescription drug plan sponsor that enters into a contract with the [Plan] *Department* shall agree to perform its obligations in a manner that complies with:
 - (1)—(4) (text unchanged)
- C. A contract entered into with the [Plan] *Department* shall include provisions that require the prescription drug plan sponsor to:
 - (1)—(6) (text unchanged)
- (7) Share enrollment data and information with the [Plan] Department;

- (8) Report data and enrollment information as required by the [Plan] *Department*;
- (9) Reconcile Program and member payments with enrollment data; and
- (10) Transmit information to appropriate third-parties, including the Administrator and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services[; and].
- [(11) Enroll auto-assigned Program members to a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.]

.08 Program Fund.

- A.—B. (text unchanged)
- C. The amount deposited by the nonprofit health service plan under §C of this regulation:
- (1) Shall be determined by the [Board] *Department* based on enrollment, expenditures, and revenue for the previous year; and
 - (2) (text unchanged)
- D. The [Board] *Department* shall provide funds to the Administrator, in accordance with the contract with the Administrator, for the cost of the State subsidy and administrative expenses incurred on behalf of the Program.
 - E. The Administrator shall:
- (1) Permit inspection of its papers, books, and records pertaining to its operation of the Program by the [Board] *Department* or its designee; and
- (2) Cooperate with any inspections and audits performed on the Administrator or the Program by the [Board] *Department* or its designee.

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-306-P]

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to:

- (1) Adopt new Regulation .04, recodify existing Regulations .04, .06—.08, .11, and .13—.17 to be Regulations .05, .07—.09, .12, .14—.18, respectively, and amend and recodify existing Regulations .05, .09, .10, and .12 to be Regulations .06, .10, .11, and .13, respectively, under COMAR 10.27.01 Examination and Licensure;
- (2) Adopt new Regulation .03, recodify existing Regulations .03, .05, and .07 to be Regulations .04, .06, and .08, respectively, and amend and recodify existing Regulations .04, .06, and .08 to be Regulations .05, .07, and .09, respectively, under COMAR 10.39.01 Certification of Nursing Assistants;
- (3) Amend Regulation .04 under COMAR 10.39.04 Medication Technicians; and
- (4) Adopt new Regulation .01, amend and recodify existing Regulations .01, .03, and .04 to be Regulations .02, .04, and .05, respectively, and recodify existing Regulations .02 and .05—.09 to be Regulations .03 and .06—10, respectively, under COMAR 10.53.02 Licensure.

This action was considered by the Board at its regular meetings held on July 27 and September 27, 2016, notice of which was posted on the Board's website monthly beginning June, 2016 through September, 2016, pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to:

(1) Add new language for licensees and certificate holders to clarify that there is a 1 year deadline for submitting documents and information relating to applications and any positive results from a criminal history records check;

- (2) Establish rules for when an incomplete application is determined to be abandoned, and when an applicant has to re-apply;
- (3) Repeal the requirement for a passport photo to accompany nursing and nursing assistant applications;
 - (4) Repeal obsolete references to paper licenses;
- (5) Repeal obsolete reference to the category of skilled nursing assistants;
- (6) Establish requirements for certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant/Dialysis Technician (CNA/DT) that comply with federal requirements; and
 - (7) Make other technical and clarifying changes.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

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Subtitle 27 BOARD OF NURSING

10.27.01 Examination and Licensure

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§1-213, 8-201, 8-205, 8-206, 8-301—8-315, 8-703, and 8-6A-05(a), Annotated Code of Maryland; Ch. 486, Acts of 2012

.04 General Provisions for Applications.

- A. An applicant shall submit:
- (1) A completed application to the Board on the form that the Board requires;
- (2) To a criminal history records check (CHRC) in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §8–303, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (3) Written evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has submitted to a CHRC as required by A(2) of this regulation by submitting:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI;
- (4) Any documentation requested from the applicant by the Board including, but not limited to, official certified or true test court documents and a signed, dated explanation written by the applicant, regarding the facts and circumstances, outcome, and current status of any criminal history record information received by the Board:
- (a) Under Health Occupations Article, §8-303, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (b) In an answer to a question on the Board's application form; or
 - (c) From any other source; and

- (5) Any additional documentation requested by the Board if the documentation received from the applicant under $\S A(4)$ this regulation is incomplete or insufficient.
- B. If an application is not complete when initially submitted to the Board by the applicant, the applicant shall have no longer than 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board to:
 - (1) Complete the application; and
- (2) Provide all information and documents required in §A of this regulation.
- C. If an applicant fails to provide to the Board a complete application and any additional documentation requested by the Board in §A of this regulation within 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board, then the application:
 - (1) Shall be considered abandoned; and
 - (2) May be destroyed.
- D. Once an application is deemed abandoned under §C of this regulation, an individual seeking licensure shall:
 - (1) Submit a new application;
 - (2) Meet all of the requirements for licensure; and
- (3) Pay the required fees that are in effect at the time of reapplication.

[.05] .06 Application for Licensure by Examination.

- A. An applicant shall [submit to the Board]:
 - [(1) An application on forms the Board requires;]
- (1) Comply with all of the requirements in Regulation .04A of this chapter;
- (2) [An] File and submit a completed application to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing on the form required; and
 - (3) [The] Pay any required fees[; and].
- [(4) Submit written evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has completed the application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI.]
 - B.—C. (text unchanged)
- [D. Each application shall have attached one passport photograph of the applicant.
 - E. Applicants making application for examination shall:
 - (1) Submit a completed application to the Board;
- (2) File and submit a completed application to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing; and
- (3) Pay all required fees to the Board and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.]
 - [F.] *D.*—[G.] *E.* (text unchanged)
- [H. An application which remains incomplete for 12 months may be considered abandoned and may be destroyed.]
 - [I.] F. (text unchanged)

${\it [.09]}$. 10 Licensure by Endorsement.

- A. An applicant licensed to practice registered nursing or practical nursing in another state, territory, or country is eligible for licensure without examination if the applicant:
 - [(1) Submits an application on a form the Board requires;]
- (1) Complies with all of the requirements under Regulation .04A of this chapter;
 - (2) (text unchanged)
- (3) Submits the following verifications directly to the Board from the appropriate authority:
 - (a)—(c) (text unchanged)
 - (d) That the examination used for licensure was the:
 - (i)— (iii) (text unchanged)

- (iv) "Canadian Nurses Association Test Service Examination for Registered Nurses" taken before 1982; and
 - (e) Oral competency in the English language;
- [(f) Written, verified evidence that the applicant has completed an application for a criminal history records check in accordance with Regulation .05 of this chapter by:
- (i) Submitting two sets of fingerprints required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
- (ii) Paying all fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI;]
 - (4)—(5) (text unchanged)
 - B.—D. (text unchanged)

[.10] .11 Issuance of Licenses.

- A.—C. (text unchanged)
- [D. A duplicate license shall be issued:
 - (1) For a lost or stolen license provided the licensee:
 - (a) Makes the request in writing;
- (b) Provides a notarized statement or police report attesting to the facts; and
 - (c) Pays the required fee.
 - (2) For change of name provided the licensee:
 - (a) Makes the request in writing;
- (b) Provides a notarized statement or appropriate legal documentation attesting to the change;
 - (c) Pays the required fee; and
 - (d) Surrenders both portions of the current license.
 - (3) At no charge provided that:
- (a) An incorrect license was issued which was a result of a Board error and that the licensee:
- (i) Notified the Board in writing within 6 weeks of receipt of the license, and
 - (ii) Surrendered both portions of the incorrect license;
- (b) A license was not received by the licensee within 6 weeks of issuance, and:
- (i) The licensee provides a notarized statement to the Board attesting to nonreceipt of the license, and
- (ii) The notarized statement in \$D(3)(b)(i) of this regulation is received within 4 months of the date the license was issued by the Board.]
- D. An incorrect license issued as a result of a Board error will be corrected in the Board's data base at no charge to the licensee.
 - E. A licensee who requests a change of name for a license shall:
- (1) Make the request in writing on the form required by the Board; and
- (2) Provide appropriate legal documentation supporting the change.
- [E.] *F*. An inactive status license shall be issued to any licensee who pays the required fee and submits the [appropriate] form *required by the Board*.

[.12] .13 Renewal of License.

- A.—H. (text unchanged)
- I. Upon notification by the Board that a criminal history records check is required before a license can be renewed, a renewal applicant shall [submit to the Board before renewal of the license, written verified evidence that the renewal applicant has completed an application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (1) Two sets of fingerprints as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
- (2) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI] comply with all of the requirements under Regulation .04A of this chapter.
 - J.—N. (text unchanged)

Subtitle 39 BOARD OF NURSING — CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

10.39.01 Certification of Nursing Assistants

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§8-205, 8-206, 8-303, 8-304, 8-308, and 8-6A-01—8-6A-16, Annotated Code of Maryland; Ch. 486, Acts of 2012

.03 General Provisions for Applications.

- A. An applicant shall submit:
- (1) A completed application to the Board on the form that the Board requires;
- (2) To a criminal history records check (CHRC) in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §8–303, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (3) Written evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has submitted to a CHRC as required by A(2) of this regulation by submitting:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI;
- (4) Any documentation requested from the applicant by the Board including, but not limited to, official certified or true test court documents and a signed, dated explanation written by the applicant, regarding the facts and circumstances, outcome, and current status of any criminal history record information received by the Board:
 - (a) Under A(2) of this regulation;
- (b) In an answer to a question on the Board's application form; or
 - (c) From any other source; and
- (5) Any additional documentation requested by the Board if the documentation received from the applicant under \$A(4) of this regulation is incomplete or insufficient.
- B. If an application is not complete when initially submitted to the Board by the applicant, the applicant shall have no longer than 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board to complete the application and provide all information and documents required in §A of this regulation.
- C. If an applicant fails to provide to the Board a complete application and any additional documentation requested by the Board under §A of this regulation within 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board, then the application shall be considered abandoned and may be destroyed.
- D. Once an application is deemed abandoned under §C of this regulation, an individual seeking CNA certification shall submit a new application on the form required by the Board and meet all of the requirements for CNA certification and pay the required fees that are in effect at the time of re-application.

${\it [.04]}\,.05$ Application for Certification.

- A. An applicant shall [submit to the Board]:
- [(1) A completed application on the form required by the Board;
 - (2) A current passport photograph;]
- (1) Comply with all of the requirements under Regulation .03A of this chapter, and
 - [(3)] (2) [The] Pay the required fee to the Board[; and].
- [(4) Written, verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has completed the application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI.] B.—C. (text unchanged)

- D. Certification by Endorsement. An applicant certified as a nursing assistant in another state or territory is eligible for certification if the applicant:
 - [(1) Submits an application on the form required by the Board;
 - (2) Attaches a current passport photograph;]
- (1) Complies with all of the requirements under Regulation .03A of this chapter;
 - [(3)] (2) (text unchanged)
- [(4)] (3) Submits the following verifications directly to the Board from the appropriate authority:
 - (a)—(b) (text unchanged)
- (c) A statement that the applicant has not committed any act or omission that would be grounds for discipline or denial of certification; *and*
- (d) A statement that the applicant has no record of abuse, negligence, or misappropriation of a client's property or any disciplinary action taken or pending in any state or territory of the United States against the certification of the CNA [; and].
- [(e) Written, verified evidence that the applicant has completed a criminal history records check under A(4) of this regulation.]
 - E. (text unchanged)

[.06] .07 Renewal.

- A.—F. (text unchanged)
- [G. In addition to the requirements in §§B, C, D, and F of this regulation, a skilled nursing assistant shall:
- (1) Provide satisfactory evidence of completion of 1,000 hours of practice as a skilled nursing assistant within the individual's specific category of nursing assistant, in the 2-year period preceding the date of the renewal; and
- (2) Successfully complete a Board-approved refresher course within the individual's specific category of nursing assistant.]
- [H.] G. Upon notification by the Board that a criminal history records check is required before renewal of certification, a renewal applicant shall [submit to the Board, before renewal of the certificate, written, verified evidence that the renewal applicant has completed an application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (1) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
- (2) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI] comply with all requirements under Regulation .03A of this chapter.
 - [I.] *H.*—[J.] *I.* (text unchanged)
- [K. Individuals who do not meet the requirements of §G of this regulation may be subject to discipline under Health Occupations Article, §8-6A-09, Annotated Code of Maryland.]
 - [L.] *J.*—[P.] *N.* (text unchanged)

[.08] .09 Categories of CNA.

- A.—C. (text unchanged)
- D. Dialysis Technician.
- (1) An applicant for certification as a CNA shall have the status of Dialysis Technician on the CNA certificate if the applicant has completed the following requirements:
 - (a) Is certified as a CNA; [and]
- (b) Has successfully completed a Dialysis Technician training program [approved] *that*:
 - (i) Is approved by the Board:
- (ii) Prepares the applicant for national certification in accordance with 42 CFR §494.140(e); and
 - (c) Obtains national certification upon eligibility.
- (2) The following national dialysis technician certifications are recognized by the Board:
- (a) Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT) by the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC);

- (b) Clinical Nephrology Technician (CNT) by the National Nephrology Certification Organization (NNCO); and
- (c) Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT) by the Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing Technology (BONENT).
- [(2)] (3) The status as a CNA-Dialysis Technician shall end on expiration of the CNA certificate unless the applicant verifies at the time of renewal that the applicant:
- (a) Has completed 16 hours of practice as a dialysis technician in the 2 years before renewal; [and]
- (b) Has completed a 3-hour continuing education course approved by the Board; and
- (c) Has an active national certification from one of the approved certification bodies listed in SD(2) of this regulation.
- (4) Except as provided in §D(8) of this regulation, a dialysis technician:
- (a) Is required to have an active national certification at the time of renewal; and
- (b) Shall ensure that the Board has a record of a renewed national certification if a certification expires before the renewal date for the dialysis technician.
- (5) Certification will be deemed to have lapsed if the Board does not have a record of a current active national certification at the time of renewal.
- (6) The dialysis technician certification shall become nonrenewed if the renewal applicant fails to provide evidence of a current active national certification.
- (7) An applicant who has let their national certification lapse and does not qualify for recertification shall re-apply for a national certification for dialysis technician.
- (8) If an applicant has not had 18 months to qualify for a national certification before their first renewal, the applicant may renew their certification as a CNA/DT provided that they have a national certification at their next renewal period.

E. (text unchanged)

10.39.04 Medication Technicians

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§8-205(a) and 8-6A-01—8-6A-16, Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Qualifications for Applicants for Certification.

- A. An applicant for MT certification shall:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) Submit to the Board:
- (a) An application to the Board on the form required by the Board and signed by the RN that taught the applicant's medication technician training program; *and*
 - [(b) A current passport photograph;]
 - [(c)] (b) (text unchanged)
 - (3)—(4) (text unchanged)
 - B.—C. (text unchanged)
- D. An applicant who reports a positive criminal history on any application shall provide:
- (1) Any documentation requested from the applicant by the Board including, but not limited to, official certified or true test court documents and a signed, dated explanation written by the applicant, regarding the facts and circumstances, outcome, and current status of any criminal history record information received by the Board:
- (a) In an answer to a question on the Board's application form; or
 - (b) From any other source; and
- (2) Any additional documentation requested by the Board if the documentation received from the applicant under \$D(1) of this section is incomplete or insufficient.

- E. If an application is not complete when initially submitted to the Board by the applicant, the applicant shall have no longer than 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board to complete the application and provide all information and documents required under §D of this regulation.
- F. If an applicant fails to provide to the Board a complete application and any additional documentation requested by the Board under \$D of this regulation within 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board, then the application shall be considered abandoned and may be destroyed.
- G. Once an application is deemed abandoned under \$F of this regulation, an individual seeking MT certification must submit a new application and meet all of the requirements for MT certification and pay the required fees that are in effect at the time of re-application.

Subtitle 53 BOARD OF NURSING — ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE

10.53.02 Licensure

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§8-205, 8-303, and 8-6B-01—8-6B-29, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 General Provisions for Applications.

- A. An applicant shall submit:
- (1) A completed application to the Board on the form that the Board requires;
- (2) To a criminal history records check (CHRC) in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §8–303, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (3) Written evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has submitted to a CHRC as required under A(2) of this regulation by submitting:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI;
- (4) Any documentation requested from the applicant by the Board including, but not limited to, official certified or true test court documents and a signed, dated explanation written by the applicant, regarding the facts and circumstances, outcome, and current status of any criminal history record information received by the Board:
 - (a) Under $\S A(2)$ of this regulation;
- (b) In an answer to a question on the Board's application form; or
 - (c) From any other source; and
- (5) Any additional documentation requested by the Board if the documentation received from the applicant under this section is incomplete or insufficient.
- B. If an application is not complete when initially submitted to the Board by the applicant, the applicant shall have no longer than 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board to complete the application and provide all information and documents required in §A of this regulation.
- C. If an applicant fails to provide to the Board a complete application and any additional documentation requested by the Board under §A of this regulation within 12 months from the date the application is received by the Board, then the application shall be considered abandoned and may be destroyed.
- D. Once an application is deemed abandoned under §C of this regulation, an individual seeking licensure shall submit a new application on the form required by the Board and meet all of the requirements for licensure and pay the required fees that are in effect at the time of re-application.

[.01] .02 Applicants for Licensure.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. To apply for a license, an applicant shall [submit to the Board]:
 - [(1) An application on the form the Board requires; and]
- (1) Comply with all of the requirements under Regulation .01A of this chapter; and
 - (2) Submit to the Board:
 - [(2)] (a) Evidence of compliance with §A of this regulation;
- [(3)] (b) Information required by Regulation [.02] .03 or [.03] .04 of this chapter as appropriate;
- [(4)] (c) Any applicable fee as set by the Board in COMAR 10.53.12; and
- [(5) Written, verified evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has completed the application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
- (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and]

[(6)] (d) (text unchanged)

C.—D. (text unchanged)

[.03] .04 Licensure by Waiver.

- A. An applicant who is licensed in another state shall [submit to the Board]:
- (1) Comply with all requirements under Regulation .01A of this chapter; and
 - (2) Submit to the Board:
 - [(1)] (a) (text unchanged)
- [(2)] (b) Evidence of successful examination in another state that was substantially equivalent to the examinations given in this State; and
- [(3)] (c) A certificate of completion from each electrology instruction program attended that was substantially equivalent to the program requirements in this State, with verification of the number of hours completed in each theory and clinical training[; and].
- [(4) Written, verified evidence that the applicant has completed an application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (a) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
 - (b) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI.]
 B.—C. (text unchanged)

[.04] .05 Renewal of Licensure.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. [After January 1, 2008, on] *On* notification by the Board that a criminal history records check is required before renewal of licensure, a renewal applicant shall [submit to the Board, before renewal of the license, written, verified evidence that the renewal applicant has completed an application for a criminal history records check by submitting the following:
- (1) Two sets of fingerprints, as required by the Central Repository and the FBI; and
- (2) All fees required by the Central Repository and the FBI] comply with all requirements under Regulation .01A of this chapter.

C. (text unchanged)

VAN T. MITCHELL Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene

Title 26 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Subtitle 08 WATER POLLUTION

26.08.07 Underground Injection Control

Authority: Environment Article, §§7-204(a), 7-208, 9-313(a), and 9-314(b)(3) et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-297-P]

The Secretary of the Environment proposes to amend Regulation .04 under COMAR 26.08.07 Underground Injection Control.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to prohibit the construction of a Class II underground injection well in Maryland.

Comparison to Federal Standards

In compliance with Executive Order 01.01.1996.03, this proposed regulation is more restrictive or stringent than corresponding federal standards as follows:

- (1) Regulation citation and manner in which it is more restrictive than the applicable federal standard:
- 40 CFR Part 144 regulates various types of underground injection wells. Under 40 CFR §144.6, Class II wells are defined as wells which inject fluids:
- "(1) Which are brought to the surface in connection with natural gas storage operations, or conventional oil or natural gas production and may be commingled with waste waters from gas plants which are an integral part of production operations, unless those waters are classified as a hazardous waste at the time of injection;
 - (2) For enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas; and
- (3) For storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and pressure."

Proposed Regulation .04 is more stringent than 40 CFR Part 144, in that proposed Regulation .04 prohibits the construction of Class II wells in Maryland. The federal regulations allow construction of Class II wells, subject to permitting and other requirements.

(2) Benefit to the public health, safety or welfare, or the environment:

Disposal of wastewater from the hydraulic fracturing process (e.g. flowback and produced water) in Class II wells has been linked in several states with increased incidence of earthquakes. Prohibiting the construction of Class II wells will avoid this risk by preventing the underground injection of flowback and produced water in Maryland from in-State and out-of-State gas wells. Because Maryland currently has no Class II wells, this prohibition will completely eliminate any risk of earthquakes and groundwater contamination from underground injection of oil- and gas-related wastewater.

(3) Analysis of additional burden or cost on the regulated person:

The additional burden and cost to oil and gas companies is expected to be zero. There are currently no Class II wells in Maryland, and the construction of Class II wells in Maryland in the near future is very unlikely given Maryland's geology and the resulting lack of suitable locations for Class II wells. Other methods of managing wastewater exist, including reuse for hydraulic fracturing with or without treatment, and treatment at a centralized

treatment plant. While underground injection is the primary means of wastewater disposal elsewhere in the U.S., according to the U.S. EPA this is not the case in the Marcellus Region, where much of the wastewater is reused.

- (4) Justification for the need for more restrictive standards:
- (a) The benefit from the more restrictive standard exceeds the burden or cost of the more restrictive standard on the regulated person or business.

As discussed above, the burden from the more restrictive standard is minimal or zero, and the prohibition on Class II wells has the benefit of preventing potential risks from increased earthquake activity or groundwater contamination due to underground injection.

(b) Conditions or circumstances specific or special to Maryland require that Maryland enact a more restrictive standard

The construction of Class II wells in Maryland in the near future is very unlikely given Maryland's geology and the resulting lack of suitable locations for Class II wells. Class II wells are often located in depleted gas reservoirs. Maryland has only one such area near Accident in Garrett County; it is currently being used as a natural gas storage facility and is unavailable for construction of Class II wells.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jeffrey Fretwell, Director, Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230, or call 410-537-3537, or email to marcellus.mde@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-537-3888. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.04 Prohibitions.

- A. As provided in COMAR 26.13.05.19, the underground injection of hazardous waste is prohibited in Maryland.
- B. A person may not construct a Class II underground injection well in Maryland.

BENJAMIN H. GRUMBLES Secretary of the Environment

Title 31 MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Subtitle 08 PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-299-P]

The Insurance Commissioner proposes to amend:

- (1) Regulation .02 under COMAR 31.08.01 Antiarson Application;
- (2) Regulation .02 under COMAR 31.08.02 Toll-Free Telephone Number;

- (3) The authority line under COMAR 31.08.03 Notices of Cancellation, Nonrenewal, Premium Increase, and Reduction in Coverage;
 - (4) Regulation .07 under COMAR 31.08.08 Lead Poisoning;
- (5) Regulations .06—.08, .13, and .14 under COMAR 31.08.09 Group Self-Insurance for Workers' Compensation; and
- (6) Regulation .02 under COMAR 31.08.10 Medical Professional Insurers Online Claim Survey Reporting Requirements.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to make changes consistent with the Maryland Insurance Administration's Evaluation Report for 31.08 under the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act. Specifically, this proposed action:

- •Amends Regulation .02 of 31.08.01 to replace references to "brokers or agents" with the term "producer," which includes both brokers and agents;
- •Removes an unnecessary statute in the enabling authority for COMAR 31.08.02; amends Regulation .02B and C of this chapter to replace the term "agents" with "insurance producers," which includes both agents and brokers as used in §2-109 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and amends Regulation .02C to replace the term "companies" with "insurers," which is broader and mirrors the statutory language in §2-109 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- •Adds §27-609 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the enabling authority for COMAR 31.08.03, as this statute is the basis for certain information contained in the forms in Regulations .07 and .08 of this chapter;
- •Amends an inaccurate cross reference in Regulation .07A of COMAR 31.08.08;
- •Adds §§2-108, 9-102 and 27-501 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the enabling authority for COMAR 31.08.09, as these statutes are the basis for certain provisions contained in this chapter; amends Regulation .06 in COMAR 31.08.09 to remove obsolete language; amends Regulation .07 of this chapter to remove the specified attachment point and provide for any attachment point, subject to the Commissioner's review, and to require each group to provide the Commissioner with a copy of its excess insurance policy in specified circumstances; amends Regulation .08 to clarify certain information to be included in a group's application for a Certificate of Authority, adds new sections to this regulation to specify certain authorities retained by the Commissioner, and amends this regulation to clarify that the required submission of a group's financial statements to demonstrate its combined net assets may be comprised of the financial reports of one or more members; amends Regulation .13 to require an annual submission of a group's excess insurance policy and an annual report signed by one of the group's executive officers concerning the financial condition of each member; and amends Regulation .14 to prohibit rebates and suspensions of premium contributions when a group is insolvent or when such rebates or suspensions of premium contributions otherwise causes the group to be considered in a financially hazardous condition; and
- •Amends Regulation .02 under COMAR 31.02.10 to provide consistency with the corresponding statutory authority for this Chapter, §4-405 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Catherine Grason, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St. Paul Place, Ste. 2700, or call 410-468-2201, or email to insuranceregreview.mia@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-468-2020. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

31.08.01 Antiarson Application

Authority: Insurance Article, §2-109 and Title 19, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Antiarson Application.

A. Each insurer[, broker,] or [agent] *producer* soliciting insurance requiring the use of an antiarson application shall obtain from the applicant the information required by the form of application designated as Standard Antiarson Application Part 1 as set forth in Regulation .03 of this chapter. The completed application shall be obtained before the risk is bound.

- B. The insurer [, broker,] or [agent] *producer* may not bind the risk or issue the coverage unless the applicant returns a completed and signed antiarson application.
- C. If the Part 1 application indicates that further information is necessary, the insurer [, broker,] or [agent] *producer* shall require the applicant to complete the Standard Antiarson Application Part 2, as set forth in Regulation .04 of this chapter.
 - D.—E. (text unchanged)

31.08.02 Toll-Free Telephone Number

Authority: Insurance Article, \$[\$]2-109 [and 2-112], Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Establishment of Toll-Free Telephone Number.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The Commissioner may provide to callers educational materials that may include a rate guide or list of [agents] *insurance producers* and insurers.
- C. The Commissioner may not recommend to callers specific [companies] *insurers* or [agents] *insurance producers*.
 - D. (text unchanged)

31.08.03 Notices of Cancellation, Nonrenewal, Premium Increase, and Reduction in Coverage

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109, 27-609, 27-613, and 27-614, Annotated Code of Maryland

31.08.08 Lead Poisoning

Authority: Insurance Article, §2-109 and Title 19, Subtitle 7, Annotated Code of Maryland

.07 Notice of Cancellation, Nonrenewal, or Reimposition of an Exclusion.

A. If an insurer intends to not renew or cancel lead hazard coverage, or intends to reimpose a lead hazard exclusion, pursuant to Regulation [.04B] .06B of this chapter, which is not at the request of the insured, the insurer shall give the insured written notice of this

change. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

B.—C. (text unchanged)

31.08.09 Group Self-Insurance for Workers' Compensation

Authority: Insurance Article, §\$2-108, 2-109, 9-102, [and] Title 25, Subtitle 3, and 27-501, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Surety Bonds.

- A. Each group shall obtain *and maintain* a surety bond for the protection of group members and their employees in an amount [as follows:
- (1) For each group approved by the Commissioner to begin initial operations on or after January 1, 2003, the surety bond shall be not less than the amount of the group's required minimum annual premium unless the Commissioner specifies a different amount; and
- (2) For each group approved by the Commissioner to begin initial operations before January 1, 2003, the surety bond shall be in the following amount:
- (a) For years prior to January 1, 2003, the surety bond shall be not less than \$250,000 unless the Commissioner specifies a different amount;
- (b) For the year beginning January 1, 2003, the surety bond shall be not less than \$300,000 unless the Commissioner specifies a different amount:
- (c) For the year beginning January 1, 2004, the surety bond shall be not less than \$400,000 unless the Commissioner specifies a different amount; and
- (d) For years beginning January 1, 2005 and thereafter, the surety bond shall be] not less than \$500,000 unless the Commissioner specifies a different amount.
 - B.—C. (text unchanged)

.07 Excess Insurance Coverage.

- A. Each group shall maintain excess insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and not less than \$5,000,000 in the aggregate over [a retention of \$350,000 or less and not less than \$5,000,000 in the aggregate] a commercially available and reasonable attachment point subject to review of the Commissioner.
- B. A group shall send a copy of its excess insurance policy to the Commissioner in the following circumstances:
- (1) Within 60 days of the renewal or replacement of an existing policy unless, within 90 days after its inception date, such policy will be provided to the Commissioner pursuant to \$B(3) of this regulation;
- (2) Within 60 days of an amendment to an existing policy unless, within 90 days after its inception date, such amended policy will be provided to the Commissioner pursuant to $\S B(3)$ of this regulation;
 - (3) Annually as provided in COMAR 31.08.09.13B; or
 - (4) Upon request of the Commissioner.
- [B.] *C.* The Commissioner may, in the Commissioner's discretion, take the following actions by notifying the group in writing:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
- (2) [Upon application of a group, allow] *Require* the group to *obtain and* maintain excess coverage with a [specific retention level greater than that provided in §A of this regulation,] *specified attachment point* upon consideration of, but not limited to, the following factors relating to the group:
 - (a)—(d) (text unchanged)

- (e) The availability of reinsurance [with the retention level set forth in §A of this regulation] at specific attachment points at economically feasible rates.
 - [C.] *D.*—[D.] *E.* (text unchanged)

.08 Application for Certificate of Authority.

- A.—B. (text unchanged)
- C. The application form shall be accompanied by the following:
- (1) A list of the names of the members of the group, to include each member's[;]:
 - (a) Corporate name;
 - (b) Main business address;
 - (c) State of domicile; and
 - (d) Date upon which the member's fiscal year ends;
 - (2)—(4) (text unchanged)
- (5) A copy of the group's bylaws, which shall contain, at a minimum:
- (a) [Underwriting] A copy of or written description of the underwriting standards for acceptance and continuance in the group[,];
- (b) A *copy of or written description of the* method for selecting the board of trustees and administrator of the group[,];
- (c) [The] A list of the members of the board of trustees and the term of office of the board of trustees[,]; and
- (d) A copy of or written description of [a] the method for amending the group's bylaws;
- (6) A copy of [Regulations] regulations adopted by the trustees, which shall be binding on the administrator and service company and which shall contain, at a minimum:
- (a) A description of the manner in which excess funds and claim reserves shall be invested[,];
- (b) A description of the frequency and extent of loss control and safety engineering services provided to members of the group[,];
 - (c) The size of the common claim fund[,];
- (d) A schedule for the collection of premiums, including a definition of "delinquent premium"[,];
- (e) [Membership] A copy of or written description of the membership, admission, and expulsion procedures[,];
- (f) [Delineation] A copy of or written description of the delineation of authority granted to the administrator, board of trustees, and service company[,]; and
- (g) [Procedures] A copy of the procedures for handling disputes regarding premium payments by members;
 - (7) (text unchanged)
- (8) [Designation of an] A list of the initial board of trustees and administrator of the group;
 - (9)—(12) (text unchanged)
- (13) Copies of executed agreements with each member assuming joint and several liability for obligations of the group in the event of insolvency of the Self-Insurers' Guaranty Fund;[and]
- (14) A description of the arrangements whether in-house or under contract, for handling claims[.]; and
- (15) A report on the financial condition of each member in a format acceptable to the Commissioner, based on each member's most recent fiscal year-end data, which shall include the following information for each member:
 - (a) Total assets;
 - (b) Total liabilities and net worth;
 - (c) Total sales or revenues;
 - (d) Net profit;
 - (e) The member's fiscal year-end date; and
- (f) The basis for reporting the financial information, including whether the report was prepared by a certified public accountant and presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

- D. At the request of the Commissioner, the group shall submit additional financial information or financial statements for any or all members of the group.
- [D.] E. To obtain and maintain its certificate of authority, a group shall comply with the following requirements, as well as with any other requirements established by law or regulation:
- (1) [Notice] *Provide notice* to the Commissioner as soon as practicable of any change in the information required to be filed under §B or §C of this regulation; and
- (2) [Combined] Maintain combined net assets of all members of at least \$1,000,000 as shown by [a] the most recent annual financial [statement] report of one or more members, [certified by a] each of which is prepared by an independent certified public accountant and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and submitted [for] on behalf of the group as a whole.

.13 Annual Submission of Financial [Statements] Reports and Other Reports.

- A. [Each] On or before 90 days following the end of a group's fiscal year, each group shall submit to the Commissioner a fiscal year-end audited financial report [statement of financial condition, audited], prepared by an independent certified public accountant, [on or before 90 days following the end of the group's fiscal year] in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, which shall be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner [and] which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) Actuarially appropriate reserves for:
 - (a) Known claims and expenses associated with them[,];
- (b) Claims incurred but not reported and expenses associated with them[,];
 - (c) Unearned premiums[,]; and
- (d) Bad debts, for which reserves shall be shown as liabilities;
- (2) An actuarial opinion in compliance with the current edition of the Financial Analysis Handbook published by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and given by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or a person who has otherwise demonstrated his or her actuarial competence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, regarding reserves for:
 - (a) Known claims and expenses associated with them[,]; and
- (b) Claims incurred but not reported and expenses associated with them[:].
- B. A copy of a group's excess insurance policy for the current calendar year shall be submitted with the fiscal year-end audited financial report required by §A of this regulation.
- [B.] C. [The actuarial opinion shall be given by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or a person who has otherwise demonstrated his or her actuarial competence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.] On or before 90 days following the end of a group's fiscal year, each group shall submit to the Commissioner a report, in a format acceptable to the Commissioner, regarding the financial condition of each member based on the member's most recent fiscal year-end data, containing the information described in COMAR 31.08.09.08C(15). The report shall be signed by an executive officer of the group.

.14 Rebates and Temporary Suspension of Member Contributions.

A. Any monies for a fund year in excess of the amount necessary to fund all undiscounted losses and loss adjustment expenses for that fund year, actuarially determined by [a person meeting the requirements of Regulation .13B of this chapter] a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or a person who has otherwise demonstrated his or her actuarial competence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, may be rebated to members of the group. [For fund years incepting before January 1, 2008, rebates may not be paid

less than 11 months after the end of the fund year. For fund years incepting on or after January 1, 2008, rebates may not be paid less than 23 months after the end of the fund year.]

B.—C. (text unchanged)

D. No rebates or suspension of premium contributions shall be made when a group is insolvent or otherwise causes the group to be considered in a financially hazardous condition pursuant to §9-102 of the Insurance Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

31.08.10 Medical Professional Insurers Online Claim Survey Reporting Requirements

Authority: Insurance Article, §§4-401 and 4-405, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Financial Information Report.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Confidential Information.

- (1) An insurer that submits a financial information report shall notify the Commissioner at the time of the submission of any information contained in the report that the insurer considers to be [confidential] *proprietary* information.
- (2) The Commissioner, in accordance with State Government Article, §10-617(d) and (f), Annotated Code of Maryland, shall deny inspection of any part of a report submitted under this chapter that the Commissioner determines contains confidential *commercial* information *or confidential financial information*.

C. (text unchanged)

ALFRED W. REDMER, JR. Insurance Commissioner

Subtitle 10 HEALTH INSURANCE — GENERAL

31.10.11 Uniform Claims Forms

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §1-208; Insurance Article, §\$2-108—2-109 and 15-1003—15-1005; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-302-P]

The Insurance Commissioner proposes to amend Regulation .14 under COMAR 31.10.11 Uniform Claims Forms.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to repeal the language under COMAR 31.10.11.14C(2). This subsection requires the Commissioner to annually provide to the public a summary of information contained in claims data filings submitted by third-party payors. The statutory authority for this Chapter does not require this report to be created. Interested persons may request this information through the Maryland Public Information Act.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michael Paddy, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St. Paul Place, Ste. 2700, Baltimore MD 21202, or call 410-468-2408, or email to michael.paddy@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-468-2020. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.14 Claims Data Filing.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

- C. Use of Data by Commissioner. The Commissioner shall[:
- (1) Use] *use* the claims data filings to determine the general business practices of third-party payors and entities to which third-party payors have delegated claims processing pursuant to Insurance Article, §15-1005[(g)], Annotated Code of Maryland[; and
- (2) Provide to the public annually a summary of information contained in claims data filings submitted by third-party payors].

D.—F. (text unchanged)

ALFRED W. REDMER, JR. Insurance Commissioner

Subtitle 14 LONG-TERM CARE

31.14.03 Long-Term Care Partnership

Authority: Insurance Article, §§18-102 and 18-106—18-107; Health-General Article, §15-407; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-301-P]

The Insurance Commissioner proposes to amend Regulation .06 under COMAR 31.14.03 Long-Term Care Partnership.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to The purpose of this action is to make a technical change to Regulation .06B(2)(a) under COMAR 31.14.03 Long-Term Care Partnership. Effective June 6, 2016, the minimum annual compound inflation benefit for new Long-Term Care Partnership policies was changed in COMAR 31.14.03.05F(1)(a)(i) from 3 percent to 1 percent. This technical amendment updates COMAR 31.14.03.06B(2)(a) consistent with that change.

${\bf Comparison\ to\ Federal\ Standards}$

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michael Paddy, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St Paul Place, or call 410-468-2408, or email to michael.paddy@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-468-2020. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Applications.

A. (text unchanged)

- B. Inflation Protection Option.
 - (1) (text unchanged)3
- (2) The application shall indicate that for applicants who are younger than 61 years of age, the applicant is required to purchase an inflation protection benefit:
 - (a) Of at least [3] 1 percent compounded annually; or
 - (b) (text unchanged)
 - (3)—(4) (text unchanged)

ALFRED W. REDMER, JR. Insurance Commissioner

Subtitle 16 MISCELLANEOUS

31.16.08 Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information

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

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-298-P]

The Insurance Commissioner proposes to amend Regulation .06 under COMAR 31.16.08 Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to conform this regulation to recent amendments to 15 U.S.C. 6803(f), which modifies existing federal law by creating an exemption from a certain Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act annual notice requirement.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. Adoption will confer an economic benefit upon insurers and producers (licensees of the MIA) by providing language relieving them from having to send their customers an annual privacy notice where they comply with other requirements concerning any disclosure of personally identifiable financial information and only in situations where the licensee's practices and policies regarding disclosure have not changed since the last notice sent to their customer. This will save companies and producers significant postage and production costs associated with the notice, which is currently required to be sent annually, even if the notice has not changed.

II. Types of Economic Impact.	Revenue (R+/R-) Expenditure (E+/E-)	Magnitude
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries of	r trade groups:	

Postage and production

costs (+) Significant

E. On other industries or

trade groups: NONE

- F. Direct and indirect effects on public:
 - Paper reduction (+) Significant
- III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)
- D. This amendment will save companies and producers significant postage and production costs associated with the notice, which is currently required to be sent annually.
- F. This amendment will also confer a benefit upon consumers relieving them from receiving duplicative annual notices, such that only new or changed notices will be received.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has a meaningful economic impact on small business. An analysis of this economic impact follows.

Adoption will confer an economic benefit upon insurers and producers (licensees of the MIA) by providing language relieving them from having to send their customers an annual privacy notice where they comply with other requirements concerning any disclosure of personally identifiable financial information and only in situations where the licensee's practices and policies regarding disclosure have not changed since the last notice sent to their customer. Insofar as producers work for small businesses, this will save businesses significant postage and production costs associated with the notice, which must currently be sent to consumers annually, even if the notice has not changed.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Catherine Grason, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 Saint Paul Place, Ste. 2700, Baltimore, MD 21202, or call 410-468-2201, or email to insuranceregreview.mia@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-468-2020. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Annual Privacy Notice for Financial Information to Customers Required.

A. In General.

- (1) [A] Except as provided in §B of this regulation, a licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to customers that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices for nonpublic financial information at least once in each annual notice period during the continuation of the customer relationship.
 - (2)—(3) (text unchanged)
 - B. Exceptions.
- (1) Notwithstanding §A of this regulation, a licensee is not required to provide an annual privacy notice to a current customer if the licensee:
- (a) Provides nonpublic personal information to nonaffiliated third parties only in accordance with Regulations .14—.16 of this chapter; and
- (b) Has not changed its policies and practices with regard to disclosing nonpublic personal information from the policies and practices that were disclosed in the most recent disclosure sent to consumers in accordance with §A of this regulation or COMAR 31, 16, 08, 05
- (2) A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice to a former customer with whom a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship.
 - [B.] C. (text unchanged)

[C. A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice to a former customer with whom a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship.]

ALFRED W. REDMER, JR. Insurance Commissioner

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-307-P]

The State Board of Elections proposes to:

- (1) Amend Regulation .06 under COMAR 33.13.07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media;
- (2) Adopt new Regulations .06 and .07 under COMAR 33.13.08 Independent Expenditure Requirements;
- (3) Amend Regulations .02 and .03 and adopt new Regulation .04 under COMAR 33.13.10 Prohibitions; and
- (4) Adopt new Regulation .08 under COMAR 33.13.13 Administrative Accounts.

This action was considered by the State Board of Elections at its September 28, 2016, meeting, notice of which was given in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to add "person" to the enforcement provisions of authority line requirements. Independent expenditures are conducted by a person, not a political committee, and are subject to the same penalties for lack of authority line on campaign material. The proposed regulations detail the procedures for an independent expenditure entity to request a waiver of late fees and the issuance of the civil citation.

In 2016, the General Assembly amended the prohibition on fundraising during session law. The proposed regulations reflect the legislative changes and provide specific activities that would constitute soliciting contributions by a legislator.

The proposed additions to the prohibited expenditures by a political committee codify prior policy and advice.

The proposed regulations add a new section regarding coordinated expenditures. This is a proactive measure before the 2018 Election will clarify activities that would constitute coordination between persons making independent expenditures and candidates and political parties.

The proposed regulations clarify the requirements of a legislative communication paid with administrative funds. Since administrative funds may not be used for electoral purposes, the communication may not contain any references to an election or political slogan.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Erin Perrone, Director of Election Reform and Management, State Board of Elections, PO Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-269-2845, or email to erin.perrone@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-974-2019. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

33.13.07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-404, and Title 13, Subtitle 4, Part I, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Enforcement.

Subject to the penalties of Election Law Article, §13-602(b) or 13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, a political committee or person may not publish or distribute, or cause to be published or distributed, campaign material in violation of this chapter.

33.13.08 Independent Expenditure Requirements

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Failure to File.

- A. Show Cause Notice. If the State Board determines that there has been a failure to file an independent expenditure report or that the report does not include the information required by Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland, the State Board shall issue a notice to the treasurer or other individual designated by an entity required to file the independent expenditure report.
- B. Contents of the Notice. The notice shall state that, within 30 days:
 - (1) The failure to file must be rectified; and
- (2) The late filing penalty must be paid or the person making the independent expenditure must show cause why the State Board should not issue a civil citation.
- C. Issuance of the Civil Citation. If the person fails to respond the notice within 30 days of its issuance, the State Board shall issue a civil citation against the person making independent expenditures as specified in Election Law Article, §13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.07 Waiver Request — Late Filing Fees.

A. Availability. A person making independent expenditures may request a waiver of the penalty for the late filing of the independent expenditure report.

B. Requirements.

- (1) A request to waive the late fee penalty shall be made in writing and filed with the State Administrator.
 - (2) The request shall include:
- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the independent expenditure;
- (b) A detailed statement of the facts explaining why the person making the independent expenditure failed to timely file a statement of contributions; and
- (c) A history of past compliance activity regarding the person making independent expenditures.
 - C. Consideration and Determination.
- (1) With approval of the State Board, the State Administrator may waive the late filing penalty for just cause.
- (2) The State Administrator may deny a waiver request without notice or hearing.

- (3) The decision of the State Administrator on the waiver request shall be in writing.
- D. Issuance of the Civil Citation. If payment of the penalty for the failure to file has not occurred within 30 days after the decision of the State Administrator, the State Board shall issue a civil citation against the person making the independent expenditure as specified in Election Law Article, §13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

33.13.10 Prohibitions

Authority: Election Law Article, §§ *1-101(o)*, *1-101 (aa)*, 2-102(b)(4), 13-218, *13-220.1*, 13-225, 13-235, 13-237, 13-239, 13-245, 13-306, 13-307, and 13-309.1 and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Prohibited Contributions.

- A. E. (text unchanged)
- F. During General Assembly Session. During a regular session of the General Assembly, except as provided under Election Law Article, §13-236(c) and (d), Annotated Code of Maryland, a covered official or a person acting on behalf of or as an agent for the covered official may not for the benefit of any candidate or political committee set forth in §G of this regulation:
 - (1) (3) (text unchanged)
- (4) Directly or indirectly solicit a contribution [or sell tickets to a fund-raising event] by any means[;], *including*:
- (a) Posting an invitation or save-the-date notice for a fundraising event on a social media account; or
- (b) Forwarding tickets to a fund-raising event or emails soliciting a future contribution to potential contributors;
 - (5) (6) (text unchanged)
 - G. M. (text unchanged)

.03 Prohibited Expenditures.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Prohibited Expenditures. Except as provided in §C of this regulation, a political committee may not make an expenditure of campaign funds, directly or indirectly, in any amount for:
 - (1) (7) (text unchanged)
- (8) Tuition and any other associated costs for educational programs or schooling; [or]
- (9) Administrative accounts of the political party central committee or legislative party caucus committee [.];
 - (10) Dues or any other expense for:
 - (a) A legislative caucus in the General Assembly; or
- (b) Legislative organizations affiliated with the General Assembly including Society of Senates Past, Speaker's Society, and Protocol; and
 - (11) A loan to a political committee.
 - C. (text unchanged)

.04 Coordinated Expenditures.

- A. Prohibited. A person or entity subject to Election Law Article, §§13-306, 13-307, and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, may not, with respect to any disbursement, whether actual, planned, or promised, coordinate with:
 - (1) A candidate;
- (2) A campaign finance entity of a candidate, political party or ballot issue; or
- (3) An agent of a candidate, political party, or a ballot issue committee.
- B. Coordinated Actions. A disbursement or a promise to make a disbursement by a person or entity subject to Election Law Article, §§13-306, 13-307, and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, shall be deemed coordinated and an in-kind

- contribution to the candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee if the disbursement:
- (1) Is made at the request, direction, or suggestion of the candidate or agent of the candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee;
- (2) Uses campaign material, strategies, or other campaign information that is not generally available to the public and was shared by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee including information relating to:
 - (a) Messaging or content of an advertisement;
 - (b) Polling data;
 - (c) Research on a candidate or issue;
 - (d) Allocation of campaign resources;
 - (e) Targeted or intended audience; or
- (f) Media plans for making a public communication, for example the specific media outlet to be used, the timing, frequency, or schedule for making the communication, and similar information;
- (3) Republishes substantial portions of campaign material prepared by the candidate, ballot issue committee or political party;
- (4) Is made after details of the disbursement are privately discussed or disclosed with the candidate or agents of the candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee; or
- (5) Involves any agreement between the person or entity and the candidate, political party or ballot issue committee regarding payment of expenses or receipt of contributions, including designs or schemes to evade Election Law disclosure requirements or contribution limits.

33.13.13 Administrative Accounts

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-220.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.08 Legislative Communications.

- A. Defined. A legislative communication for which administrative funds may be used is a communication that discusses proposed or actual legislation, the incumbent's position on the legislation, if any, and general statements regarding the incumbent's position on similar legislation or issues affecting the incumbent's constituents.
- B. Prohibitions. A legislative communication may not include advocacy or statements relating to the campaign or election of the incumbent, an appeal for votes or contributions, or reference or use of political slogans associated with the incumbent.
- C. Social Media. If the communication is distributed by a social media account or an electronic media advertisement, information regarding the legislation at issue must be featured prominently on the landing or home page of the account immediately after the constituent clicks on the link or electronic media advertisement.

LINDA H. LAMONE State Administrator of Elections

Subtitle 14 ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC FINANCING ACT

33.14.02 Eligibility Requirements and Procedures

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 15-109(b), Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-308-P]

The State Board of Elections proposes to amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 33.14.02 Eligibility Requirements and Procedures. This action was considered by the State Board of Elections at its September 28, 2016, meeting, notice of which was given in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to clarify the deadlines for private eligible contributions used for seed money certification. The use of a specific date for contribution mirrors the statute language for when contributions begin to be eligible for matching. A report deadline may be confusing due to different transaction period end dates.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Erin Perrone, Director of Election Reform and Management, State Board of Elections, P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-269-2845, or email to erin.perrone@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-974-2919. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Deadline for Notice and Certification — Primary Elections.

A. — B. (text unchanged)

C. Seed Money Deadline. [No later than] *Private eligible contributions may not be used for seed money certification if received after* the third Tuesday in May of the year of the election[, the candidate shall submit a certification of seed money and an initial request for a public contribution for use in a primary election].

LINDA H. LAMONE

State Administrator of Elections

Subtitle 20 DISCLOSURE BY PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS

33.20.06 Contributions

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 14-105, and 14-109, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-309-P]

The State Board of Elections proposes to amend Regulation .01 under COMAR 33.20.06 Contributions. This action was considered by the State Board of Elections at its September 28, 2016, meeting, notice of which was given in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to codify State Board of Elections policy that contributions made by a political action committee sponsored by or identified with a person doing public business are made at the direction of the business entity.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Erin Perrone, Director of Election Reform and Management, State Board of Elections, P.O. Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-269-2845, or email to erin.perrone@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-974-2019. Comments will be accepted through December 28, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Contributions.

A. — I. (text unchanged)

J. Political Action Committee Contributions. A contribution or donation made by a political action committee sponsored by or identified with the person doing public business shall be considered as made at the direction of the business entity.

LINDA H. LAMONE

State Administrator of Elections

Errata

COMAR 10.64.01.14

At 43:20 Md. R. 1134 (September 30, 2016), column 2, line 31 from the bottom:

For: (1) The report submitted to the Board under §C of this Read: (1) The report submitted to the Board under §B of this

Special Documents

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold its regular business meeting on December 8, 2016, in Annapolis, Maryland. Details concerning the matters to be addressed at the business meeting are contained in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

DATE: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 9 a m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Loews Annapolis Hotel, Powerhouse – Point Lookout Room (Third Floor), 126 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238-2436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting will include actions or presentations on the following items: (1) informational presentation of interest to the Lower Susquehanna Subbasin area; (2) resolution concerning FY2018 federal funding of the Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program; (3) ratification/approval of contracts/grants; (4) notice for Montage Mountain Resorts, LP project sponsor to appear and show cause before the Commission; (5) regulatory compliance matters for Panda Hummel Station LLC, Panda Liberty LLC, and Panda Patriot LLC; and (6) Regulatory Program projects.

Projects listed for Commission action are those that were the subject of a public hearing conducted by the Commission on November 3, 2016, and identified in the notice for such hearing, which was published in 81 FR 69182, October 5, 2016.

The public is invited to attend the Commission's business meeting. Comments on the Regulatory Program projects were subject to a deadline of November 14, 2016. Written comments pertaining to other items on the agenda at the business meeting may be mailed to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110-1788, or submitted electronically through http://www.srbc.net/pubinfo/publicparticipation.htm. Such comments are due to the Commission on or before December 2, 2016. Comments will not be accepted at the business meeting noticed herein.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 91-575, 84 Stat. 1509 et seq., 18 CFR Parts 806, 807, and 808.

Dated: November 3, 2016.

STEPHANIE L. RICHARDSON Secretary to the Commission [16-24-16]

General Notices

Notice of ADA Compliance

The State of Maryland is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a meeting announced below who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations is invited to contact the agency representative at least 48 hours in advance, at the telephone number listed in the notice or through Maryland Relay.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON ARTISTIC PROPERTY

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 9, 2016, 10:30

a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Place: State House Caucus Room at the Maryland State House, Annapolis, MD Add'l. Info: Semiannual Meeting **Contact:** Chris Kintzel (410) 260-6475

[16-24-20]

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 21, 2016, 2 —

5 p.m.

Place: 500 North Calvert St., 3rd Fl.

Boardroom, Baltimore, MD

Contact: Patrick Pannella (410) 230-6223

[16-24-09]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 19, 2016, 1 —

3 p.m.

Place: Judicial Training Center, 2009-D Commerce Park Dr., Rms. 9 and 10,

Annapolis, MD

Contact: Robyn Lyles (410) 585-3185

[16-24-17]

COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY

Subject: Public Hearing

Date and Time: December 13, 2016, 5 —

Place: House of Delegates Office Bldg., 6 Bladen St., Judiciary Committee Hearing

Rm., Annapolis, MD

Add'l. Info: If you wish to bring any sentencing-related issue to the attention of the Commission, please contact David Soulé, Executive Director of the Commission.

Those who wish to speak at the meeting are asked to confirm their plans for attendance and submit written testimony in advance at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

Contact: David Soulé (301) 403-4165

[16-24-10]

COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 13, 2016, 6:30

— 8 p.m.

Place: House of Delegates Office Bldg., 6 Bladen St., Judiciary Committee Hearing

Rm., Annapolis, MD

Contact: David Soulé (301) 403-4165

[16-24-11]

FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 15, 2016, 9:30

Place: North Point-Edgemere Volunteer Fire Dept., 7500 North Point Rd., Training

Rm., Sparrows Point, MD

Add'l. Info: Portions of the meeting may be held in closed session. If public schools in Baltimore County are closed due to inclement weather, the meeting and any appeals will be rescheduled.

Contact: Heidi Ritchie (877) 890-0199

[16-24-21]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE/OFFICE OF **HEALTH SERVICES**

Subject: Public Notice for Community First Choice Daily Rate

Date and Time: Following extensive stakeholder input, the Department is proposing to change the Community First Choice reimbursement methodology to better align services delivered with payment. The proposal includes a new comprehensive daily rate to better address full services delivered to participants.

The projected fiscal impact is zero dollars. The Department currently reimburses a fee for service rate for Community First Choice related services. The proposed change bundles the isolated services into a daily rate to better address the full needs of the participant. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2017.

This information was originally posted the Department's website and distributed to stakeholders on November 9, 2016.

To view the full initiative and a more detailed summary of changes, please see the documents posted under "News and Updates" on the Long Term Supports and Services webpage:

https://dhmh.maryland.gov/longtermcar e/Pages/Community-First-Choice.aspx.

Written comments may be sent to Lorraine Nawara, Office of Health Services, DHMH 201 W. Preston St., Rm. 135. Baltimore, MD 21201, or emailed to dhmh.cfc@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through December 10, 2016.

Contact: Lorraine Nawara (410) 767-1739

[16-24-24]

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE/OFFICE OF **HEALTH SERVICES**

Subject: Public Notice to Add the Local Health Department as a Permitted Supports Planning Provider

Add'l. Info: For dates of service beginning January 1, 2016, the Maryland Medicaid Assistance adds local health departments as permitted supports planning providers for the personal assistance services in a participant's home or community.

The projected fiscal impact is zero The Department currently reimburses supports planning providers and this merely adds a provider type permitted to become supports planning providers; therefore, the proposed change is cost neutral.

Written comments may be sent to Lorraine Nawara, Office of Health Services, DHMH, 201 W. Preston St., Rm 135, Baltimore, MD 21201, or emailed to dhmh.cfc@maryland.gov.

Contact: Lorraine Nawara (410) 767-1739 [16-24-25]

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 22, 2016, 12 —

2:30 p.m.

Place: 199 E. Montgomery Ave., Ste. 100, Large Conf. Rm., Rockville, MD

Add'l. Info: marylandsilc@gmail.com Contact: Denise Thomas (240) 599-7966

[16-24-02]

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: January 12, 2017, 10 a.m.

— 12 p.m.

Place: Maryland Insurance Administration, 200 St. Paul Pl., 22nd Fl., Francis Scott

Key Conf. Rm., Baltimore, MD

Add'l. Info: Pursuant to Insurance Article, §10-110, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Insurance Commissioner will hold a meeting of the Producer Advisory Boards to review continuing education courses, examinations, and other matters relating to the education and qualification of insurance producers.

Contact: Lisa Keefer (410) 468-2420

[16-24-13]

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 15, 2016, 10

a.m. — 12 p.m.

Place: Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 330,

Baltimore, MD

Contact: Marie T. Torosino (410) 230-

8790

[16-24-22]

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 15, 2016, 1 —

4 p.m.

Place: 4160 Patterson Ave., Rm. 100,

Baltimore, MD

Contact: Valerie Wooding (410) 764-3460

[16-24-05]

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 7, 2016, 9 a.m.

— 12 p.m.

Place: 7223 Parkway Dr., Ste. 103,

Hanover, MD

Contact: Susan Ann Mary Stroud (410)

782-2103

[16-24-04]

RACING COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 20, 2016, 12:30

— 1 p.m.

Place: Laurel Park, Laurel, MD

Contact: J. Michael Hopkins (410) 296-

9682

[16-24-08]

COMMISSION OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND HOME INSPECTORS

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 13, 2016, 10:30

a.m. — 12 p.m.

Place: 500 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD Contact: Patti Schott (410) 230-6165

[16-24-06]

BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 8, 2016, 4 — 5

p.m.

Place: Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein

Treasury Bldg., Annapolis, MD **Add'l. Info:** December Board Meeting **Contact:** Kynara Fogan (410) 260-7450

[16-24-18]

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 9, 2016, 10:15

a.m. — 3 p.m.

Place: Metro Exec. Bldg., 4201 Patterson

Ave., Rm. 110, Baltimore, MD

Add'l. Info: The Board may discuss/vote on proposed regulations. A portion of the meeting may be held in closed session. **Contact:** Stanley Weinstein (410) 764-

4722

[16-24-07]

BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 28, 2016, 9

a.m. — 4 p.m.

Place: MDE, 1800 Washington Blvd.,

Terra Conf. Rm., Baltimore, MD

Add'l. Info: A portion of this meeting may

be held in closed session.

Contact: Christine Nagle (410) 537-4466

[16-24-01]

GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: December 7, 2016, 3:30

— 5:30 p.m.

Place: Miller Senate Office Bldg., 11 Bladen St., East 1&2, Annapolis, MD Add'l. Info: Governor's Workforce Development Board Quarterly Meeting Contact: Darla Henson (410) 767-2408

[16-24-03]



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