



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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TO ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED TO UNDERWRITE MEDICAL INSURANCE IN
PUERTO RICO

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Through the approval of Public Law No. 161, enacted on November 1, 2010, the Patients' Bill of Rights was amended in Puerto Rico to include some of the provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), requiring, among other things, the following under subparagraph (g) of Section 2 of the Patients' Bill of Rights:

“(g) All health care plans will include as part of their basic coverage, without any additional cost or copay, some of the following preventive care services...the immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (ACIP).”

According to the ACIP, a dose of the meningitis vaccine (MCV4) is recommended for children and adolescents ages 11 through 18. This dose is normally administered as part of preventive treatment of adolescents ages 11 through 12. Therefore, it is hereby required that medical insurance plans and health care plans be amended to include this vaccine as part of basic coverage.

Strict compliance with the provisions of this letter is required.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

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