

Mental Health Parity Rulemaking

Notice of Close of Record

March 22, 2021; 11:59 p.m. (MST)

The purpose of this Notice is to advise interested parties that the Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions, Division of Insurance (“Department”) has closed the record and is no longer taking public comments on the Mental Health Parity proposed rules.

On February 12, 2021, the Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“Notice”) in the Arizona Register and scheduled an Oral Proceeding for March 15, 2021. (27 A.A.R. 195, February 12, 2021.) The Notice also opened a public comment period which allowed the interested parties to submit written comments to an e-mail address or mail them to the Department.

Due to Department of Administration notice issues causing a potential violation of the Open Meetings Law, the Department rescheduled the original Oral Proceeding to March 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (MST). In the interim period, interested parties were able to continue to submit written comments. The Department published a Notice of Rescheduled Oral Proceeding and notified the public that it would close the public comment period on March 22, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (MST).

The Department conducted the rescheduled Oral Proceeding on March 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and accepted oral comments on the proposed rules during that time. It also announced that the record would remain open to receive additional written comments until 11:59 p.m. The Department received one written comment after the conclusion of the Oral Proceeding.

The period for taking public comments is now over and the record is closed. The Department is no longer accepting public comments on the proposed rulemaking.

Thank-you to everyone who submitted a comment.

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