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To: All Companies Licensed to Write Accident and Sickness Insurance in Virginia, All Health Services Plans and Health Maintenance Organizations Licensed in Virginia

RE: Withdrawal of Administrative Letter 2015-01
Code of Virginia § 38.2-3418.17 – Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder

This letter serves as notice that Administrative Letter 2015-01 is hereby withdrawn.

The 2015 Virginia General Assembly passed HB 1940, which has been enrolled and signed by the Governor. Its provisions will go into effect July 1, 2015.

Contained in this bill is an amendment to subsection F of § 38.2-3418.17, that eliminates a reference to employers in the small group market as having 50 or fewer employees. As a result of this amendment, a health benefit plan that will be issued in the small group market on or after January 1, 2016 will be exempt from the requirement to provide the coverage as described in § 38.2-3418.17 for diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

Administrative Letter 2015-01 is therefore withdrawn. Questions relating to this matter should be referred to:

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