



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER INSURANCE**

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IN ANSWERING  
PLEASE REFER TO:

December 20, 2002

**CIRCULAR LETTER NO.: C-ES-12-1671-2002**

TO ALL DOMESTIC ENTITIES ENGAGED IN HEALTH INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO

RE: Report on the Number of Cases of Bronchial Asthma for Children and Adults who are Beneficiaries of Health Care Plans that were treated at Hospitals and Emergency Rooms and by Physicians in Puerto Rico at the End of 2000 and 2001

Dear Sirs and Madams:

As part of the objectives of the respiratory disease area of the "Health People 2010" project, the Puerto Rico Department of Health has requested the collaboration of this Office to obtain statistical information on the **number** of cases of bronchial asthma (Codes ICD9: 493.00 to 493.99), for beneficiaries of health care plans (excluding the government "Reforma" plan), who were treated at hospitals and emergency rooms and by physicians in Puerto Rico at the close of 2000 and 2001. This information shall be provided by all that are authorized in Puerto Rico to provide health insurance.

We are therefore requiring that these entities submit the requested information to this Office on or before January 8, 2003, using the form provided for this purpose.

You are required to submit to this Office Form ES-1.103 enclosed in this Circular Letter in hard copy and digital format (3 1/2" floppy disk). The following instructions shall be followed for electronic submission of the form:

1. Use the diskette enclosed with this Circular Letter and open the file with the title Form ES-1.103;

2. Complete the Form and record the data on the diskette provided for this purpose;
3. Verify that the Form was included on the diskette, along with the printed Form in a single package; and
4. Submit the Form in printed and electronic format to this Office before the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Ms. Xiomara A. Rodríguez, Chief Statistician of the Statistics Division of this Office, at 787-722-8686, extension 2214.

Strict compliance with the provisions of this Circular Letter is required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Fermín M. Contreras-Gómez  
Commissioner of Insurance

Enclosure



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**Form ES-1.103:**

NUMBER OF CASES OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA (CODES ICD9: 493.00 TO 493.99) FOR BENEFICIARIES OF A HEALTH CARE PLAN\* THAT WERE TREATED AT HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS AND BY PHYSICIANS IN PUERTO RICO AT THE END OF 2000 AND 2001

(Does not include insureds under the Government "Reforma" Plan)

NAIC COMPANY CODE": \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE ENTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals Classified by Age Group	Cared for at Hospitals		Cared for at Emergency Rooms		Cared for by Physicians		Total	
	As of December 31		As of December 31		As of December 31		As of December 31	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Under 5 years old								
Between 5 and 64 years old								
Over 64 years old								
<b>Total</b>								

\*Include: Private group health care plans, direct payment, and government employee groups

\*\* Code assigned by the *National Association of Insurance Commissioner (NAIC)*. See enclosed list in *Worksheet NAIC\_Codes*

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Signature of the Representative of the Entity

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