

**TITLE 365. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
CHAPTER 40. HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMO)**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 5.	Life, Accident & Health Division and Consumer Assistance and Claims Division Rules
Part 9.	HMO Requirements and Prohibitions
365:40-5-42.	Individual conversion contracts [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

365:40-5-42 is amended to eliminate the requirement that an HMO offer individual conversion contracts to its subscribers. This requirement is rendered unnecessary because of federal law related to the “guaranteed issue” of health insurance.

AUTHORITY:

Insurance Commissioner, 36 O.S. § 307.1

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written or oral comments regarding the proposed rule amendments shall be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2016. Comments shall be directed to Buddy Combs, Director of Public Policy and Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Five Corporate Plaza, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing regarding the proposed rule amendments will be held March 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma Insurance Department, Five Corporate Plaza, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities are requested to provide any increase in costs expected to be incurred due to compliance with the proposed rules. The comments shall be submitted to Buddy Combs, Director of Public Policy and Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, at the mailing address above on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2016.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rule amendments may be inspected at the Oklahoma Insurance Department at the physical address listed above. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the rules may also be inspected and obtained on the Insurance Department’s website at www.ok.gov/oid.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

A rule impact statement will be available on and after February 16, 2016, in accordance with 75 O.S. § 303(D). A copy of the statement may be obtained at the physical address above, and will also be available on the Insurance Department’s website at www.ok.gov/oid.

CONTACT PERSON:

Buddy Combs, Director of Public Policy and Assistant General Counsel, (405) 522-4609.