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Concerning Grace Periods, Waiver of Late Fees and Other Actions for Federal Employees during the Federal Shutdown

I. Background and Purpose

The ongoing federal government shutdown has resulted in almost 57,000 federal employees and their families in Colorado being threatened with furloughs or being forced to work without pay. The purpose of this Bulletin is to urge carriers to take actions to avoid cancellations, lapses in coverage or late fees for federal employees affected by the federal shutdown.

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II. Applicability and Scope

This Bulletin is intended for all carriers offering insurance products in Colorado.

III. Division Position

The Division encourages carriers to work proactively with Coloradans who may experience temporary financial hardship because of the federal shutdown. Consumers should not lose their coverage or face penalties solely because of a temporary interruption in federal pay that is beyond their control.

Specifically, carriers are urged to undertake the following actions:

- Provide a 30-day grace period for premium payments.
- Refrain from assessing late fees, penalties or cancellations related to delayed payments.
- Offer alternative payment arrangements to help consumers maintain continuous coverage.
- Communicate with affected policyholders about available options and accommodation.

IV. Additional Resources

For More Information

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V. History

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