



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

PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 360 TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 348 DATE FEBRUARY 10, 2016.

Dear Sirs and Madams:

On October 19, 2016, the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Administrative Order No. 360 to amend Administrative Order No. 348 dated February 10, 2016, in which the Department establishes the protocol and procedures for screening and pre- and post- natal care of all pregnant women. We enclose the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 360.

We urge all health insurance organizations and insurers that write health insurance with maternity coverage to process claims in a diligent manner so as to facilitate prompt access of pregnant patients to these procedures and thereby comply with the objectives of this Administrative Order to control the ZIKA epidemic and tend to the well-being of pregnant women and infants. The epidemic that has been declared is a serious public health matter and early detection and timely access to treatment are to the benefit of all.

We are certain that our licensees recognize the need for the immediate cooperation of all of the components of the health care industry, including insurers and health insurance organizations, to contend with the state of emergency that has been declared so that the ZIKA virus may be controlled as soon as possible.

Strict compliance with the provisions of this letter is hereby required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Ángela Weyne-Roig
Commissioner of Insurance

Enclosure