

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on SS: 084-18, a Statement of Scope for ss. INS 3.39 and 3.55, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to amending Medicare supplemental insurance regulations and reporting requirements. In accordance with s. 227.136, Stats., the Commissioner is seeking public input through the hearing and comment period regarding the content of the proposed rule as described in the Statement of Scope at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information:

Date: August 9, 2018
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
125 S. Webster St., 2nd Floor Rm. 227
Madison, WI 53703

Accessibility:

Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations including the provision of informational materials in an alternative format, will be provided for individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Karyn Culver at (608) 267-9586 with specific information on your request at least 5 days before the date of the hearing. There is also handicap access to the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments:

Persons wishing to testify or provide oral or written comments regarding the Statement of Scope for the proposed administrative rule may appear during the hearing. Additionally comments may be submitted at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code>, or <https://oci.wi.gov/Pages/Regulation/RulesCurrentlyPending.aspx>.

For additional information please contact Julie E. Walsh at (608) 264-8101 or email at Julie.Walsh@wisconsin.gov in the OCI Legal Unit.

Deadline for submitting comments is August 20, 2018, by 4:00 pm.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

The Statement of Scope for proposed rules will modify ss. Ins 3.39 and 3.55, Wis. Adm. Code, to and appendices in order to implement modifications delineated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Model Act (NAIC Model Act) and to reflect changes in the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The proposed rule will add a section to address a MACRA provision that requires specific standards for Medicare supplement policies or certificates issued to individuals who are newly eligible for Medicare on or after January 1, 2020. Insurers will need to produce, submit and create new forms for use by the companies and their authorized representatives. These forms are frequently published online reducing the on-going cost with the new and modified forms. The rule is unlikely to have a significant impact on small businesses as insurance intermediaries will have little to no cost access to the new policy forms.

Agency Small Business Regulatory Coordinator:

The OCI small business coordinator is Kate Ludlum and she may be reached at Kate.Ludlum@wisconsin.gov or (608) 264-6232.

This Notice of Preliminary Public Hearing
is approved on July 26, 2018.

/s/J.P. Wieske

JP Wieske, Deputy Commissioner