

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM OIR - 03-011M ISSUED July 31, 2003 Office of Insurance Regulation Kevin M. McCarty Director

All Carriers Offering Health Benefit Coverages

As a result of the passage of SB1712 (Chapter 2003-261, Laws of Florida), the Legislature authorized the Office of Insurance Regulation to approve the Standard and Basic Health Benefit Plans as provided in Section 627.6699, Florida Statutes.

On July 25, 2003, Kevin McCarty, the Director of the Office of Insurance Regulation, issued an Order effective August 1, 2003, approving the new Plans and adopting both the Plans and the Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Committee's recommendations regarding the required offerings by carriers.

The order and the approved Plans are available on the Office's website at http://www.fldfs.com/companies/lh fr/is LHFR Small Emp Benefit Plan.htm.

Companies are advised to take appropriate action to make these Plans available as required by Section 627.6699, F.S.

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