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CIRCULAR LETTER: CC-2015-1858-D

TO ALL HEALTH INSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSURERS THAT WRITE HEALTH INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO OTHER THAN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 333 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF PUERTO RICO TO DECLARE AN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Dear Sirs and Madams:

On February 5, 2015 the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Administrative Order No. 333 declaring the outbreak of an Influenza epidemic. The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance joins the Department of Health in order to cooperate with the efforts and steps that are being taken to fight this epidemic.

We urge all health insurance organizations and insurers that write health insurance with pharmacy coverage to diligently process claims to facilitate rapid access of patients to this medication and fulfill the objective of this Administrative Order of controlling the epidemic. The Influenza epidemic that has been declared is a serious public health issue and early detection and timely access to treatment, benefits all of us.

We trust that our regulated entities will recognize the need for immediate cooperation of all components of the health field, including insurers and health insurance organizations, so that we can address this Influenza epidemic and control it as soon as possible.

Strict compliance with this Circular Letter is hereby required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

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Commissioner of Insurance