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Date: October 1, 2008

To: Insurers, Nonprofit Health Service Plans and Dental Plan Organizations

Re: Provider Panels: Filing of Availability Plan, Annual Performance Assessment and List of Hospital-Based Specialties

COMAR 31.10.34.05 requires insurers, nonprofit health service plans and dental plan organizations (hereinafter “carriers”) that use provider panels to implement an availability plan and to annually assess performance against the standards included in the availability plan. In addition, *prominent carriers* are required to submit their availability plan, performance assessment and list of hospital-based physician specialties available on the prominent carrier’s provider panel. The first submission is due November 1, 2008.

COMAR 31.10.34.03B (5) defines a prominent carrier as a carrier with at least \$90 million in written premium for medical benefits in Maryland in the most recent annual statement. A provider panel is defined as providers that contract either directly with a carrier or through a subcontracting entity with a carrier to provide health care services to the carrier’s enrollees under the carrier’s health benefit plan. All prominent carriers that use provider panels are subject to COMAR 31.10.34.

To assist prominent carriers with the submission of a list of hospital-based physician specialties available on their provider panel, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) has developed the table below. The table is available as an Excel spreadsheet on the MIA’s website, www.mdinsurance.state.md.us. The MIA requests that prominent carriers use the Excel spreadsheet and e-mail the completed spreadsheet to mhayes@mdinsurance.state.md.us. Prominent carriers may submit their availability plan and performance electronically to the same e-mail address or by mail to Megan Hayes, Maryland Insurance Administration, 525 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202-2272.

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Hospital-Based Physicians as of July 1, 2008 (Maryland Acute Care Hospitals)

Name of insurer, nonprofit health service plan or health maintenance organization					
NAIC Number					
<p>In the table below, please indicate the hospital-based physicians contracting with you as of July 1, 2008. Place "1" in the column if the practice for the type of hospital-based physician in the designated hospital has a contract to provide services to your members on a discounted fee for service or other payment arrangement. For example, if the anesthesiology practice/group at Anne Arundel Medical Center had a contract with you on July 1, 2008, you would insert "1" in this column; if not, you would leave the column blank.</p>					
	Anesthesiologist	Pathologist	Radiologist	Neonatologist	Emergency Medicine
Anne Arundel Medical Center					
Atlantic General Hospital					
Baltimore Washington Medical Center					
Bon Secours Hospital					
Braddock Hospital (<i>formerly Sacred Heart; part of Western MD Health System</i>)					
Calvert Memorial Hospital					
Carroll Hospital Center					
Chester River Hospital Center					
Civista Medical Center					
Doctors Community Hospital					
Dorchester General Hospital					
Memorial Hospital at Easton					
Edward W. McCready Memorial Hospital					
Fort Washington Medical Center					
Franklin Square Hospital Center					
Frederick Memorial Hospital					
Garrett County Memorial Hospital					
Good Samaritan Hospital					
Greater Baltimore Medical Center					
Harbor Hospital					
Harford Memorial Hospital					
Holy Cross Hospital					
Howard County General Hospital					
James Lawrence Kernan Hospital					
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center					
Johns Hopkins Hospital					
Laurel Regional Hospital					
Maryland General Hospital					
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center of Cumberland					
Mercy Medical Center					
Montgomery General Hospital					
Northwest Hospital Center					
Peninsula Regional Medical Center					
Prince George's Hospital Center					
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital					
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore					
Southern Maryland Hospital					
St. Agnes Hospital					
St. Josephs Medical Center					
St. Mary's Hospital					
Suburban Hospital					
Union Hospital of Cecil County					
Union Memorial Hospital					
University of Maryland Medical Center					
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center					
Washington Adventist Hospital					
Washington County Hospital					
Total	0	0	0	0	0