Directive No. 85

BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES MANDATED BY THE LOUISIANA HMO ACT TO INCLUDE SERVICES OF A PODIATRIST (D.P.M.)

January 4, 1988

It has come to my attention that some HMO group and subscriber contract documents submitted to this department for review prior to use in the state may have been approved with exclusion on coverage for the services of a Podiatrist and an exclusion of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the definition of a physician.

Inasmuch as a Podiatrist is a licensed physician, authorized to render medical treatment as provided under LA.R.S. 37:611, I must consider any exclusion of the aforementioned kinds from HMO contracts as in violation of Sections 2002(3) and 2013A(2) of the Louisiana HMO Act. Accordingly, any prior approval given to such contract and subscriber document language is hereby withdrawn.

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COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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