



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO
Oficina del Comisionado de Seguros

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TO ALL HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSURERS LICENSED TO WRITE OR UNDERWRITE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE PRIVATE MARKET IN PUERTO RICO

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION - GUARANTEED SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD

Article 10.150 of the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Code states that all health maintenance organization or insurer licensed to write or underwrite health insurance (henceforth, “health insurers”) must allow, subject to applicable federal laws and regulations, individuals to buy basic individual health plans that are available in the individual market, during the period of 1 October to 31 December of each year, without risk assessment (guaranteed subscription period).

Taking into consideration Executive Order No. OE-2017-047 issued by the Governor of Puerto Rico, Hon. Ricardo Rosselló Nevares, on September 17, 2017, declaring a state of emergency as a consequence of the imminent impact of Hurricane Maria, this Office has determined to temporarily suspend the above mentioned period established by law, to allow health maintenance organizations and health insurers’ operations return to normal, allowing consumers to have time to subscribe within the new guaranteed subscription period to be determined and notified by this Office in due course.

The staff of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner reiterates its commitment to the insurance industry and to the protection of the consumer.

Cordially,

SIGNATURE

Javier Rivera Ríos, LUCTF
Commissioner of Insurance

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