BULLETIN

Number 12-B-06

- To: All Insurance Companies and other Entities Licensed under Chapter 58 Of the North Carolina General Statutes
- From: Wayne Goodwin, Commissioner of Insurance
- Date: **October 31, 2012**
- Subject: North Carolina Operations

Governor Perdue issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 129, a DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, effective Saturday, October 27, 2012 for 33 eastern North Carolina counties and remains in effect and includes the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne.

Governor Perdue, on October 29th, 2012 signed EXECUTIVE ORDER 131 expanding the emergency area impacted by Hurricane Sandy specified in Executive Order No. 129 to include the 24 western counties of: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey.

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 listed above is valid for prescription medication requests made within 29 days of issuance of this bulletin, unless extended by an order issued by the Commissioner, and supersedes the previous Bulletin 12-B-05.

Please refer any questions regarding this bulletin to: Life & Health to Ted Hamby at <u>LHInbox@ncdoi.gov</u> Internet Link to the statute: <u>http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2011&BillID=H843</u>