



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 362 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF PUERTO RICO TO DECLARE AN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Dear Madams and Sirs:

On December 8, 2016, the Department of Health of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Administrative Order No. 362 to declare an epidemic outbreak of Influenza and to require that all public and private health insurance plans provide the medications Oseltamivir and Zanamivir to all covered individuals or insured with influenza symptoms, regardless of the results of the quick test for influenza, based on the clinical opinion of the physician. Administrative Order No. 362 of the Department of Health is enclosed.

We urge all health services organizations and insurers that write health insurance with pharmacy coverage to diligently respond to claims in order to facilitate timely access by patients to these medications and fulfill the objective of this Administrative Order of controlling the epidemic. The Influenza epidemic that has been declared is a serious public health matter, and early detection and timely access to treatment is beneficial for all.

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 services organizations, so that we can address the influenza epidemic and control it as soon as possible.

Strict compliance with this Circular Letter is hereby required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Ángela Weyne-Roig
Commissioner of Insurance

Enclosure