

BULLETIN

Number 11-B-04

TO: All Licensed Health Insurance Companies
All Licensed Health Maintenance Organizations
All Licensed Service Corporations
The State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees
All Licensed Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements

FROM: Life & Health Division

DATE: *April 20, 2011*

SUBJECT: Coverage for Extra Prescriptions during Disaster Declaration FEMA DR-1969 Resulting from North Carolina Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding on April 16, 2011

FEMA NOTICE: <http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=14092>

This bulletin pertains to all insurers of health benefit plans as defined in G.S. 58-3-167, the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, any optional plans or programs operating under Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, and other stand-alone prescription medication plans issued by entities that are licensed by the N.C. Department of Insurance (hereinafter, "Department").

This bulletin serves as notice under G.S. 58-3-228(b) of a declared state of *disaster* in North Carolina due to North Carolina Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding on April 16, 2011. On April 20, 2011, a state of *disaster* was declared by the President for the following counties.

Bertie, Bladen, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Onslow, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Wake, and Wilson.

For a covered person who resides in an affected county and who requests coverage of a refill or replacement prescription within 29 days of the date of this bulletin, the insurer shall have a procedure in place to waive time restrictions on filling or refilling prescriptions for medications. The insurer shall authorize payment to pharmacies for any prescription dispensed in accordance with G.S. 58-3-228 regardless of the date upon which the prescription had most recently been filled by a pharmacist.

To assist your company with computer systems programming needs, the counties listed above include the following ZIP Codes:

28546, 28545, 28544, 28584, 28574, 28547, 28543, 28539, 28460, 28445, 28542, 28541, 28540, 28339, 27501, 28334, 28335, 27506, 27552, 28326, 27543, 27546, 28368, 27521, 28323, 27528, 27542, 27555, 27520, 27524, 27527, 27577, 27504, 27593, 27568, 27569, 27576, 27870, 27850, 27887, 27874, 27890, 27839, 27823, 27844, 27843, 28433, 28434, 28448, 28399, 28320, 28392,

28337, 28332, 27340, 27359, 27349, 27302, 27216, 27217, 27244, 27202, 275201, 27215, 27253, 27258, 27244, 27343, 27583, 27573, 27574, 27541, 27311, 27314, 27315, 27212, 27291, 27305, 27379, 27893, 27813, 27894, 27896, 27895, 27883, 27851, 27822, 27873, 27880, 28580, 28538, 27888, 28554, 27818, 27855, 27986, 27922, 27942, 27910, 28526, 28519, 28564, 28586, 28561, 28527, 28533, 28532, 28562, 28523, 28560, 28563, 27805, 27924, 27983, 27872, 27849, 27847, 27957, 27967, 27939, 27958, 27929, 27973, 27927, 27923, 27941, 27947, 27964, 27917, 27950, 27966, 27956, 27965, 27965, 27916, 28376, 27812, 27811, 27829, 27837, 27833, 27828, 28590, 28513, 27858, 28530, 27835, 27836, 27827, 27879, 27884, 27834, 28360, 28358, 28357, 28340, 28359, 28319, 28362, 28375, 28377, 28371, 28372, 28384, 28386, 28378, 28383, 28364, 28369, 28382, 28393, 28385, 28447, 28344, 28318, 28328, 28329, 28366, 28444, 28441, 27624, 27560, 27540, 27629, 27545, 27650, 27658, 27640, 27625, 27562, 27597, 27587, 27627, 27571, 27591, 27628, 27628, 27592, 27588, 27656, 27698, 27626, 27699, 27602, 27601, 27603, 27539, 27622, 27621, 27623, 27676m 27635, 27620, 27616, 27615, 27617, 27636, 27619, 27675, 27512, 27529, 27668, 27511, 27661, 27513, 27518, 27634, 27519, 27526, 27523, 27609, 27608, 27610, 27612, 27611, 27605, 27606, 27604, 27502, 27607, 27613, 27697, 27614, 27690, 27695, 28390, 28391, 28304, 28310, 28311, 28312, 28348, 28309, 28342, 28302, 28301, 28314, 28356, 28303, 28331, 28395, 28306, 28308, 28307, 28305, 27331, 27332, 27505, 27330, 28355, 27237

The Commissioner may order the time period for the waiver of the prescription medication refills be extended in 30-day increments. Should the Commissioner do so, such order(s) shall be posted on the Department's website at www.ncdoi.com.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact Jean Holliday of the Life & Health Division, at (919) 733-5060 ext. 346 or Rebecca Hill at ext. 355.

CC: The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy