AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE INSURANCE CODE

Article 1. – By virtue of the provisions of Section 2.040 of Public Law No. 77, enacted on June 19, 1957, as amended, I hereby notify the insurance industry, the insurance subscribing public, and the public en general of the approval of Rule 62 of the Regulations of the Puerto Rico Insurance Code, which provides the following:

RULE 62

TREATMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT ITEM BY HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

Authority: Sections 5.010, 5.020, 19.050, and 19.142 Section 1. - The following are the purposes of this rule:

a. To define the kinds of equipment and property for which health services organizations must submit evidence to the Commissioner of Insurance for approval prior to purchase or acquisition.

b. To define the amortization period for the equipment.

Section 2. - (a) Equipment for which all health services organizations must submit evidence for approval or disapproval by the Commissioner of Insurance, prior to purchase or acquisition in any other manner, shall be any specialized equipment related to services or health maintenance functions of the health services organization, such as gurneys, medical equipment, and data processing hardware.

(b) The information to be submitted related to the specialized equipment will be the following:

1. Description of the equipment
2. Cost
3. Need and use of the equipment

(c) The Commissioner of Insurance may deny approval of any such purchase or acquisition of the equipment if the Commissioner deems that such would substantially affect the financial situation of the health services organization and prevent it from
complying with its obligations. If the Commissioner of Insurance does not disapprove the request within sixty (60) days of the filing, it will be deemed that the Commissioner has approved the application.

Section 3. - All specialized equipment, except data processing hardware, that the Commissioner of Insurance has not disapproved will be shown in its entirety as an admitted asset and will be amortized over a ten-year period starting on the date of acquisition.

Section 4. - Any equipment approved by the Commissioner of Insurance prior to the effective date of this rule will be shown as an admitted asset until it is extinguished through depreciation over a 10-year period from the date of approval.

Article 2. - This rule will enter into effect thirty (30) days after being filed with the Department of State and once notice of the approval has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two consecutive weeks.

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Interim Commissioner of Insurance

Approved: January 18, 1989

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