

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OKLAHOMA

**IN RE: ELECTRONIC FILING OF)
ANNUAL RENEWALS)
)
IN THE STATE OF)
OKLAHOMA)**

Case No. 16-0638-PRJ

**TO: ALL DISCOUNT MEDICAL PLAN ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

JURISDICTION

1. The Insurance Commissioner, John D. Doak, is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing the provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., pursuant to 36 O.S. § 307.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law that requires a particular form and associated payment to be filed with the Insurance Department in paper form, or to be mailed or hand-delivered to the Insurance Department, the Insurance Commissioner may, by appropriate order, require that all filings of that specific type be filed or delivered in electronic format. 36 O.S. § 350.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. “Discount medical plan” means a business arrangement or contract in which a person, in exchange for fees, dues, charges, or other consideration, provides access for plan members to providers of medical services and the right to receive medical services from those providers at a discount. 36 O.S § 1219.4(A)(3). To register as a discount medical plan organization (“DMPO”), an applicant shall file with the Insurance Department of the State of

Oklahoma an application on the form that the Insurance Commissioner requires and pay an application fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). 36 O.S. § 1219.4(B)(2).

2. Prior to expiration of the registration, a registrant may renew the registration for an additional one-year term if the registrant otherwise is entitled to be registered, files with the Department a renewal application on the form that the Insurance Commissioner requires, and pays to the Department a renewal fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). 36 O.S. § 1219.4(B)(5).

3. “Affiliate” means a person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with an insurance company, HMO, group health service organization or motor service club in this state. 36 O.S. §1219(B)(10)(d). An affiliate shall register as a DMPO on the form prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner prior to the sale, marketing or solicitation of a discount medical plan and pay an application fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). 36 O.S. § 1219(B)(10)(b).

5. An Affiliate registrant may renew the registration if the registrant pays an annual registration fee of One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) and remains in good standing with the Insurance Department. 36 O.S. § 1219.4(B)(10)(c).

4. On November 1, 2014, the following statutory provision in the Oklahoma Insurance Code took effect:

DUTY TO FILE OR DELIVER PAYMENTS ELECTRONICALLY

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5. This provision of law provides the Insurance Commissioner with the authority, by appropriate order, to require certain forms and associated payments to be filed electronically with the Insurance Department.

6. The Insurance Commissioner finds it proper to prescribe that all annual renewals be filed by electronic format effective November 1, 2016, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 350, as approved by the Commissioner.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Findings of Fact above are adopted, and incorporated by reference in these Conclusions of Law as if fully set forth herein.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, that all DMPOs annual renewals are to be filed by electronic format beginning November 1, 2016, as approved by the Commissioner pursuant to 36 O.S. § 350.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 16th day of September, 2016.



JAMES MILLS
CHIEF OF STAFF
STATE OF OKLAHOMA