

AMENDED NOTICE TO THE BAR

Proposed Amendment to Rule 1:21-1(f), Who May Practice

In A-24/81-07, In re: Riverview Professional Services, Inc., the Supreme Court considered the question of whether non-lawyer nurses could represent a carrier at PIP arbitrations. After a Special Master developed a full record for the Court's use, the appellant that had employed the nurses stipulated to the dismissal of the appeal. The Court thereafter determined that the matter should be resolved through the administrative rule-making process. It therefore dismissed the remaining appeal as moot and directed the publication of a proposed amendment to Rule 1:21-1(f) for comment by the Bar and the public. The proposal is attached to this Notice. Written comments should be directed to me at the following:

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Hughes Justice Complex
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or to our Internet address Comments.Mailbox@njcourts.gov.

Comments must be delivered by April 15, 2009.

Please note that the Court's Order of dismissal included the following language: "[It is] ORDERED that pending the adoption of an appropriate amendment, Rule 1:21-1(f) is hereby relaxed to enable non-attorney employees of insurance carriers to represent the interests of their employer at Personal Injury Protection (PIP) arbitration hearings."

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