**§2316. Certificates or contracts; approval by superintendent**

A nonprofit hospital and medical service organization may not issue or deliver in this State any certificate or other evidence of any contract unless and until the form used, together with the form of application and all riders or endorsements for use in connection with the certificate or other evidence of a contract, have been filed with and approved by the superintendent as conforming to reasonable rules and regulations from time to time made by the superintendent and as consistent with any other provisions of law. The superintendent shall, within a reasonable time after the filing of any such form, notify the organization filing the form either of the approval or of the disapproval of the form. The superintendent may approve any form that in the superintendent's opinion contains provisions on any one or more of the several requirements made by the superintendent that are more favorable to the subscribers than the one or ones required. The superintendent is authorized to make, alter and supersede reasonable regulations prescribing the required, optional and prohibited provisions in any contracts, and such regulations must conform, as far as practicable, to Title 24‑A, chapters 33 and 35. If the superintendent determines those chapters to be inapplicable, either in part or in their entirety, the superintendent may prescribe the portions or summary of the contract to be printed on the certificate issued to the subscriber. Any filing made in accordance with this section is deemed approved unless disapproved within 60 days from the date of the filing. [PL 1999, c. 256, Pt. M, §8 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1971, c. 444, §11 (NEW). PL 1973, c. 585, §12 (AMD). PL 1979, c. 267, §1 (AMD). PL 1979, c. 541, §B30 (AMD). PL 1981, c. 205, §1 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 369, §1 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 256, §M8 (AMD).

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