BULLETIN Number 25-B-10

To: All Insurance Companies and other Entities Licensed Under

Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes

Life & Health Division From:

Date: August 19, 2025

Subject: Hurricane Erin – North Carolina Operations

On August 19, 2025, Governor Stein issued EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20, for the State of North Carolina ("the Emergency Area") due to the anticipation of and in response to the impacts of Hurricane Erin in the State of North Carolina on or about August 19, 2025.

Hurricane Erin has created/will create a statewide emergency area, as that term is defined in the Emergency Management Act to mean an "emergency applicable to two-thirds or more of the counties in North Carolina".

Executive Order NO. 20 declares a state of emergency as defined in N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-19.3(20) for the State of North Carolina. ("the Emergency Area")

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 58-3 228, this bulletin pertains to all health benefit plans as defined in N.C.G.S. §§ 58-3-167, the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, and 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 Department of Insurance.

This bulletin is to remind health benefit plans of compliance requirements for operations under a state of emergency for purposes of obtaining extra prescriptions during a state of emergency or disaster.

This authorization of extra prescriptions during this state of emergency in the State of North Carolina is valid for prescription medication requests made within 29 days of **issuance of this bulletin**, unless extended by an order issued by the Commissioner.

Please refer any questions regarding this bulletin to the attention of Ted Hamby at LHInbox@ncdoi.gov.

The link to Governor Stein's Executive Order is: Governor Stein Executive Order 20 - NC Governor

Statutory reference: NCGS 58-3-228. Coverage for extra prescriptions during a state of emergency or disaster.