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TO: Insurance Rating Organizations; Insurance Industry Representatives; Insurance Trade Associations; Disability Insurers; and Other Interested Parties

From: Christina Urias
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RE: **Long Term Care Insurance Regulation Effective Date; A.A.C. R20-6-1019(L)**

On November 2, 2004 the Governor's Regulatory Review Council approved amendments to the Arizona Administrative Code, Title 20, Commerce, Banking, and Insurance, Chapter 6, Department of Insurance, Article 10, Long Term Care Insurance. The Department filed the rulemaking with the Secretary of State's Office for publication on November 4, 2004. The rulemaking more closely conforms the Arizona rules to the NAIC Long Term Care Insurance Model Regulation (Model Regulation), with minor changes necessitated by other Arizona laws. The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify questions regarding the effective date of A.A.C. R20-6-1019(L) of the amended rules.

Although the effective date of the rulemaking under the Arizona Administrative Procedures Act would ordinarily be two months after filing (January 10, 2005), to be consistent with the NAIC Model Regulation, this rulemaking must have an effective date 12 months after the rulemaking (November 10, 2005). Accordingly, A.A.C. R20-6-1019(L) identifies the controlling effective date as follows: "The requirements in this Section are effective on or after November 10, 2005...."

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please feel free to contact Carla Kot, Insurance Analyst, at (602) 912-8460 or at ckot@id.state.az.us.

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