NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the Superintendent of Insurance will hold a public hearing on August 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. from the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine to receive comments concerning the adoption of proposed Rule Chapter 365, Standards for Independent Dispute Resolution of Emergency Medical Service Bills. The hearing will be held by an audio-visual link, and before the hearing the Superintendent will post instructions for attending the hearing remotely on the Bureau of Insurance web site.

The purpose of the proposed rule is to implement the Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process established by PL 2019, chapter 668, An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills.


The rule is proposed in accordance with 24-A M.R.S. §§ 212 and 4303-E.

Primary sources of information relied upon by the Bureau of Insurance in developing the proposed amendments include PL 2019, ch. 668 and Bureau staff’s professional judgment.

All interested persons are invited to provide oral comments at the hearing or to submit written comments. Written comments must be received no later than September 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and should be addressed to: Karma Lombard, Maine Bureau of Insurance, 34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, or Karma.Y.Lombard@maine.gov. A copy of the statement of impact on small business may be obtained from Ms. Lombard.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication in the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to Karma Lombard at the Bureau of Insurance, telephone (207) 624-8540, sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATED: August 4, 2020

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Superintendent of Insurance