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<u>VIA E-MAIL ONLY</u> Rules Review Commission c/o Amanda J. Reeder Commission Counsel N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609-6285

Re: Readoption Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.3A(c)(2)(g) of 11 NCAC 18, 11 NCAC 20 and 11 NCAC 21

Amanda:

I appreciate your speaking with me yesterday about the above-referenced matter. As you know, the N.C. Department of Insurance was instructed to readopt the following 10 rules no later than November 30, 2017: 11 NCAC 18 .0103, 11 NCAC 20 .0202, 11 NCAC 20 .0203, 11 NCAC 20 .0204, 11 NCAC 20 .0301, 11 NCAC 20 .0302, 11 NCAC 20 .0404, 11 NCAC 20 .0410, 11 NCAC 20 .0601 and 11 NCAC 21 .0106. To that end, the Department published a Notice of Text in the July 17, 2017 edition of the <u>N.C. Register</u> in which it proposed readoption of all 10 rules. The following 3 rules were proposed for readoption without substantive changes: 11 NCAC 20 .0301, 11 NCAC 21 .0106. The remaining seven (7) rules all contained some type of changes.

Following the publication in the <u>N.C. Register</u>, the Department received numerous comments from members of the regulated community that were unhappy with some of the proposed changes. These comments centered around Title 11, Chapter 20, involving Managed Care Health Benefit Plans. The Department has reviewed the comments and determined that they have merit and need to be incorporated into the rules. To that end, the Department is currently working to re-write portions of the rules to satisfy the comments. This process will result in the need for republication, and therefore the Department will miss the deadline for final readoption by November 30, 2017.

We respectfully ask for an extension for the following two (2) rules with a new final readoption date of June 30, 2018 – 11 NCAC 20 .0202 and 11 NCAC 20 .0204. This will allow the Department time to republish and readopt the rules in a timely manner. We will continue with the

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current readoption process for the remaining eight (8) rules and will meet the established readoption deadline for those.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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