

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



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NOTICE

TO: Insurers and Health Maintenance Organizations Licensed to do Business in the District of Columbia

**SUBJECT: Update for Limited Benefit Alert
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This Notice is an update to clarify which health plans are applicable and require the Limited Benefit Alert language.

Limited benefit health plans are health plans that have limited/reduced benefits for medical coverage. These plans may limit benefits and specify coverage for certain conditions, treatment options and types of coverage such as Specified Diseases, Accident Only, Vision, Dental, Prescription Drug and plans for In-patient or Out-patient Only Treatment. Plans that make cash per day payments such as Cash/Indemnity Plans can be considered limited benefit plans. These plans do not provide the same level of coverage as a comprehensive medical plan.

A limited benefit plan is not to be used as a replacement for a major medical plan or be advertised as such.

“Limited Benefit, Please Read Carefully” should appear in 14-point type across the Face Page of all policies, riders, amendments and endorsements. If you have any questions concerning this Notice, please contact an Insurance Examiner in the Insurance Products Forms and Policy Analysis Branch at (202) 442-7796 or 7799.