



OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BULLETIN NO. LH 2011-03

**TO: ALL INSURERS WRITING HEALTH INSURANCE
ALL HMOS OFFERING HEALTH PRODUCTS**

**RE: OKLAHOMA SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH REINSURANCE
PROGRAM**

FROM: OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

DATE: JUNE 13, 2011

In 2010, the Oklahoma legislature enacted legislation to terminate the Small Employer Health Reinsurance Program. The legislation amended 36 O.S. § 6522 to require the Oklahoma Small Employer Health Insurance Program Board (Board) to wind up the affairs of the program, to account for the funds and expenses of the program, and to reimburse any remaining funds or monies from the initial assessment to the reinsuring carriers.

The Board met on June 3, 2011 and developed a plan to wind up the Program. The Board determined that after payment of the Program's final expenses, the remaining funds should be distributed to carriers existing as of November 1, 2010 according to the existing assessment formula. The assessment formula is proportional, based on a carrier's total earned premium in the small employer market. Determination of the small employer health carriers and their proportional share of the small employer market, as of December 31, 2010, will be based upon information that small employer carriers are required to report to the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

Distribution of the funds is expected to take place during the month of July, 2011.

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