

STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE



**ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The Commissioner of Insurance (“Commissioner”), as the head of the Division of Insurance (“Division”), is required to organize and manage the Division, direct and supervise all of its activities, execute duties imposed by and enforce provisions of the Insurance Code, NRS Title 57. NRS 679B.120.1–3. To this end, the Commissioner has the powers and authority expressly conferred upon her by or reasonably implied by the Insurance Code. NRS 679B.120.4.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 16, 2020, the Governor issued a directive to all state agencies that offices are to be closed to the public as soon as possible to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.

In accordance with the Governor’s directive, any hearing request that is submitted to the Division during this period will not be processed until the Division’s office re-opens, and the statutory deadline for setting the hearing will be tolled. Furthermore, all hearings currently scheduled or pending before the Division are hereby continued. Once state offices are permitted to be re-opened, the Division shall proceed to schedule hearings requested without calculating the time during which the Division office was closed to the public, and hearing officers shall issue orders in their cases to re-schedule hearings.

So ordered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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BARBARA D. RICHARDSON  
Commissioner of Insurance