



OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 21-02**

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

**FROM: MIKE KREIDLER, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

**RE: EXTENDING EMERGENCY ORDER 21-02 PURSUANT TO RCW 48.02.060(5)**

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.060(5), the Insurance Commissioner's Emergency Order 21-02, issued on June 24, 2021, and previously extended until September 19, 2021, and previously extended until October 17, 2021, is hereby extended until November 14, 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 21-02, 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 21-02.

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 21-02 is hereby EXTENDED BY 30 DAYS, pursuant to the Insurance Commissioner's authority in RCW 48.02.060(5). Emergency Order 21-02 is therefore in effect until November 14, 2021.**

SIGNED in Olympia, Washington, this 15th day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kreidler".

MIKE KREIDLER  
Insurance Commissioner