

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 (“Insurance Code”) and 13.1.4 NMAC, proposes to adopt a new rule, 13.10.35 NMAC, MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LIMITED SCOPE DENTAL AND VISION PLANS.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE IS: Establish minimum regulatory standards and sales practices relating to dental and vision plans; standardize and simplify the terms and coverages; facilitate public understanding and comparison of coverage; eliminate provisions that may be misleading or confusing in connection with the purchase and renewal of the coverages or with the settlement of claims; and require disclosures in the marketing and sale of the subject plans.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 59A-2-9 and 59A-23G-1 et seq. NMSA 1978.

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

OSI will hold a public video/telephonic hearing on the proposed rule on March 11, 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 R. Alfred Walker 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 March 11, 2021. Responses to written comments or oral comments will be accepted through 4:00 pm on March 22, 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.: 20-00060-RULE-LH

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF DENTAL AND VISION PLAN RULES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59A, ARTICLE 23G NMSA 1978

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 9th day of February 2021
/S/RUSSELL TOAL