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KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted at 1:30 p.m., August 15th, 2017, in the third floor conference room, Kansas Insurance Department ("KID"), 420 S.W. 9th, Topeka, Kansas, to consider the adoption of a proposed rule and regulation.

The 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed rules and regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to Diane Minear, Kansas Insurance Department, 420 S.W. 9th, Topeka, Kansas, 66612-1678, via facsimile at 785-291-3190, or via email at dminear@ksinsurance.org. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed regulation during the hearing.

A summary of the proposed regulation and its economic impact follows:

K.A.R. 40-4-35. Medicare supplement policies; minimum standards. This amendment to the existing regulation is to update the regulation for compliance with the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). This amendment will not have an economic impact on Medicare supplement insurers in Kansas. There will be no economic impact on the Kansas Insurance Department or other governmental agencies.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request any proposed regulation and the economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least 5 working days in advance by contacting Diane Minear at (785) 296-7847 or via email at dminear@ksinsurance.org. Any individual desiring a copy of any regulation and/or the policy and procedure that is being adopted by reference, if applicable, may obtain a copy from our website, <u>www.ksinsurance.org</u>, under the Legal Issues link or by contacting Diane Minear by phone at (785) 296-7847 or via email at dminear@ksinsurance.org. The charge for copies is fifty cents per page.

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K.A.R. 40-4-35. Medicare supplement policies; minimum standards; requirements. (a) The Kansas insurance department's "policy and procedure to implement medicare supplement insurance minimum standards," including the appendices, dated May 28, 2009 May 18, 2017, is hereby adopted by reference, except for sections 1, 2, 25, and 26 and page 651-120.

(b) This regulation shall supersede any other Kansas insurance department regulation to the extent that the other regulation or any provision of it is inconsistent with or contrary to this regulation.

(c) If any provision of the document adopted in subsection (a) or the application of any provision of this document to any person or circumstance is for any reason deemed invalid, the remainder of this regulation and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected. (Authorized by K.S.A. 40-103, K.S.A. 40-2221, and K.S.A. 40-2404a; implementing K.S.A. 2008 2016 Supp. 40-2215, K.S.A. 40-2221, and K.S.A. 40-2403 40-2404; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 1, 1984; amended May 1, 1986; effective, T-40-12-16-88, Dec. 16, 1988; amended, T-40-3-31-89, March 31, 1989; amended June 5, 1989; amended Oct. 15, 1990; amended April 1, 1992; amended May 24, 1996; amended, T-40-3-18-99, April 29, 1999; amended Aug. 20, 1999; amended Jan. 1, 2001; amended Sept. 7, 2001; amended Aug. 26, 2005; amended June 26, 2009; amended P-______)

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Kansas Administrative Regulation 40-4-35

Pursuant to the requirement of K.S.A. 77-416(b) the Kansas Insurance Department submits the following description of the economic impact of the above referenced proposed amendment to K.A.R. 40-4-35.

- 1. This amendment to the existing regulation is to update the regulation for compliance with the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).
- 2. This amendment will not have an economic impact on Medicare supplement insurers in Kansas.
- 3. There will be no economic impact on the Kansas Insurance Department or other governmental agencies.

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