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Circular Letter No. AM-J-9-743-78  
September 28, 1978

TO ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT PHYSICIANS,  
SURGEONS, DENTISTS AND HOSPITAL PROFESSIONAL  
LIABILITY INSURANCE BUSINESS IN PUERTO RICO

Subject: Act No. 55 of July 18, 1978

Dear Sirs:

Act No. 55 of July 18, 1978, amended Chapter 41 of the Insurance Code of Puerto Rico, among other things, to reduce the financial liability of health care professionals and/or health care institutions, as provided in Section 41.080, from an amount of \$100,000 per occurrence and \$300,000 aggregate to \$25,000 per claim and \$75,000 aggregate. In addition, said Act stipulates that such provision shall become effective as of November 1, 1978 and also that at such date all policies in force shall be adjusted accordingly.

This Office interprets the provisions of this Act as not precluding the health care professionals and/or health care institutions, who have insurance needs of higher limits, to obtain and maintain limits in excess of \$25/75 with private insurers. On the other hand, the Act requires that all policies in force must be amended to reduce the policy limits to \$25/75, therefore, all insurers must contact the health care professionals and/or health care institutions prior to November 1, 1978, to obtain their written consent to amend the policy limits, or else, to maintain the current limits.

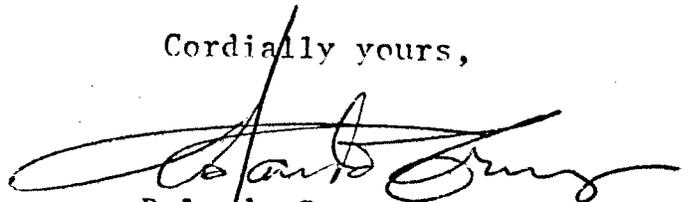
Thus, we are hereby requesting from all insurers having policies in force with limits in excess of \$25/75 to contact all insured health care professionals and/or health care institutions

prior to October 15, 1978, to obtain the written consent of the insured to reduce the policy limits to \$25/75 or to remain as they are now. If the insured agrees to reduce the policy limits, the insurer must grant the applicable actuarial reduction in the policy premium. The change in policy limits shall not be considered as a cancellation at the request of the insured for the purpose of applying short rate cancellation tables since there is not a rule to such effect in the rate manual approved by this Office. The amended policy and/or the written consent signed by the insured must be submitted to the Administration of the Patient Compensation Fund prior to November 1, 1978, in order to meet the requirements of Act No. 55 of July 18, 1978.

Enclosed, please, find a blank form which must be used to comply with the provisions of this circular letter. Section A of the blank form must be completed by the insurer.

Full compliance with the provision of this circular letter is hereby requested.

Cordially yours,



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Commissioner of Insurance

Enclosure