

STATE OF CONNECTICUT INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

> BULLETIN HC-110 FEBRUARY 16, 2016

TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES, HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS THAT DELIVER OR ISSUE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES IN CONNECTICUT

SUBJECT: MORATORIUM ON HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER FEE

The Affordable Care Act created an annual fee on health insurance providers beginning in 2014. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 ¹suspends collection of the health insurance provider fee for the 2017 calendar year. Insurance carriers have included a portion of the 2017 fee as part of the 2016 premium charged to employer groups with plan years beginning between February 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016. All carriers that have approved group rates for plan years beginning in 2016 are directed to refile such rates for second, third and fourth quarter of 2016 to remove the fee for the portion of the plan year in 2017. For groups with plan years beginning February 1, 2016 and March 1, 2016, carriers are directed to provide a credit or refund of the 2017 fee to the employer group in the 2016 plan year. Filings should be submitted no later than March 1, 2016.

Small employer carriers may include any additional rate changes requested for third and fourth quarter in accordance with Bulletin HC-106 in the March 1 rate filing submission.

Questions

Please contact the Insurance Department Life and Health Division at <u>cid.lh@ct.gov</u> with any questions.

Katharine L. Wade Insurance Commissioner

¹ H.R. 2029 (December 18, 2015) The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, Division P Tax Related Provisions, Title II §201 https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2029/text#toc-H9A94A21829504DB8A348EB54EA937190