

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING)	
HELD PURSUANT TO <u>N.J.S.A. 17B:25-18.3</u>)	
ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE TYPES OF)	HEARING OFFICER'S
LIFE, HEALTH AND ANNUITY FORMS)	REPORT
ELIGIBLE FOR FILING PURSUANT TO)	
A CERTIFICATION PROCESS)	

Background

This hearing was held on October 24, 2017, at the Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department") pursuant to the Life and Health Insurance and Health Maintenance Organization Form Approval Reform Act, N.J.S.A. 17B:25-18 et seq. ("the Act") enacted on April 10, 1995. The Act requires that all life, health and annuity forms either be approved by the Commissioner of the Department ("Commissioner") prior to use or that the forms be certified to be of a type eligible to be filed and used without prior approval ("file and use"). The Act further provides that the Department establish by regulation the types of life, health and annuity forms that may be filed without the Commissioner's prior approval and pursuant to a certification process, and that the Department hold a public hearing annually regarding the types of forms eligible for file and use. N.J.A.C. 11:4-40.9 is the Department's regulation that sets forth the types of life, health and annuity forms eligible for this file and use procedure.

The purpose of the hearing held on October 24, 2017, was to comply with N.J.A.C. 11:4-40.9 by hearing testimony as to whether the current file and use eligibility list should be modified in any way. The hearing was conducted following notice that was published in the New Jersey Register on September 18, 2017 (see 49 N.J.R. 3259(b)) and on the Department's website. Two individuals testified at the hearing. They were Olukemi Sotimehin, Chief of the

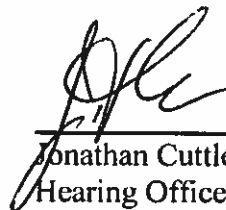

Department's Life Bureau, and Charles Uhl, Insurance Analyst I, of the Department's Health Bureau. Both Ms. Sotimehin and Mr. Uhl stated that they did not intend to propose any modifications to the current file and use list.

There was no other oral testimony at the hearing, nor did the Department receive any written comments.

Conclusion

Based upon my review of the testimony, I recommend that no modifications be made at this time to the current file and use eligibility list appearing at N.J.A.C. 11:4-40.9.

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Date

 
Jonathan Cuttler
Hearing Officer

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