Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking

Lawrence H. Mirel
Commissioner

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TO: Insurers and Health Maintenance Organizations Licensed to Write Accident and Health Insurance in the District of Columbia

FROM: Commissioner Lawrence Mirel

RE: Uniform Child Health Screening Requirements

DATE: September 14, 2005

Effective immediately, companies submitting individual and group accident and health forms to the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking are required to comply with the Uniform Child Health Screening Requirements and Reporting Form Act of 2004, effective April 13, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-353; D.C. Official Code § 7-761.01 *et seq.*).

The purpose of this act is to:

- establish age appropriate health screening requirements for all children;
- improve the quality and health status of all children and youth by ensuring consistency in the delivering of services in health screening and early detection of health problems;
- increase compliance by using a uniform health assessment form; and
- provide the Mayor with the information necessary to evaluate a comprehensive system of appropriate preventive health services for children.

Children who are residents of the District of Columbia, wards of the District or have special needs that reside in or are receiving services in another state shall be covered for benefits until age 21. All group policies written in the District of Columbia shall offer covered health benefits to non-District residents at the same level and on the same terms as offered to District residents, except in instances when the insured's resident state legally mandates similar health benefits on an extra-territorial basis.

The Department of Health has issued the District of Columbia Child Health Certificate, (5/17/04) which outlines the required testing and immunizations. A copy of the Child Health Certificate can be obtained on the Department of Health website at www.dchealth.dc.gov.

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