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RE: Summary Report – Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers

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 Rule 7, which was published as a Notice of Intent in the November 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 Rule 7 to the Office of the State Register for final publication in 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 Repeal Rule 7 — Legal Expense Insurers

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers (LAC 37:XI.Chapter 19)

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 Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers.

The purpose of Rule 7 was to adopt uniform guidelines and requirements applicable to legal expense insurers that do business in this state. Rule 7 is obsolete and is no longer used as guidance by the Department of Insurance. Therefore, it is being repealed in its entirety.

Title 37 INSURANCE Part XI. Rules

Chapter 19. Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers

§1901. Purpose

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1903. Applicability

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1905. Definitions

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1907. Exemptions

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1909. Qualifications as Insurer Required

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), amended LR 47:1537 (October 2021), repealed LR 51:

§1911. Licensing of Agents Required

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1913. Compliance Required

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1915. Penalty for Non-Compliance

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1917. Severability

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Commissioner of Insurance, LR 8:235 (May 1982), repealed LR 51:

§1919. Effective Date

Repealed.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 47:1537 (October 2021), repealed LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.

3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule should have no effect on employment and workforce development.

4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule 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 repealed rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed repealed Rule 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 repealed Rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

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

3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed repealed rule 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 repealed rule should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

Provider Impact Statement

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

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

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jacob Carter, Staff Attorney, the Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, or 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., December 10, 2024.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Rule 7—Legal Expense Insurers

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 change repeals Rule 7 – Legal Expense Insurers, which was implemented to standardize the forms used in the billing and reimbursement of healthcare, reduce the number of forms utilized, and increase efficiency in the reimbursement of healthcare through standardization. There is insufficient legal authority at this time to support Rule 7; therefore, it is obsolete and being repealed in its entirety.

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

The proposed rule change will have no impact 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 rule change will not result in any 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 rule will have no impact upon competition and employment in the state.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Economic Development Office of the Secretary

Louisiana Economic Development Procurement Code
(LAC 34:XV.Chapters 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11)

Louisiana Economic Development (LED), as authorized by and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., R.S. 36:104 and Act 590 of the 2024 Regular Session, hereby provide notice of their intent to promulgate rules to be used by LED in place of state procurement law in R.S.39: 1551-1755.

The proposed LED Procurement Code provides flexibility in the selection of methods to be used for the procurement of goods and services, establishes competitive thresholds, outlines exceptions to competitive selection process, sets forth dispute resolution processes, establishes standards for