Notice and Certification to Hold Teleconference Meeting

The Patient’s Compensation Fund Oversight Board (the “Board”) has scheduled a meeting for January 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., to conduct some of its normal business together with items necessary to address the COVID-19 crisis.

In an effort to reduce and limit the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana, and to preserve the health and safety of all members of the public, the Governor has declared the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and ordered that it is necessary to limit public gatherings in a single place at the same time in an effort to avoid individuals being in close proximity to one another. As a result of the public health emergency, the limitations imposed on public gatherings and personal interactions, and the risks associated with the participation of members in a physical meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Board hereby certifies that in order to protect the lives, property, health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, it is necessary to conduct the Board’s meeting on January 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by teleconference in order to assure the presence of a quorum of the board members.

Act No. 302 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted La. R.S. 42:17.1, which was subsequently amended by Act No. 43 of the 2020 Second Extraordinary Session, allows a public body to conduct business “via electronic means” if certain requirements are met. As the Governor has declared a public health emergency, the nature of the COVID-19 emergency would cause a meeting of the public body conducted in-person to be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public and matters to be discussed therein, if delayed, could cause curtailment of vital services or severe economic hardship.

Therefore, in accord with Act No. 302, the Board will conduct a board meeting by way of teleconference on January 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The agenda for the Board meeting will be posted as required by law more than 24 hours before the meeting. The Board will utilize the online platform Zoom to conduct the meeting via teleconference. To participate in the meeting, use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84284296362?pwd=aDEwRThtSjc4SmJDNVRnWVBkL1hIUT09>

Public comments will be allowed during the meeting. To submit a comment prior to the meeting, please e-mail comments prior to the meeting to the Executive Director at ken.schnauder@la.gov

Public comments will also be allowed during the meeting prior to any vote taken by the Board. The online platform Zoom allows one to “raise a hand” and the host will unmute the participate to allow the public comment to be heard by the Board and the other participants. The teleconference will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021. For questions regarding the teleconference board meeting, please e-mail ken.schnauder@la.gov