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: 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, is hereby extended until June 21, 2020, with the exception of Part E, which is not extended.

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, the circumstances of the emergency have changed so that an additional extension of the grace period for payment of premiums, found in Part E, is no longer necessary. 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, but not Part E, 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 are not extended and shall expire after May 23, 2020. With this modification, Emergency Order 20-02 is therefore in effect until June 21, 2020.

SIGNED in Olympia, Washington, this 21st day of May, 2020.

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner