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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Superintendent of Insurance ("Superintendent"), pursuant to the New Mexico Insurance Code, Sections 59A-1-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 and 13.1.4 NMAC, proposes to repeal and replace Rule 13.10.16 NMAC: PROVIDER GRIEVANCES.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT RULE: The purpose of this rule is to mandate provider grievance processes that are fair, efficient and compliant with all applicable state and federal laws, and to specify practices and procedures for external OSI review of provider grievance appeals.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 59A-16-21.1, 59A-23-14, 59A-46-54, 59A-47-49 and 59A-57-6 NMSA 1978.

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and proposed rule are available by electronic download from the OSI website (<u>https://www.osi.state.nm.us/index.php/idms/</u>) or the New Mexico Sunshine Portal.

OSI will hold a public video/telephonic hearing on the proposed rule on June 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Join via Video: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2916274744 Join via telephone: 1-346-248-7799 Meeting ID: 291 627 4744

The Superintendent designates Richard B. Word to act as the hearing officer for this rulemaking. Oral comments will be accepted at the video/telephonic hearing from members of the public and any interested parties.

Written comments and proposals will be accepted through 4:00 pm on June 10, 2021. Responses to written comments or oral comments will be accepted through 4:00 pm on June 21, 2021. Comments may be submitted via email to OSI-docketfiling@state.nm.us or may be filed by sending original copies to:

OSI Records and Docketing, NM Office of Superintendent of Insurance 1120 Paseo de Peralta, P.O. Box 1689, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1689

Docket No.: 21-00025-RULE-LH

IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING AND REPLACING 13.10.16 NMAC PROVIDER GRIEVANCE RULES

Only signed statements, proposals, or comments will be accepted. Scanned or electronic signatures conforming to federal and state court requirements will be accepted with the understanding that if there is any dispute regarding a signature, OSI reserves the right to require that original signatures be provided to verify the electronic signature. All filings must be received between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except on state holidays. Any filings after 4:00 will be filed to the docket the next business day.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact Melissa Gutierrez at 505-476-0333 ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.

The Superintendent will consider all oral comments, and will review all timely submitted written comments and responses.

ISSUED this 4th day of May, 2021 /S/RUSSELL TOAL