

Bulletin 96-4

Changes in long-term care rules

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The Division of Insurance has received questions from industry regarding when long-term care products need to be in compliance with the most recent amendments to the administrative rules applicable to long-term care products. These rules were effective on October 20, 1996.

The Division recognizes that when a rule change is implemented, there is a certain amount of lag time necessary for filings to be amended and approved. Filings which comply with the amended rules should be made as soon as possible. The division will allow the sale of products which do not conform to the rule until January 1, 1997 with the stipulation that products which do not comply with the new rule which are sold after October 20, 1996 must be subsequently modified so that the insured is provided with the additional protections provided under the new rules. The subsequent modifications or other mechanisms to bring the policies into compliance must be done retroactive to October 20, 1996 so that the insureds are provided with the additional protections effective October 20, 1996.

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