DOMESTIC/FOREIGN INSURERS BULLETIN NO. 90

TO: ALL HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITY BASED PROVIDERS DOING BUSINESS IN DELAWARE

RE: 2017 OPERATIVE DATE OF NETWORK DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY PROVISIONS

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2016

The purpose of this bulletin is to give notice to all health insurers, health care providers and facility based providers doing business in Delaware that 18 Del. C., §§ 3370A and 3571S will become effective January 1, 2017, and it is the Department’s expectation that the above referenced parties will abide by the statutes. The Department will be promulgating Insurance Regulation 1317 to implement the provisions of Sections 3370A and 3571S; however, due to an extended public comment period which necessitated some revisions, Insurance Regulation 1317 will not become effective until February 11, 2017. Notwithstanding the delay in the effective date of the regulation the Department expects that all health insurers, health care providers and facility based providers comply with the requirements of the proposed regulation as of January 1, 2017 since the effective date delay is merely a result of publishing deadlines and the provisions of Sections 3370A and 3571S will already have become law as of such date. All health insurers are encouraged to provide a copy of this Bulletin to their contracted providers.

Any questions, comments, or requests for clarification concerning information within this Bulletin should be emailed to DOI_Consumer_Resource (MailBox Resources)
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This Bulletin shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as Regulation 1317 becomes effective.

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