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FROM: ANNE MELISSA DOWLING, ACTING DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE *AMD*

DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

RE: COMPANY BULLETIN 2016-07
NOTICE TO INSURERS REGARDING THE TOPICAL EYE MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION ACT

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise all insurers writing accident and health policies in Illinois of Public Act 99-226 (Public Act). This Public Act, now codified as 215 ILCS 156/1 et sequentia, became effective on January 1, 2016, and stipulates that every insurer that amends, delivers, or renews an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance in Illinois that provides coverage for prescription topical eye medication must not deny coverage for the refilling of this prescription when:

- the medication is to treat a chronic condition of the eye;
- the refill is requested by the insured prior to the last day of the prescribed dosage period and after at least 75% of the predicted days of use; and
- the prescribing physician or optometrist indicates on the original prescription that refills are permitted and that the early refills requested by the insured do not exceed the total number of refills prescribed.

Questions regarding this bulletin pertaining to the Topical Eye Medication Prescription Act should be directed to Sandra Ross at Sandra.Ross@illinois.gov.