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RE: Summary Report – Regulation 31—Holding Company

Dear President Henry, Speaker DeVillier, Senator Talbot, and Representative Firment:

The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) hereby submits the following summary report required by [La. R.S. 49:966\(D\)\(1\)\(b\)](#), and announces its intention to finalize Regulation 31, which was published as a Notice of Intent in the June 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons were provided an opportunity to submit comments to the LDI on the proposed regulation. The LDI did not receive any written or oral comments by the expiration of the comment period.

Subject to legislative oversight, the LDI intends to submit Regulation 31 to the Office of the State Register for final publication in the September 2024 edition of the Louisiana Register. A copy of the summary report will be placed on the LDI's website in accordance with [La. R.S. 49:966\(D\)\(1\)\(c\)](#).

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 31 — Holding Company

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 10, 2024. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 2024 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after July 10, 2024. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing.

Ralph L. Abraham, M.D.
Secretary

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: Rural Health Clinics—Licensing
Standards**

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 23-24. It is anticipated that \$1,404 will be expended in FY 23-24 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the licensing of rural health clinics (RHCs) to ensure that the RHC regulations are in line with federal requirements, to update physician obligations, to modify requirements for emergency preparedness, infection control, and quality assurance, and to remove obsolete language.

**II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE
OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no impact on state revenue collections in FY 23-24, FY 24-25, and FY 25-26.

**III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO
DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR
NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

It is anticipated that this proposed rule will likely result in reduced costs to RHCs, since RHCs will only be required to provide patient care services at least 50 percent of the time RHCs operate in FY 23-24, FY 24-25, and FY 25-26.

**IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Summary)**

This proposed rule may have an indeterminable effect on the staffing level requirements of RHCs.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Insurance
Office of the Commissioner**

**Regulation 31—Holding Company
(LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 1)**

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Regulation 31.

The purpose of the amendment to Regulation 31 is to add additional language permitting electronic filing and to provide clarification as to the exemption with respect to the group capital calculation.

**Title 37
INSURANCE**

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 1. Regulation 31—Holding Company

§128. Group Capital Calculation

A. - B.1.c. ...

C. For an insurance holding company that has previously met an exemption with respect to the group capital calculation pursuant to Subsection A or B, the lead state commissioner may require at any time the ultimate controlling person to file an annual group capital calculation., completed in accordance with the NAIC Group Capital Calculation Instructions, if any of the following criteria are met:

C.1. - E.4 ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:611 et seq., R.S. 22:631 et seq., and R.S. 22:691.1-691.27.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 49:488 (March 2023), amended LR 50:

§131. Instructions for Forms A, B, C, D, E and F

A. - A.2 ...

3. Statements should be prepared either electronically or on paper 8 1/2" x11" in size and preferably bound at the top or the top left corner. Exhibits and financial statements, unless specifically prepared for the filing, may be submitted in their original size. All copies of any statement, financial statements, or exhibits shall be clear, easily readable, and suitable for photocopying. Debits in credit categories and credits in debit categories shall be designated so as to be clearly distinguishable as such on photocopies. Statements shall be in the English language and monetary values shall be stated in United States currency. If any exhibit or other paper or document filed with the statement is in a foreign language, it shall be accompanied by a translation into the English language and any monetary value shown in a foreign currency normally shall be converted into United States currency.

A.4 - D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:691.1-691.27.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 18:274 (March 1992), amended LR 19:501 (April 1993), amended by the Office of the Commissioner, LR 41:1298 (July 2015), LR 50:

Family Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.

2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of their Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of children regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.

4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.

5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.

6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed regulation should have no effect on household income assets and financial security.

2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.

3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.

5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered

and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed regulation that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.

4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, will have no less intrusive or less cost alternative methods.

Provider Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jennifer Land, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., July 10, 2024.

Timothy J. Temple
Commissioner

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Regulation 31—Holding Company

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed amended rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule is being amended to add additional language permitting electronic filing and to provide clarification as to the exemption with respect to the group capital calculation.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed amended rule will have no effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed amended rule will have no costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed amended rule does not affect competition and employment in the state.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Insurance
Office of the Commissioner**

**Regulation 46—Long-Term Care Insurance
(LAC 37:XIII.1931)**

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Regulation 46—Long-Term Care Insurance. The Department of Insurance is amending Regulation 46 to remove §1931 because it is not statutorily authorized.

**Title 37
INSURANCE**

Part XIII. Regulations

**Chapter 19. Regulation 46—Long-Term Care
Insurance**

**§1931. Discretionary Powers of the Commissioner
(Formerly §1927)**

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:1736(A), 22:1736(E), 22:1738(C), 22:1739, and 22:1740.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 19:1153 (September 1993), amended LR 23:975 (August 1997), amended LR 31:470 (February 2005), repealed LR 50:

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