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BULLETIN 21-11

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To: Insurers, Nonprofit Health Service Plans, Health Maintenance Organizations and
Dental Plan Organizations (Carriers)

Re: 2021 Network Access Plan Filing Instructions

Health Benefit Plan Filings

The purpose of this bulletin is to remind insurance carriers and those entities that use provider panels for health benefit plans that the annual access plan filings are due by July 1, 2021. Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 31.10.44.03 requires “each carrier subject to the chapter shall file an annual access plan with the Commissioner through the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF) on or before July 1 of each year.”

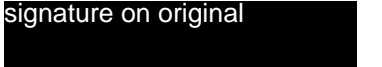
Instead of filing the annual access plan through SERFF, this year the Maryland Insurance Administration (“MIA”) is exercising its enforcement authority and requesting that each entity file its network access plan through an encrypted email and send it to networkadequacy.mia@maryland.gov. As a reminder, please be sure to annotate all confidential information within the report.

Dental Plan Filings

Carriers that issue or renew dental plans in Maryland and use a provider panel for a dental plan offered in Maryland should file the executive summary form described in COMAR 31.10.45.06 by October 1, 2021. The MIA is requesting that each entity file its dental plan executive summary form by email to networkadequacy.mia@maryland.gov. As a reminder, the executive summary form is not confidential information.

Questions about this Bulletin may be directed to the Life & Health Unit of the Maryland Insurance Administration at 410-468-2170.

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