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The Honorable Cameron Henry President, Louisiana State Senate P.O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.senatepresident@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Phillip R. DeVillier Speaker, Louisiana House of Representatives P.O. Box 94062 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.housespeaker@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Kirk Talbot Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee P.O. Box 94183 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.s-ins@legis.la.gov

The Honorable Michael "Gabe" Firment Chairman of the House Insurance Committee P.O. Box 94062 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION apa.h-ins@legis.la.gov

RE: Summary Report - Notice of Intent to Repeal Regulation 14 – Limiting Exclusions in Industrial Policies, Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified Manner

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 proceed to finalize Regulation 14, which was published as a Notice of Intent in the September 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons were provided an opportunity to submit comments to the LDI on the proposed rule. 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Subject to legislative oversight, the LDI intends to submit the repealed Regulation 14 to the Office of the State Register for final publication in the December 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.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).

Enclosures: Notice of Intent to Repeal Regulation 14 – Limiting Exclusions in

Industrial Policies, Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified

Manner

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Social and Cultural Foundations Continuing Education Requirement

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

Other than the cost of rulemaking, which is approximately \$700 in FY 25 related to publishing the proposed rule and final rule in the Louisiana Register, the proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The cost of rulemaking will be paid from self-generated funds.

The proposed rule will change the categorical requirements for continuing education standards for all licensees governed by the Licensed Professional Counselors Board (LPC Board). The proposed rule change requires one and a half clock hours to be accrued in social and cultural foundations for provisional licensees and three clock hours for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. These hours will count toward the current requirement of twenty clock hours for provisional licensees and forty clock hours for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists every two years.

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

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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

The proposed changes would require a specific type of training but would not increase the number of hours that are currently required to renew a license. The coursework that would be required is currently available from existing continuing education providers. The fees for social and multicultural foundations coursework are comparable with those for general continuing education hours.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 14—Limiting Exclusions in Industrial Policies, Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified Manner (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 57)

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 repeal Regulation 14—Limiting Exclusions in Industrial Policies,

Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified Manner. The Department of Insurance is repealing Regulation 14 as existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary.

Title 37 INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 57. Regulation 14—Limiting Exclusions in Industrial Policies, Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified

§5701. Payment of Death or Funeral Benefits

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, July 9, 1962, repealed LR 50:

§5703. Rider or Endorsement

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, July 9, 1962, repealed LR 50:

Family Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.
- 4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed amended 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 amended 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 amended 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 amended regulation will have no effect.
- 3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Evelyn Danielle Linkford, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, by faxing comments to (225) 342-7821, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., October 10, 2024.

Timothy J. Temple Commissioner

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Regulation 14—Limiting Exclusions in Industrial Policies, Restricting Payment for Death Caused in Specified Manner

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

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule regarding payment of death or funeral benefits is being repealed as existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance, and regulatory clarification is no longer necessary.

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

The proposed rule will have no impact on state or local governmental revenues.

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

The proposed rule will not have an impact on costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed 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 90—Payment of Pharmacy and Pharmacist Claims (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 115)

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 90.

The purpose of the amendment to Regulation 90 is to add regulatory language to incorporate and clarify audit and claim review requirements and to require the filing of policies and procedures to bring Pharmacy Benefit Management processes into compliance.

Title 37 INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 115. Regulation Number 90—Payment of Pharmacy and Pharmacist Claims

§11501. Purpose

A. The purpose of Regulation 90 is to implement R.S. 22:1851-1862 relative to the making of the prompt and