



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

**Karima M. Woods
Commissioner**

NOTICE

**TO: ALL INSURERS AND PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANIES LICENSED
AND OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

FROM: KARIMA WOODS, COMMISSIONER

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2020

**SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS AND BULLETINS
PROVIDING RELIEF TO POLICYHOLDERS DURING PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY**

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all insurers and premium finance companies licensed and operating in the District of Columbia of their obligation to policyholders during the public health emergency in the District of Columbia.

On July 22, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia, executed Mayor's Order 2020-079 (Order), which extended the Public Health Emergency in the District through October 9, 2020. In Section III (Delegations of Authority), Paragraph Seven (7), the Order provides, "The Commissioner of DISB [Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking] is delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 507(a) of the Act, effective May 27, 2020, D.C. Act 23-326, and section 507(a) of the Congressional Review Act, effective June 8, 2020, D.C. Act 23-328, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b)(15), to waive application of any law administered by DISB to protect the health, safety, and welfare of District residents in response to a public health emergency."

On March 20, 2020 and April 27, 2020, then Acting Commissioner Karima Woods issued Commissioner's Orders 01-2020 and 03-2020, respectively. In addition, Acting Commissioner Woods issued bulletin 20-IB-2-05/08 on May 18, 2020. The purpose of the orders and bulletin is to provide relief to District policyholders by directing all health, property and casualty insurers and premium finance companies to modify or refrain from certain activities and business practices to protect insureds. The orders and the bulletin can be found on the Department's website: disb.dc.gov. Acting Commissioner Woods's orders and bulletins provide that such measures shall remain in place for the duration of the public health emergency.

Therefore, all insurers and premium finance companies licensed and operating in the District of Columbia are required to comply with the orders and bulletins through October 9, 2020, or until such time as Mayor Bowser extends, rescinds or otherwise modifies Mayor's Order 2020-079.

Any questions or concerns regarding this Notice may be directed to Howard Liebers at howard.liebers@dc.gov.

For information and resources regarding the District's response to COVID-19, please visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.