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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 EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 20-01 PURSUANT TO RCW 48.02.060(5)**

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.060(5), the Insurance Commissioner's Emergency Order 20-01, issued on March 5, 2020, and previously extended until June 3, 2020, and then extended again until July 3, 2020, and then extended again until August 2, 2020, and then extended again until August 27, 2020, and then extended again until September 27, 2020, and then extended again until October 25, 2020, and then extended again until November 24, 2020, and then extended again until December 24, 2020, and then extended again until January 23, 2021, and then extended again until February 21, 2021, is hereby further extended until March 21, 2021.

The Commissioner finds that the State of Emergency caused by the ongoing COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak, as identified in the Commissioner's Emergency Order 20-01, remains in effect. As a result, there is a continued need to ensure access to health care services. In the Insurance Commissioner's judgment, the circumstances of the ongoing COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak warrant the extension of the duration of Emergency Order 20-01.

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 20-01 is hereby EXTENDED BY 30 DAYS, pursuant to the Insurance Commissioner's authority in RCW 48.02.060(5). Emergency Order 20-01 is therefore in effect until March 21, 2021.

SIGNED in Olympia, Washington, this 19 day of February, 2021.

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner