

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
233 RICHMOND STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DBR No. 05-I-0113**

**IN RE: Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association of Rhode Island
Hospital Professional Liability Insurance**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-9-10 and 42-35-9 through 18 that the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (“DBR”) will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the DBR, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI in its main hearing room regarding the proposed rate increase of Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association of Rhode Island (“MMJUA”) Hospital Professional Liability Insurance submitted by MMJUA on May 13, 2005 (“the Filing”). The Filing proposes an average base rate level increase of 99.8% to be effective on October 1, 2005. When applied to the MMJUA Hospital Experience Rating Plan approved by DBR in January 2004, the effect of this proposed increase on facilities subject to the Experience Rating Plan will be between 9.3% and 13.25%. (The average annual premium increase for facilities not subject to the Experience Rating Plan is represented by MMJUA to be \$10,000.)

A copy of the Filing is on file at DBR and copies may be obtained from the Insurance Division, DBR, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on regular business days.

All interested persons may submit their comments regarding the proposed rate filing orally at the public hearing or in writing, either by delivering the same in person or by United States mail with postage prepaid to DBR, 233 Richmond Street, Providence, RI, 02903 attention Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer, Co-Hearing Officer or submission by e-mail to elizabeth.dwyer@dbr.state.ri.us . All written submissions must be received no later than August 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Any request for intervention into the proceeding must be filed no later than July 8, 2005.

The hearing room is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of Legal Counsel at DBR at 222-5400 or TDD 222-2999 not less than ninety-six (96) hours in advance of the hearing date.

A. Michael Marques
Director