



STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
BUREAU OF INSURANCE

March 31, 1983

Administrative Letter 1983-

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Companies Licensed to Sell Accident and Sickness Insurance, all  
Prepaid Plans, and Life and Casualty Cooperative or Assessment Companies

RE: Regulations 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22

Over the past few months, it has become apparent that a number of companies are not in compliance with Virginia's regulations concerning accident and sickness minimum standard rate filing, and readability. As a reminder, these regulations are:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>NILS No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
8061	18	Rules and Regulations for Simplified and Readable Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies.
8062	19	Rules Governing the Implementation of the Individual Accident and Sickness Minimum Standards Act.
80072	20	Rules Governing the Implementation of the Individual Accident and Sickness Minimum Standards Act with Respect to Medicare Supplement Policies.
INS810010	21	Rules Governing the Implementation of the Individual Accident and Sickness Insurance Minimum Standards Act with Respect to Specified Disease Policies.
810039	22	Rules Governing the Filing of Rates for Individual and Certain Group Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy Forms.

Although these regulations contain staggered effective dates, all individual accident and sickness policies issued on and after July 1, 1982 must be in compliance both with readability requirements and with the applicable minimum standards regulation. Because of the significant new requirements of these regulations, this means that the forms must have been approved on or after July 1, 1982 or specific reference must have been made in our approval letter prior to this date for the forms to comply.

It has come to our attention that a number of companies are continuing to issue forms which do not meet the requirements of these regulations. In addition, rate filings continue to be submitted which do not provide the information required pursuant to Regulation No. 22.

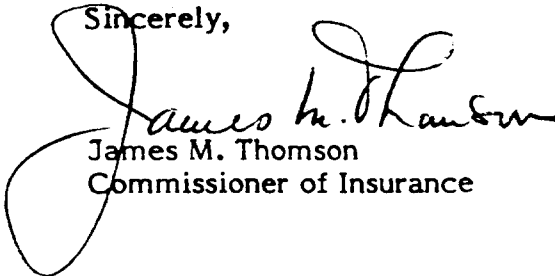
Each recipient of this Administrative Letter is requested to examine its portfolio and immediately discontinue the sale of any policy or other form which either has not been refiled pursuant to the minimum standards requirements, or has not been refiled or certified pursuant to the readability requirements, or both. You are further requested to institute any and all internal procedures necessary to verify that all individual accident and sickness rate filings are henceforth submitted in proper form. It is also suggested that you examine your accident and sickness application forms to be certain that they contain the accident and sickness replacement questions required under Regulations 19, 20, and 21 and that the required replacement notices are available for use.

All inquiries concerning the above should be addressed to:

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Copies of the regulations discussed herein are available from the NILES Publishing Company, 20675 Bahama Street, Chatsworth, California 91311.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner of Insurance

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