

BULLETIN

Number 16-B-06

To: All Insurance Companies and other Entities Licensed under Chapter 58

Of the North Carolina General Statutes

From: Wayne Goodwin, Commissioner of Insurance

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Subject: North Carolina Operations

Governor McCrory yesterday issued EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.109, amending EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 107 to expand the state of emergency to all 100 counties in North Carolina.

http://governor.nc.gov/document/executive-order-no-109-amendment-executive-order-107

Executive Order No.109 adds the following counties to the 66 counties defined in Executive Order No. 107.

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

Pursuant thereto, this bulletin amends previously issued N.C. Department of Insurance Bulletin Number 16-B-05 to include the counties as listed above, thereby encompassing all 100 counties in North Carolina.

Pursuant to NCGS 58-3-228, as revised by Session Law 2012-12, Section 2 (k), this bulletin pertains to all health benefit plans as defined in 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.

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 all the counties 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: Life & Health to Ted Hamby at LHInbox@ncdoi.gov