State of Vermont Division of Health Care Administration Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities & Health Care Administration

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(ALCOHOL BENEFITS STATISTICS)

8 V.S.A. § 4099b required all insurers to compile data and periodically file statistical information relating to Alcohol Benefits with the Department for the purpose of identifying, measuring, and monitoring the services reimbursed under Subchapter 6 of Chapter 107 in Title 8 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Bulletin # 87 was issued on 9/8/87 to notify insurers as to the specifics of the required data filing relating to alcohol benefits in accordance with 8 V.S.A. § 4099b.

8 V.S.A. § 4099b was repealed in 1997. The repeal applies to any health insurance plan offered or renewed on and after January 1, 1998.

Therefore, the reporting requirements only apply to plans offered prior to 1/1/98 that have not since renewed. Health insurance plans offered or renewed on and after January 1, 1998 do not have monitoring or reporting obligations under Vermont law.

As many plans were offered on or after 1/1/98 and most plans issued prior to 1/1/98 will have renewed since, the data required by 8 V.S.A. § 4099b and further specified by Bulletin 87 will be of increasingly limited value to the Department.

Hence, the Department hereby rescinds Bulletin # 87 and from this date forward will no longer require insurers, non-profit hospital and medical service plan corporations and health maintenance organizations transacting health insurance in Vermont to compile or file statistical information pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4099b.

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