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Date: August 26, 2011  
To: All Health Carriers  
Re: Hurricane Irene

On August 25, 2011, Governor Martin O'Malley issued Executive Order 01.01.2011.14 declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Maryland. Accordingly, pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.05, the Insurance Commissioner hereby activates the following emergency regulations for all health insurance carriers in the State throughout the emergency period.

Pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.06.A(3) and (4), the Insurance Commissioner hereby requires health carriers to:

waive any time restrictions on prescription medication refills and authorize payment to pharmacies for at least a 30-day supply of any prescription medication, regardless of the date upon which the prescription medication had most recently been filled by a pharmacist; and

waive any restrictions on the time frame for the replacement of durable medical equipment or supplies, eyeglasses, and dentures.

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