

SECTION 6: NOTICE OF INTENT



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A REGULATION

In accordance with section 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to the authority of sections 38a-8, 38a-71 and 38a-614 of the Connecticut General Statutes, proposes to adopt amended regulations concerning Life and Health Insurance.

Statement of purpose: The revisions are being made as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 37 review of regulations. All amendments reflect updates to existing regulations to conform to the current statutes and requirements.

All interested persons are invited to submit written data, views or arguments in connection with the proposed action within thirty days following publication of this notice on the Secretary of State's regulations webpage to the State of Connecticut, Insurance Department, Attention: Kristin M. Campanelli, P.O. Box 816, Hartford, CT 06142-0816.

A copy of the proposed regulation is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Insurance Department at 153 Market Street, 7th floor, Hartford, CT 06103. An electronic copy of this Notice, the proposed regulation, the fiscal note and small business impact statement are available for public inspection on the Insurance Department website at www.ct.gov/cid. (Laws and Regulations/List of Proposed Regulations/Notice of Intent to Amend Life and Health Regulations)

The Insurance Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for communication or other accommodation are invited to make their needs known to Patty Tiberio at (860) 297-3932.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas B. Leonardi".

Thomas B. Leonardi
Insurance Commissioner



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NOTICE OF DECISION TO TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

In accordance with section 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to the authority of sections 38a-8 and 38a-138 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has decided to proceed with proposed amended regulations concerning Life and Health Insurance. Notice of Intent to amend these regulations was posted to the regulations webpage of the Secretary of the State on November 4, 2014. The Insurance Department received one written comment.

As required by the Freedom of Information Act and Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-168(d), the following items are available for copying at the address specified below and, if applicable, by the alternate methods detailed:

(A) The final wording of the proposed regulation

A copy of the proposed regulation is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Insurance Department at 153 Market Street, 7th floor, Hartford, CT 06103. An electronic copy of the entire regulation making file including the Notice of Intent to Amend the Regulation, the proposed regulation, fiscal note, small business impact statement, comments received and this Notice of Decision to proceed are available for public inspection on the Insurance Department website at <http://www.ct.gov/cid>. Click on Laws and Regulations and then click on Proposed Regulations.

(B) A statement of the principal reasons in support of this intended action

The proposed amendment is as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 37 review of regulations. The amendments reflect updates to existing regulations to conform to the current statutes and requirements. The changes to the regulations streamline the current filing process through the use of SERFF and updated outdated processes in order to shrink the time to market for filings and provide more consumer friendly contracts to buyers.

(C) A statement of the principal considerations in opposition to this intended action

The Insurance Department received one comment from the Insurance Association of Connecticut ("IAC") by letter dated December 4, 2014. A copy of the comment letter is attached hereto. The comments were in opposition to the proposed amendments in that the IAC requested we replace the time limits for filing in the current regulation; asked us to remove the requirement that all contracts only use state specific language or be disapproved; remove all references to a paper filing transmittal letter because SERFF allows for that information to be transmitted electronically; remove the request for attachment of prior filings when referencing an earlier filing in favor of attaching the SERFF tracking number instead; to reconsider the use of paper filings in light of all submissions being required through SERFF; and remove the reference to annuity products in section 38a-457. The IAC argues these requirements are obsolete, cumbersome, and may result in unnecessary delay.

(D) A statement of the agency's reasons for accepting or rejecting such considerations.

We removed the two step process for approval of filings because it extended the review process unnecessarily. In so doing, we removed the fifteen day initial review and added the fifteen days normally used for the initial review to the regular review process to better facilitate the discussion between the companies and the Insurance Department. In response to the comments, we kept the remaining time periods for the review process, but shortened the time periods allowed on the length of time for extensions and response time for additional requested information in order to not impede or slow down companies' access to the market place. The department declined to accept the suggestion that state specific language not be required. In the interest of improving speed to market, this provision allows us to review cleaner forms, and thus approve the filings more quickly. Also, this provision is a consumer protection because it allows for delivery of less lengthy and complicated contracts to consumers. We agreed with and accepted all other recommendations.

Address where copies of items (A) through (D) above can be made or obtained:

Connecticut Insurance Department
153 Market Street
7th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

In addition, these items are available for viewing and printing on the following website:
<http://www.ct.gov/cid>. Click on Laws and Regulations and then click on Proposed Regulations.

Regulations may also be obtained by contacting Kristin Campanelli, Counsel at
kristin.campanelli@ct.gov.



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Deputy Insurance Commissioner