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Subject: Variance Process

Dear Interested Persons:

The CDI is currently reviewing the eleven variances associated with the Prior Approval Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2644.27(f)). I am concerned that the variances as currently written may need some amendment to operate as intended, to provide appropriate standards for granting or denying specific variances, and to provide sufficient instruction regarding what information or data to submit when an insurer is applying for a specific variance. A vital part of this review process is considering the views of both consumer groups and the insurance industry. Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate your views, comments, concerns and/or suggestions with regard to any of the variances. Please provide any comments by November 16, 2007.

After we have had a chance to review comments submitted, we anticipate having an informal workshop to discuss possible amendments to the regulation we are considering. We will advise at a later date as to the date and time for the workshop.

I look forward to your input.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Girion", written over a horizontal line.

Sherwood P. Girion
Deputy Commissioner
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