



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: MARCH 25, 2021

RE: 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.

All insurers and premium finance companies licensed and operating in the District of Columbia are required to comply with any and all Orders or Bulletins issued by Commissioner Karima Woods in response to the public health emergency until the Mayor's Orders declaring or extending such public health emergency expire or are rescinded (see Mayor's Order 2021-038 (MO21-38) extending Mayor's Order 2020-079 which delegated to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking "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.")

Commissioner Woods has issued two Orders and a Bulletin 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. (See Commissioner's Orders 01-2020 of March 20, 2020 and 03-2020 of April 27, 2020 and Bulletin 20-IB-2-05/08 of May 18, 2020 found on the Department's website: disb.dc.gov). The relief measures provided therein are to remain in place for the duration of the public health emergency.

On March 17, 2021, Mayor Muriel Bowser executed MO21-38 which extended the Public Health Emergency in the District through May 20, 2021.

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: coronavirus.dc.gov.