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TO: ALL NEW JERSEY HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES; HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATIONS; HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS; DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS; PREPAID PRESCRIPTION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS; ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEMS; AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: STEVEN M. GOLDMAN, COMMISSIONER

RE: USE OF CLEARINGHOUSES IN ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS, N.J.A.C. 11:22-3.8

The purpose of this Bulletin is to advise health plans, health care providers, health care clearinghouses and other interested parties that, pursuant to Department of Banking and Insurance (Department) rule N.J.A.C. 11:22-3.8, health care payers that elect to use the services of a clearinghouse in electronic transactions are required, as of December 2, 2006, to only use the services of a clearinghouse that has been accredited by a national standards development organization that is properly authenticated and registered with the United States Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission as set forth in N.J.A.C. 11:22-3.8(b).

The Department recognizes, however, that some clearinghouses that have sought accreditation were not able to complete all of their self-assessments and site visits by December 2, 2006, so as to obtain full clearinghouse electronic privacy and security accreditation. Therefore, the Department is extending the time for payers to comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 11:22-3.8 until April 2, 2007 with respect to such clearinghouses. The extension of time for compliance with the rule will only apply to healthcare payers using clearinghouses that have applied for accreditation and that have been granted accreditation candidacy status by the National Standards Development Organization to which they applied for accreditation.

The status of a clearinghouse can be determined by consultation with the Department or by contacting the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission at:

E-mail: [www.ehnac.org](http://www.ehnac.org)

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