

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (INCLUDES THE OFFICE OF THE
HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER)**

Title of Rule: Prompt Processing of Claims

Rule Identifier: 230-RICR-20-30-6

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 09/11/2018

End of Public Comment: 10/11/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-18-3.2, 27-18-3.3, 27- 18-3.4, 27-18-20, 27-18-21, 27-18-46, 27-18-47, 27-18-61, 27-19-30, 27-19-38, 27-19- 39, 27-19-52, 27-20-26, 27-20-33, 27-20-34, 27-20-47, 27-20.1-2, 27-41-19, 27-41-21, 27-41-47, 27-41-48, 27-41-64, 42-14-5, 42-14-16, 42-14-16.1, 42-14-17, 42-14.5-1, 42- 14.5-2, 42-14.5-3 and 42-35-3.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

This regulation, formerly OHIC Regulation 7, sets the standards for the prompt processing of health benefit plan insurance claims as required by R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-18-61, 27-19-52, 27-20-47 and 27-41-64. While reformatting for incorporation into the RICR, OHIC identify some technical non-substantive changes reflected in the attached proposal. In addition, the following changes have been made.

- In § 6.3(A)(14(f) and § 6.4(A)(1)(a, b, k, l and m) Changed references from DOH to OHIC related to the certification of health plans pursuant to statutory change effective 1-1-2018. RI GL Chapter 27-18.8.
- In § 6.5 inserted original effective date for clarity, given that this is the first amendment since this regulation was adopted.
- In §§ 6.6, 6.7, and 6.9 changed all references to appendices to reflect that the forms will be available in a guidance document.
- In § 6.8, updated address of OHIC.
- Deleted all appendices, which will be issued in a guidance document.

The Department does not expect these proposed amendments to be controversial.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before October 11, 2018, Department of Business Regulation (includes the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner) will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

These proposed amendments will result in no adverse impact for small businesses. In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.