

## BULLETIN

Number 16-B-01

To: All Insurance Companies and other Entities Licensed under Chapter 58  
Of the North Carolina General Statutes

From: Wayne Goodwin, Commissioner of Insurance

Date: **January 21, 2016**

Subject: North Carolina Operations

**Governor McCrory has issued EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85, a DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, effective immediately for the entire state of North Carolina. The executive order declares that a state of emergency exists in North Carolina due to the approach of the state's first significant winter storm this year. The potential impacts expected from the snow and ice accumulations that are predicted, combined with gusty winds, this storm has serious potential for treacherous conditions adversely affecting travel on our roads and potential loss of electrical and other utility services.**

Pursuant to NCGS 58-3-228, as revised by Session Law 2012-12, Section 2.(k), this bulletin pertains to all health benefit plans as defined in G.S. 58-3-167, the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, and any optional plans or programs operating under Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, and other stand-alone prescription medication plans issued by entities that are licensed by the Department.

This bulletin is to remind health benefit plans of compliance requirements for operations under a state of emergency for purposes of obtaining extra prescriptions during a state of emergency or disaster.

This authorization of extra prescriptions during this state of emergency in **ALL** counties of North Carolina is valid for prescription medication requests made within 29 days of issuance of this bulletin, unless extended by an order issued by the Commissioner. Please refer any questions regarding this bulletin to: Life & Health to Ted Hamby at [LHInbox@ncdoi.gov](mailto:LHInbox@ncdoi.gov)

Internet Link to the statute:

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2011/Bills/House/HTML/H843v6.html>