STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
INSURANCE DIVISION

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Matter of the Certificate of Authority of Imerica Life and Health Insurance Company, Little Rock, Arkansas	)))	SUSPENSION ORDER Case No. INS 09-12-011

INTRODUCTION

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (Director) hereby issues a Suspension Order to Imerica Life and Health Insurance Company (ILAHIC) under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 and 731.418 because the Director has reason to believe the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Since June 10, 1982, ILAHIC, an Arkansas corporation, has been issued a certificate of authority pursuant to ORS 731.402. It is currently authorized to transact Life and Health insurance within the state of Oregon.

On or about November 18, 2009, at the request of Jay Bradford, Insurance Commissioner for State of Arkansas, the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas issued an order, CV 09-7305, placing ILAHIC into rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation is a form of delinquency proceeding. Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), without advance notice of a hearing thereon, the Director may suspend immediately the certificate of authority of any insurer as to which proceedings for receivership, conservatorship, rehabilitation, or other delinquency proceedings, have been commenced in any state by the public insurance supervisory official of such state.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

The insurance supervisory official of the state of Arkansas commenced a delinquency proceeding against ILAHIC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director may suspend ILAHIC's Oregon certificate of authority without a hearing under 731.418 (2).

ORDER

Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), the Oregon certificate of authority issued to ILAHIC is suspended. The period of suspension shall be continuous from the date of this order until rescinded by further written order of the Director, pursuant to ORS 731.426(1). Pursuant to ORS 731.426(2), during the period of suspension, ILAHIC shall not solicit or issue new policies of insurance in this state or assume any Oregon risk. During the period of suspension, ILAHIC shall also not issue renewal policies in this state. ILAHIC shall file its annual financial statement and pay any fees and taxes required to be paid. ILAHIC shall service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon in accordance with Oregon Law.

Pursuant to ORS 731.422(2), the authority of all producers to represent ILAHIC within the state of Oregon is also suspended. The period of suspension shall be for the same period that the certificate of authority issued to ILAHIC is suspended. During the period of suspension, a producer may represent ILAHIC only to the extent that ILAHIC may service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon and that ILAHIC has authorized the producer to represent it.

ILAHIC is hereby ordered to provide a copy of this suspension order to all appointed producers within 14 days of the date of this order. The company shall provide to the director within 21 days from the date of this order an affidavit certifying that notice to appointed producers has been provided.

Issued the 15th day of April, 2010.

Cory Streisinger
Director
Insurance Commissioner
Department of Consumer and Business Services

RIGHT TO A HEARING

The party has the right to a hearing pursuant to ORS 183.415. A party may request a hearing by sending a written request to the Insurance Division. A party may send the request to the Insurance Division by delivering it to the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem, Oregon; or mailing it to PO Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405, or faxing it to 503-378-4351; or e-mailing it to mitchel.d.curzon@state.or.us. The Insurance Division must *receive* the request within 21 days from the date this notice was *sent* to the party.

If the Insurance Division receives from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above, then the Insurance Division will refer the request to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). OAH will schedule the hearing and notify the party of the date and location of the hearing and other related information. OAH will conduct the hearing in accordance with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act, ORS Chapter 183; and related rules, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 137-03-0502 *et seq*. A party that is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated association, trust, or government agency must be represented at a hearing by an attorney licensed in Oregon except as otherwise provided by law. Subsequently, OAH will issue a proposed order, and the director will issue a final order.

If the Insurance Division does not receive from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above; or a party that has timely requested a hearing withdraws the request, notifies the Insurance Division or OAH that the party will not appear at a hearing, or does not appear at a scheduled hearing, then the director will issue a final order by default taking the action proposed therein. If the director issues a final order by default, then the record of this proceeding to date, including the designated portion of the Insurance Division's file on the party, automatically become part of the contested case record for the purpose of proving a *prima facie* case.