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Repeal of Insurance Emergency Response Orders Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

By proclamation issued March 12, 2020, Governor Janet T. Mills declared that the impact of COVID-19 in this State created a state of insurance emergency as defined in 24-A M.R.S. § 471. She authorized and directed the Superintendent of Insurance, for the duration of the emergency, to exercise the emergency powers conferred by Sections 471 through 479 of the Insurance Code as necessary to protect the interests of health insurers, insureds, beneficiaries, or the public. Pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. § 478 and Bureau of Insurance Rule 765, Section 5, I ordered, effective March 12, 2020, various emergency measures until further notice for all carriers offering health plans subject to the Maine Health Plan Improvement Act, as defined at 24-A M.R.S. § 4301-A(7), and I followed up the March 12, 2020 order with various other orders, bulletins, and other guidance addressing issues that arose because of COVID-19.

On March 15, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Civil Emergency in order to respond to and protect against the spread and effects of COVID-19 in Maine. The Governor subsequently renewed the State of Civil Emergency through a series of monthly orders. On June 11, 2021, the Governor issued a proclamation extending the State of Civil Emergency through June 30, 2021 and announced that the emergency will end on that date. On June 30, 2021, the Governor issued an Order Providing an Orderly Transition Following the Termination of the State of Civil Emergency, which in part orders that the COVID-19 Insurance Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020 shall expire at midnight on July 31, 2021.

In view of the upcoming end of the State of Insurance Emergency and in view of the prevailing stability in the health insurance market in Maine, which is in large part attributable to the many



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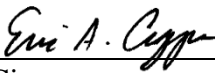
responsible steps that insurers in this State have taken, I hereby rescind, effective midnight June 30, 2021, the following orders I have made under the emergency powers granted to me by the Governor’s Proclamation of Insurance Emergency:

Insurance Emergency Response Order	
Order	Date
<u>Coronavirus Public Health Emergency</u>	March 12, 2020
<u>Supplemental Order Regarding Credentialing</u>	March 19, 2020
<u>Supplemental Order Regarding Continuation of Group Health Coverage</u>	March 27, 2020
<u>Supplemental Order Regarding Deferral of Premium Deadlines</u>	April 6, 2020
<u>Supplemental Order Regarding Roster Billing</u>	March 25, 2021

I have also issued various bulletins during the course of the Insurance Emergency. Some of them have expired by their own terms or because other events have overtaken them. Those engaged in the business of insurance in Maine should keep in mind, as we transition out of the emergency, that they should continue to meet their contractual obligations and consider the extraordinary circumstances that the COVID-19 pandemic imposed on the Maine insurance market. To that end, Bulletin 442, [Emergency Measures Responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic](#), Bulletin 443, [Coronavirus Pandemic: Property and Casualty Coverage](#), and Bulletin 448, [Coronavirus Pandemic: Credit Scoring](#), embody principles that apply regardless of the pandemic. Bulletins 446, 447, 452, 453, and 455 are of no further effect as of midnight June 30, 2021.

The March 20, 2021 [Supplemental Order Regarding Remote Delivery of Health Services](#) will remain in effect until midnight July 31, 2021 in order to give carriers, providers, and plan enrollees time to transition out of the current requirement for payment parity for telehealth services. Carriers may of course continue to allow payment parity for these services after that date.

June 30, 2021



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