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### **February 11<sup>th</sup> Hearing for Arkansas Funeral Care Cancelled**

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (February 10, 2015) — Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr issued [Order 2015-018](#) today accepting the surrender of the prepaid funeral benefits contract license of Arkansas Funeral Care pending submission and approval of a transfer of ownership plan to the Arkansas Insurance Department within thirty days.

“The funeral home agreed to surrender its prepaid funeral contracts license with us,” said Kerr. “However, I do want to maintain continuing jurisdiction over its transfer of prepaid funeral contracts.” Given the funeral home has surrendered its license and is to submit to a transfer of ownership plan within thirty days, there is no need for an administrative hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Consumers seeking information relating to the transfer of their prepaid benefits contracts from Arkansas Funeral Care to another suitable provider should contact the Department’s Prepaid Funeral Benefits staff at 501-371-2665.

Arkansas Funeral Care’s permit to sell prepaid or preneed contracts was suspended by the Insurance Department on January 23, 2015, after the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors allowed the business to voluntarily surrender its license to operate as a funeral home. All funeral homes in Arkansas must maintain an active license with the Board in order for them to provide funeral services and funeral merchandise in prepaid benefits contracts.

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