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To: Commercial Health Insurers, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc., and Health Maintenance Organizations

From: Gary D. Anderson, Commissioner of Insurance

Date: March 12, 2020

Re: Special Open Enrollment Period Effective Immediately Until April 25

The Massachusetts Division of Insurance (the "Division") issues this Bulletin 2020-03: *Special Enrollment Period Effective Immediately Until April 25*, for eligible individuals in the Commonwealth who are not currently enrolled in an insurance plan. The Division has collaborated with the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the "Connector") in developing this Bulletin.

In light of the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth and its impact to the public's health, the Connector has announced a limited-time special enrollment period ("SEP") for qualified individuals who are currently without insurance. This Bulletin effectuates the commencement of an SEP during which currently uninsured Massachusetts residents can enroll in health coverage. This SEP will not allow currently enrolled individuals to switch plans – rather, it is strictly to allow for those without coverage to obtain insurance coverage.

The Connector has informed the Division that the Massachusetts special open enrollment period for eligible individuals will last through April 25, 2020. If you have any questions about this Bulletin, please contact Niels Puetthoff, Director of Bureau of Managed Care, at (617) 521-7326 or at Niels.Puetthoff @mass.gov.