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## UPDATE: Virtual Public Hearing for Utilization Review Rule Set, 2019-136 IF

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(**LANSING, Mich.**) The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services will hold a virtual public hearing to receive public comments on Administrative Rules for Utilization Review, Rule Set 2019-136 IF, on April 10, 2020. In accordance with Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), the virtual public hearing will occur in lieu of the in-person hearing previously scheduled to occur at the Michigan Library and Historical Center on April 10, 2020.

The rescheduled virtual public hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. [Click here on April 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to join the meeting.](#)

In addition, the period for accepting written public comment has been extended to April 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to submit written comments on the draft rules either by email to Michele Estrada at [EstradaM1@michigan.gov](mailto:EstradaM1@michigan.gov) or by postal mail to Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, Office of Research, Rules, and Appeals, P.O. Box 30220, Lansing, MI 48909-7720.

The State of Michigan is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing the coronavirus risk to Michigan residents.

For current and up-to-date information regarding the coronavirus, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) or [www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday, April 10, 2020  
09:00 AM**

**First Floor Forum  
Michigan Library & Historical Center,  
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan**

The Department of Insurance and Financial Services will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Utilization Review rule set.

The proposed rules are mandatory under Section 3157a of the Insurance Code, MCL 500.3157a, which was added by Public Act 21 of 2019. Section 3157a(3) requires DIFS to promulgate rules to establish a utilization review program. The proposed rules are designed to impose standards for utilization review and establish an appeals process for health care providers to appeal to DIFS when they disagree with a benefit determination made by an automobile insurer.

This notice of public hearing is given in accordance with Sections 41 and 42 of the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.241 and 24.242. These rules are promulgated pursuant to the mandate of Section 3157a(3) of the Insurance Code, MCL 500.3157a(3), which requires DIFS to promulgate rules to establish a utilization review program. These rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The rules are published on the Michigan Government web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and in the Michigan Register in the 4/1/2020 issue. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

Department of Insurance and Financial Services  
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Rules, and Appeals,  
P.O. Box 30220, Lansing, MI 48909-7720  
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Comments on the rules may be made in person at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail until 4/10/2020 at 05:00PM.

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, in accessible buildings with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearings due to disability may call 517-284-8735 to make arrangements.

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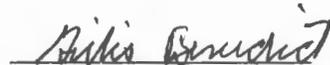
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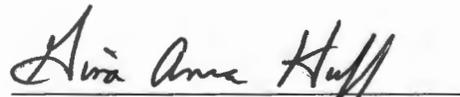
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