

§ 58-65-55. Issuance and continuation of license.

(a) Every corporation subject to this Article shall pay to the Commissioner a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for filing an application for a license. Fee payment shall be contemporaneous with the filing. Before issuing or continuing any license or certificate under this Article, the Commissioner may make an examination or investigation as the Commissioner deems expedient. The Commissioner shall issue a license upon the payment of a fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a single-service corporation or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a full-service corporation and upon being satisfied on the following points:

- (1) The applicant is established as a bona fide nonprofit hospital service corporation as defined by this Article and Article 66 of this Chapter.
- (2) The rates charged and benefits to be provided are fair and reasonable.
- (3) The amounts provided as working capital of the corporation are repayable only out of earned income in excess of amounts paid and payable for operating expenses and dental, health care, medical, or vision expenses, and the reserve is deemed adequate by the Department.
- (4) The amount of money actually available for working capital is sufficient to carry all acquisition costs and operating expenses for a reasonable period of time from the date of the issuance of the certificate.

(b) The license shall continue in full force and effect, subject to payment of an annual license continuation fee of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a single-service corporation or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a full-service corporation, subject to all other provisions of subsection (a) of this section and subject to any other applicable provisions of the insurance laws of this State. (1941, c. 338, s. 6; 1943, c. 537, s. 4; 1947, c. 820, s. 2; 1961, c. 1149; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1069, s. 5; 1995, c. 507, s. 11A(c); 1999-435, s. 5; 2003-212, s. 26(j); 2005-424, s. 1.5; 2009-451, s. 21.13(b); 2021-169, s. 1.)