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Proposed Action on Regulations

Transmittal Sheet PROPOSED OR REPROPOSED Actions on Regulations	Date Filed with AELR Committee 10/08/2015	TO BE COMPLETED BY DSD Date Filed with Division of State Documents Document Number Date of Publication in MD Register

1. Desired date of publication in Maryland Register: 11/13/2015

2. COMAR Codification

Title	Subtitle	Chapter	Regulation
31	02	01	02

3. Name of Promulgating Authority

Maryland Insurance Administration

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6. Check applicable items:

_ New Regulations

X- Amendments to Existing Regulations

Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: June 8, 2015.

_ Repeal of Existing Regulations

_ Recodification

_ Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

_ Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:

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(vol.) (issue) (page nos) (date)

Under Maryland Register docket no.: --P.

7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:

_ Yes **X-** No

8. Incorporation by Reference

_ Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

9. Public Body - Open Meeting

_ OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

_ OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection

_ Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

11. Certificate of Authorized Officer

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by J. Van Dorsey, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-468-2023) on 10/2/15. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

Name of Authorized Officer

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Title	**Telephone No.**
Insurance Commissioner	410-468-2090

Date

10/5/15

Title 31
MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Subtitle 02 POWERS AND DUTIES — HEARINGS

31.02.01 Hearings

Authority: Insurance Article, §§2-109 and 2-205—2-215; State Government Article, §10-206; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

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The Insurance Commissioner proposes to adopt amendments to Regulation .02 under 31.02.01 Hearings.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to make technical changes to this Chapter consistent with the Maryland Insurance Administration's Evaluation Report for 31.02 Powers and Duties-Hearings. Specifically, these amendments: replace the term "accepted reinsurer" with "accredited reinsurer," consistent to recent statutory changes; replace a reference to the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund (IWIF) with the "Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company"; and correct a statutory cross reference in .02B(5)(a)(xiii).

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 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 14, 2015. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 16

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

No

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

No funds are necessary to implement these regulations, which are purely technical.

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

No funds are necessary to implement these regulations, which are purely technical.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

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G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

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.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)-(4) (text unchanged)

(5) Examination Report.

(a) "Examination report" means a report of the examination of:

(i)-(ii) (text unchanged)

(iii) An [accepted] *accredited* reinsurer that is subject to examination under Insurance Article, Title 5, Subtitle 9, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(iv)-(xii) (text unchanged)

(xiii) The [Injured Workers' Insurance Fund]*Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company*, which is subject to examination under [Labor and Employment Article, §10-125] *Insurance Article, §24-304(d)(1)*, Annotated Code of Maryland; or

(xiv) (text unchanged)

(b) (text unchanged)

(6)–(9) (text unchanged)