



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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TO ALL HEALTH INSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSURERS THAT WRITE HEALTH INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 348 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF PUERTO RICO FOR HEALTH SERVICES PROTOCOLS IN THE ZIKA VIRUS EMERGENCY

Dear Sirs and Madams:

On January 28, 2016, the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Administrative Order No. 345 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a result of the ZIKA Virus. In view of the above, on February 10, 2016, the Department of Health issued Administrative Order No. 348 providing the protocols and procedures for pre- and post-natal screening and care of all pregnant women. We enclose Administrative Order No. 348 of the Department of Health.

We urge all health insurance organizations and insurers that write health insurance with maternity coverage to respond diligently to claims to facilitate prompt access by pregnant patients to these procedures to fulfill the objective of this Administrative Order to control the epidemic and ensure the well-being of pregnant women and their babies. The ZIKA epidemic that has been decreed is a serious public health matter and early detection and timely access to treatment is to the benefit of all of us.

We are certain that our licensees recognize the need for immediate cooperation of all of the components of the health field, including insurers and health insurance organizations, so that we can face the ZIKA emergency that has been decreed so that it may be controlled as soon as possible.

Strict compliance with this Circular Letter is hereby required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Ángela Weyne-Roig
Commissioner of Insurance

Enclosure