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DATE: JULY 23, 2021
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: RULE 120: "Coverage for Early Refills of Prescription Eye Drops"

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department ("AID") Proposed Rule 120, "Coverage for Early Refills of Prescription Eye Drops".

Pursuant to Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on August 26, 2021 at 09:30 A.M., in the Second Floor Hearing Room ("Diamond Mine"), at the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

The Arkansas Insurance Commissioner is considering adopting proposed Rule 120 "Coverage for Early Refills of Prescription Eye Drops" to implement Act 357 of 2021, which describes circumstances under which health benefit plans are required to provide coverage for early refills of prescription eye drops. The Rule also creates a mechanism for enforcement and establishes penalties for nonconformance.

This Notice is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-206 of the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act. Copies of the proposed Rule may be obtained by writing or calling the Arkansas Insurance Department, or by visiting its Internet site at <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/industry-regulation/legal/proposed-rules/>. Comments from the public will be accepted until 4:30 PM on August 27, 2021 and may be submitted to the Department in writing at the address above or electronically to the following email address: insurance.legal@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Crystal Phelps". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Crystal Phelps,
Associate Counsel
Arkansas Insurance Department

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