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BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
STATE OF GEORGIA

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-3, 50-13-4 and 50-13-6, 50-13-21 and O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9 of the proposal by the Commissioner of Insurance to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance.

The Rules and Regulations of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance are proposed to be amended by the following actions:

--Amend Regulation Chapter 120-2-3 entitled "Regulations Regarding Agents, Subagents, Counselors, Adjusters, Surplus Lines Brokers, And Agencies."

--Amend Regulation Chapter 120-2-16, Rule .34, entitled "Georgia Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program."

Copies of the proposed amendments to Chapter Section 120-2-16, Rule .34, and Chapter Section 120-2-3, Rules .07, .08, .09, .11, .12, .14, .15, .19, .21, .23, .24, .25, .28, .29, .31, .32, .40, and .44 are attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Amendments to Regulation Chapters 120-2-3 and 120-2-16 are necessary to change sponsorship requirements in order to allow for electronic submissions, clarify criminal background check requirements, change the pre-licensing course hours

required to 20 hour per major line of insurance, add language for virtual classroom monitoring security, require electronic reporting of course completions, clarify counselor exam and experience exemption, add a pre-licensing retake clause for virtual classroom courses, add an option of fingerprinting requirement, provide a timetable for course completion submissions by CE providers, add specific product continuing education requirements, and add language for emergency adjusters and change the filing dates for staff adjusters. Amendments to Rules .12 and .15 are also being made to provide continuing education requirements for persons writing long term care insurance.

The aforesaid proposals, which are being forwarded to the Attorney General for approval as to legality pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 33-2-9, are now on file in the Administrative Procedure Division of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 612 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, and are hereby declared to be a public record as follows:

Proposed amendments to Regulation Chapter 120-2-3 entitled "Regulations Regarding Agents, Subagents, Counselors, Adjusters, Surplus Lines Brokers, And Agencies" and Regulation Chapter 120-2-16, Rule .34, entitled "Georgia Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program" Docket Number I-07-R-3.

Interested persons may participate in the proposed rulemaking process by submitting their written comments to **Fred Meyer, Administrative Procedure Division, Office of Commissioner of Insurance, 612 West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments must be received by the Administrative Procedure Division by 4:30 P.M. on Monday, November 17, 2008.** Interested persons may also participate in the proposed rulemaking by submitting oral comments on Regulation Chapters 120-2-3 and 120-2-16 at a hearing to be held at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, in the Hearing Room of the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, Seventh Floor, West Tower, Floyd Building, Two Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.**

Oral presentations at the hearing will be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Fred Meyer.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commissioner of Insurance may reject or adopt the proposed rules or may make changes to the proposed rules which may require another rulemaking hearing.

Given under my Hand and Official Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.



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