



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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Office of Insurance Regulation

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Commissioner

**All Health Insurers, HMOs, and other entities regulated by the
Office of Insurance Regulation that cover prescription medications.**

Prescription Refills During Hurricane Ernesto

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise Florida health insurers, HMOs, and other entities regulated by the Office of Insurance Regulation that cover prescription medications that the Governor has issued Executive Order 06-200 declaring a state of emergency for the whole state of Florida.

As a result of this order, recently passed Section 252.358, Florida Statutes, (Section 29, of HB 7121; Ch 2006-71, Laws of Florida), has been triggered. Consequently, all such entities are to waive, in all counties of the state, any time restrictions on prescription medication refills, including suspension of electronic "refill too soon" edits to pharmacies, so that insureds and subscribers can refill prescriptions in advance, if there are authorized refills remaining, and are to authorize payment to pharmacies for at least a 30-day supply of any prescription medication, regardless of the date upon which the prescription had most recently been filled by a pharmacist.