State of Maine

Proclamation

Proclamation of Insurance Emergency

WHEREAS, *24-A M.R.S. § 472 et seq.* grants to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance of the Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation (Superintendent) the authority to make, amend, or rescind certain rules and regulations governing the business of insurers when the Governor determines pursuant to *24-A M.R.S. § 471* that an insurance emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention continue to assess and advise regarding the anticipated impact of COVID-19 in Maine; and

WHEREAS, based upon that assessment and advice, I find that the welfare of the State and the welfare and security of insureds, beneficiaries and the public require a proclamation that an insurance emergency exists pursuant to *24-A M.R.S. § 471;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to *Me. Const. Art. V, Pt. 1, §§ 1 and 12,* hereby proclaim an insurance emergency within the meaning of *24-A M.R.S. § 471*. I authorize and direct the Superintendent during this period of insurance emergency to exercise the power conferred by *24-A M.R.S. §§ 471-79* to make, amend, or rescind such rules and regulations governing the business of health insurance carriers as the Superintendent deems expedient in order to adopt and maintain sound methods of protecting the interests of such insurers, insureds, beneficiaries and the public.

This Proclamation of insurance emergency shall pursuant to *24-A M.R.S. § 477* be effective until I proclaim that such insurance emergency has ceased to exist.

Dated this 12th day of March 2020.

Janet T. Mills
Governor