

2. A preponderance of the evidence is not contrary to any of the following findings:

(1) After the acquisition of Medical Defense by the Applicant, Medical Defense will be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a license to write the lines of insurance for which it is presently licensed.

(2) The effect of the acquisition of Medical Defense by the Applicant will not substantially lessen competition in insurance or tend to create a monopoly in this state.

(3) The financial condition of Applicant is not such as might jeopardize the financial stability of Medical Defense or prejudice the interests of its policyholders.

(4) Other than as set forth in the record of this application, Applicant has no plans to liquidate or sell Medical Defense or to consolidate or merge it with other companies or to make any other material change in Medical Defense's business, corporate structure, or management. Such plans as are set forth in the record would not be unfair or unreasonable to policyholders of Medical Defense or contrary to the public interest.

(5) The competence, experience and integrity of the Applicant's management are such that it would not be contrary to the interest of policyholders of Medical Defense and of the public to permit the acquisition of Medical Defense by the Applicant.

(6) The proposed acquisition of Medical Defense by the Applicant is not likely to be hazardous or prejudicial to the insurance buying public.

Order

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, the proposed acquisition of Medical Defense Associates and Medical Defense Insurance Company by Ivy Medical, LLC, is **APPROVED**.

So ordered, signed and official seal affixed this April 4th, 2000.

KEITH A. WENZEL, Director