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To: All Health Carriers

Re: Prescription Medication Refills and the Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment or Supplies, Eyeglasses, and Dentures

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On May 15, 2025, Governor Wes Moore issued Executive Order 01.01.2025.12 declaring a State of Emergency for Allegany and Garrett Counties. Accordingly, pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.05, the Insurance Commissioner hereby activates the following emergency regulation for all health insurance carriers in the State.

Pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.06A(3), the Insurance Commissioner hereby requires health carriers to waive any time restrictions on prescription medication refills and authorize payment to pharmacies that fill prescriptions for the residents of Allegany and Garrett Counties 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. This waiver for time restrictions on prescription medication refills shall stand while the state of emergency remains in effect.

Pursuant to COMAR 31.01.02.06A(4), the Insurance Commissioner hereby requires health carriers to waive any time restrictions on the replacement of durable medical equipment or supplies, eyeglasses, and dentures for residents of Allegany and Garrett Counties. COMAR 31.01.02.03B(16) defines health carriers as:

- (a) An insurer;
- (b) A nonprofit health service plan;
- (c) A health maintenance organization; and
- (d) A dental plan organization.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Any questions regarding this Bulletin should be directed to David Cooney, Associate Commissioner, Life & Health, at (410) 468-2215 or david.cooney@maryland.gov or Patricia Dorn, Associate Commissioner, Consumer Education & Advocacy at (410) 370-7075 or patricia.dorn@maryland.gov.

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