
NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an “announcement” that the agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. Many times an agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

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COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND THE HARD OF HEARING

[R15-82]

- 1. Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services

Chapter and its heading: 26, Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

Article and its heading: 1, General
2, Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
3, Administrative Procedures
5, Interpreter Licensure and Regulation

Section numbers: R9-26-101, R9-26-201 through R9-26-207, R9-26-301 through R9-26-303, R9-26-501 through R9-26-508, R9-26-510 through R9-26-512, and R9-26-515 through R9-26-517 (*Additional Sections may be made, amended, or repealed as needed*)
- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
The Commission is completing a rulemaking that was interrupted in 2009 by successive rulemaking moratoriums. The rulemaking also makes changes that result from eight years’ experience using its licensing rules. Additionally, the Commission is addressing issues identified in the Commission’s most recent five-year review of its rules.
- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
Notice of Public Information, 21 A.A.R. 1498, August 7, 2015 (*in this issue*).
- 4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Commission will accept comments during business hours at the address listed in item 4. Information regarding an oral proceeding will be included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
To be determined



NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

[R15-83]

1. **Title and its heading:** 20, Commerce, Financial Institutions and Insurance
Chapter and its heading: 6, Department of Insurance
Article and its heading: 11, Medicare Supplement Insurance
Section numbers: R20-6-1101
2. **The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
R20-6-1101 governs Medicare Supplement Insurance (sometimes referred to as “Medigap coverage”), which is insurance a person may buy to supplement Medicare coverage. Section R20-6-1101 incorporates by reference the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Model Regulation to Implement the NAIC Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Model Act which includes the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (Model Regulation). The Model Regulation provides consistency for multi-state insurers who market Medicare Supplement products in multiple states and also to consumers who relocate to a different state and own or seek to purchase this insurance product and protects against discrimination based on genetic information when it comes to health insurance and employment.
3. **A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding:**
None
4. **The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
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5. **The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
The Department will accept written comments during a public comment period that will be noticed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Department will schedule an oral proceeding, within the statutorily mandated timeframe, to be noticed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Arizona Administrative Register*.
6. **A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:**
The current rule references the Model Regulation which the NAIC adopted in October, 2004. Because the NAIC updates the Model Regulation each year to keep current with Federal Requirements pertaining to Medigap coverage, the regulation is currently out of date. The Department plans to submit the rulemaking in January 2016 after the NAIC publishes its annual updates to the Model Regulation, which will be incorporated by reference.