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To: All Health Carriers

Re: Lifting of Prescription Medication Refill Waiver and the Waiver of the Time Restrictions on the Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment or Supplies, Eyeglasses, and Dentures

On July 31, 2016, Governor Larry Hogan issued Executive Order 01.01.2016.08 declaring a State of Emergency for Howard County, Maryland. On August 3, 2016, pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.05 Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr., through Bulletin 16-24 activated:

- A. COMAR 31.01.02.03A(3) and required all health insurance carriers in the State to waive any time restrictions on prescription medication refills and authorize payment to pharmacies that fill prescriptions for residents that live in the 21041, 21042, and 21043 zip codes 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: and
- B. COMAR 31.02.06A(4) and required all health insurance carriers in the State to waive any time restrictions on the replacement of durable medical equipment or supplies, eyeglasses, and dentures for residents that live in the 21041, 21042, and 21043 zip codes.

On August 31, 2016, the State of Emergency for Howard County was lifted; therefore, pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.02, the waivers set forth above are no longer in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact Joy Hatchette, Associate Commissioner, Consumer Education and Advocacy at (410) 468-2029 or joy.hatchette@maryland.gov.

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