SECOND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATION ON COVERED CONDITIONS FOR REINSURANCE OF THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE

On March 25, 2020, the Division of Insurance adopted, as an emergency regulation, changes in 3 AAC 31 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with covered conditions for Alaska's Comprehensive Health Insurance Association Reinsurance Program, including the following:

(1) 3 AAC 31.540 is proposed to be amended as follows: cardio-respiratory failure and shock is added as a covered condition.

The emergency regulation took effect March, 25, 2020 and will expire July 22, 2020. The Division of Insurance intends to make the emergency regulation permanent.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Division of Insurance at PO Box 110805, Juneau, AK, 99811. Additionally, the Division of Insurance will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-3422 and by electronic mail at jackson.willard@alaska.gov. Comments also may be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than The comments must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2020.

You may provide oral comments relevant to the proposed action via telephone at the hearing to be held on June 19, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Alaska time by calling 1-800-315-6338 and using Access Code: 42070#. Due to public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID – 19 pandemic, there will not be in-person attendance provided at the hearing site, so please prepare to share your oral comments by telephone only. Callers should be on the line before the hearing begins at 11:00 a.m. if they would like to provide oral testimony. Priority will be given to those who called in before 11:00 a.m. Prior to the start of the hearing, the Division of Insurance may limit the time allotted for each person providing oral testimony, as reasonably necessary to conclude the hearing in the time provided.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jackson Willard via email at jackson.willard@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Division of Insurance will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and the Division of Insurance's website.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kelli Patterson via email at kell.patterson@alaska.gov_not later than June 15, 2020, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the emergency regulation is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Division of Insurance's website and by contacting Jackson Willard at

jackson.willard@alaska.gov.

The language of the permanent regulation may be different from that of the original emergency regulation and may include other provisions dealing with the same subject. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency's office at 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor State Office Building, Juneau, AK, 99811.

Statutory authority: AS 21.06.090; AS 21.55.400

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 21.55.220

Fiscal information: The regulation is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: May 12, 2020

Lori Wing-Heier, Director