

Adjunct Services Committee
Regulator-Only Call
August 8, 2024
Call Summary

The Adjunct Services Committee discussed responses to the regulator survey. The regulator survey asked for feedback on a state's processes for new product consideration and their level of interest in participating in a pilot process. A few states have questionnaires that companies must submit in advance. States reference similar or analogous laws when looking at new product concepts. The responding states indicated they involve other regulatory areas including legal, actuarial, market regulation, and consumer services. Some states indicated their willingness to be a pilot state while others said they wanted to observe the pilot.

The Committee agreed the responses from the survey would be helpful in filling in the details of the pilot process.

The Committee reviewed an initial draft of the framework for an adjunct services pilot for products or features outside the scope of existing Uniform Standards. The first step is SERFF submission to the Compact which includes the company's product questionnaire similar to the ones states and the Compact use in pre-filing communications. The submission would not be public unless it turns into an approved filing by the Compact. The next step would be to review with the regulators and have regulator-to-regulator communications to solicit regulatory feedback. The company then presents to the interested regulators. The regulators then direct the Compact to develop an advisory review and recommendation for states. Companies use the advisory review to hopefully achieve a more streamlined state-by-state review. The PSC considers, in an expedited manner, a new or amended Uniform Standard for the concepts that get wide state approval.

A Committee member suggested the Compact Office host regulator calls of Compacting States to discuss questions and regulatory issues around product filings and pre-filing communications that a state or the Compact Office receive. The Committee likened this suggestion to the process that is done with the health regulatory filings.

The Committee viewed the framework as a positive starting point. Committee members asked for more time to review the framework and provide feedback. The Committee also wanted feedback from more Compacting States before proceeding to expose from public comment. The Committee will announce the next call during the in-person joint meeting of the Management Committee and Commission.