

**Mike Causey, Commissioner
North Carolina Department of Insurance**

BULLETIN

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To: All Insurance Companies and other Entities Licensed under Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes

From: Life & Health Division

Date: January 17, 2018

Subject: **Weather Projections – Approaching Winter Storm-
North Carolina Operations**

On January 16, 2018, Governor Cooper issued EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34, DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY for the State of North Carolina. The executive order declares that a state of emergency as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19), exists in the State of North Carolina due to the approach of a winter storm. The emergency area as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(7) and 166A-19.20(b) is the entire State of North Carolina ("the Emergency Area").

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-3-228, as revised by Session Law 2012-12, Section 2. (k), this bulletin pertains to all health benefit plans as defined in N.C.G.S. § 58-3-167, the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, and any optional plans or programs operating under Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, and other stand-alone prescription medication plans issued by entities that are licensed by the Department.

This bulletin is to remind health benefit plans of compliance requirements for operations under a state of emergency for purposes of obtaining extra prescriptions during a state of emergency or disaster.

This authorization of extra prescriptions during this state of emergency in the State of North Carolina is valid for prescription medication requests made within 29 days of issuance of this bulletin, unless extended by an order issued by the Commissioner.

Please refer any questions regarding this bulletin to the attention of Ted Hamby at LHInbox@ncdoi.gov.

The internet link to Governor Cooper's Executive Order is:
<https://governor.nc.gov/news/executive-orders>

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_58/GS_58-3-228.pdf