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DATE: February 22, 2006

TO: President, Managed Care Organizations

RE: Risk Based Capital Applicability for 2005

CC: Chief Financial Officers, Managed Care Organizations

On July 5, 2001, the Insurance Commissioner adopted Regulation .02-1 under COMAR 31.12.06 Managed Care Organizations-Financial Compliance Requirements, effective August 20, 2001. This regulation required that effective with the Annual Statement filed for the year ending December 31, 2001, an MCO shall comply with the risk-based capital requirements of the Insurance Article, Title 4, Subtitle 3 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, unless exempted by the Insurance Commissioner. MCOs are required to submit a risk-based capital report in conjunction with the Annual Statement filing for the year ending December 31, 2005. This filing is due March 1, 2006. However, as has been the case in prior years, the Insurance Commissioner is granting MCOs an exemption from meeting the risk-based capital requirements for the year ending December 31, 2005. In this regard, the Insurance Commissioner will not take action against an MCO based solely on the information contained in the risk-based capital report.

Any questions about this bulletin should be directed to the Examination and Auditing Section at (410) 468-2119.

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