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Offices of the Insurance Commissioner

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TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED TO TRANSACT ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS BUSINESS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: Mental Health Parity

Pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 33-16-3a(a)(5), the Insurance Commissioner, on or before the thirty-first day of December, two thousand five, must report to the Legislature's joint committee on government and finance and the committees on insurance of the respective houses of the Legislature regarding the fiscal impact of this statute on the expenses of insurers affected and which insurers expenses of providing mental health benefits have exceeded the established limits provided by statute.

West Virginia Code of State Rules Title 114, Series 64, was promulgated to implement the provisions of West Virginia State Code Section 33-16-3a by stipulating that each insurer shall file an annual report, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, regarding the impact of mental health parity expenses on their budgets for the preceding year. In addition, West Virginia Code of State Rules Title 114, Series 66 provides the form for annual reporting requirements.

The Commissioner has now determined that the annual reporting requirements for insurers providing mental health services will be due to the Office of the Commissioner March 31 of each year, addressing the period of January through December 31 of each year. For example, for the first reporting year 2003, due March 31, 2004, the annual reporting requirements should include data from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

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