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TO: **ALL HEALTH CARRIERS AUTHORIZED OR ADMITTED TO OFFER HEALTH PLANS OR SHORT TERM LIMITED DURATION MEDICAL PLANS IN WASHINGTON STATE THAT ARE REGULATED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

FROM: **MIKE KREIDLER, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

RE: **FURTHER PARTIALLY EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 20-02 PURSUANT TO RCW 48.02.060(5)**

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.060(5), the Insurance Commissioner's Emergency Order 20-02 ("Order"), issued on March 24, 2020, and previously extended until June 21, 2020, and further extended until July 19, 2020, and further extended until August 16, 2020, and further extended until September 15, 2020, and further extended until October 14, 2020, and further extended until November 13, 2020, and further extended until December 11, 2020, and further extended until January 10, 2021, and further extended until February 7, 2021, and further extended until March 7, 2021, is hereby further extended until April 4, 2021, with the exception of Part E, which was never extended and expired after May 23, 2020.

The Commissioner finds that the State of Emergency caused by the ongoing COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak, as identified in the Order, remains in effect. As a result, there is a continued need to ensure access to health care services as provided in Parts A through D of Emergency Order 20-02. However, as with the previous extension, an extension of the grace period for payment of premiums, found in Part E, remains unnecessary. Therefore, in the Insurance Commissioner's judgment, the circumstances of the ongoing COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak warrant the extension of the duration of Parts A through D of the Order.

RCW 48.02.060(5) states that an order by the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section may remain effective for not more than sixty (60) days unless the Insurance Commissioner extends the termination date for the order for an additional period of not more than thirty (30) days. The Insurance Commissioner may extend the order if, in the Insurance Commissioner's judgment, the circumstances warrant an extension.

THEREFORE, the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-02 is hereby EXTENDED BY 30 DAYS, pursuant to the Insurance Commissioner's authority in RCW 48.02.060(5). However, the provisions of Part E were never extended and expired after May 23, 2020. With this modification, Emergency Order 20-02 is therefore in effect until April 4, 2021.

SIGNED in Olympia, Washington, this 5th day of March, 2021.

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner