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To: Interested Parties
From: Eric A. Cioppa, Superintendent of Insurance
RE: 2015 Public Law Chapter 488 Stakeholders Meeting
Date: September 28, 2016

As you may be aware, 2015 PL, Ch. 488 -- An Act to Prevent Opiate Abuse by Strengthening the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program -- requires the Bureau to provide a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2018. As required by PL 488, the report will focus on the effect of prescription limits for opioid medication on the claims paid by health insurance carriers and the out-of-pocket costs (including copayments, coinsurance and deductibles) paid by members. The law also requires that the report include policy recommendations and/or regulatory options if it is determined that costs for consumers has increased as a result of the new prescribing limitations.

The Bureau has started a dialogue, and would like to continue it by holding a stakeholder meeting on October 31, 2016 at 10 a.m., in the Central Conference Room of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance at 76 Northern Ave., Gardiner.

Prior to this meeting, the Bureau has requested that all carriers provide information on past claims and their projections on changes. The carriers will be prepared to discuss this information at the October 31st meeting.

If you are aware of any relevant research on the effects on cost or utilization of prescription limits – in Maine or other states -- we would like to include it in the October 31st discussion. Please provide a copy or link to Violet Hyatt at Violet.Hyatt@maine.gov by October 27th.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Cioppa
Superintendent of Insurance



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