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TO: ALL LICENSED DISABILITY INSURERS, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, AND OTHER INTERESTED

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF REVISED RULE AND REGULATION 27 "MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICES"

The Department has adopted revised Rule and Regulation 27 effective August 16, 1999.

The revisions are mandated by federal law and are identical to emergency Rule and Regulation 27 adopted on April 22, 1999 with the following changes in Section 12B. (2), GUARANTEE ISSUE FOR ELIGIBLE PERSONS:

"(2) The individual is enrolled with a Medicare+Choice organization under a Medicare +Choice plan under part C of Medicare, and any of the following circumstances apply: ~~there are circumstances permitting discontinuance of the individual's election of the plan under the first sentence of section 185(e)(4) of the federal Social Security Act, which consists of the following:~~

~~'Effective as of January 1, 2002, an individual may discontinue an election of a Medicare+Choice plan offered by a Medicare+Choice organization other than during an annual, coordinated election period [under Medicare] and make a new election under this section if:'~~

Please direct you inquiries or requests for Rule 27 to Robert L. Roddey, Associate Counsel-Legal Division at 501-371-2820, or by e-mail at "legal.insurance@mail.state.ar.us".

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