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TO: ALL HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND SELF-INSURERS

FROM: JAMES J. DONELON, COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

RE: COVERAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (RESCISSION OF DIRECTIVE 167)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

All health insurance issuers, health maintenance organizations, and self-insurers are given notice that Directive 167 issued on March 1, 2002 is hereby rescinded because it does not conform with current law.

The aforementioned and rescinded directive addressed benefits payable for the treatment of severe mental illness pursuant to La. R.S. 22:1043 (previously La. R.S. 22:669). Since its issuance, the provisions of Directive 167 have been superseded by amendments to its cited statutes and insurance market reforms enacted through the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 21st day of September, 2020.

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JAMES J. DONELON
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE