



Assurant Employee Benefits Announces Efforts to Assist Customers Impacted by Hurricane Irene

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26, 2011 – In anticipation of Hurricane Irene, Assurant Employee Benefits is prepared to assist its affected policyholders and brokers through this challenging time. A primary goal of our business has always been to help our customers and their employers return to normalcy in the face of loss and difficulties. That long-standing commitment will remain our goal as we work with potential victims of Hurricane Irene.

Assurant Employee Benefits is implementing several actions to assist our customers in Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and other states that may be impacted:

- Extended grace periods for payment of premiums in accordance with state guidelines.
- Flexible time limits as needed to address circumstances of specific policyholders.
- Displaced policyholders may seek out-of-network dental care at the in-network level through Friday, Sept. 2, 2011.

To report claims or make inquiries, customers who are affected by the hurricane are encouraged to call Assurant Employee Benefits toll free at 800-733-7879 for assistance.

Customers with disaster-related insurance inquiries or issues that are not Assurant Employee Benefits related should call their state departments of insurance at the phone numbers listed below:

- Connecticut Department of Insurance: 860-297-3900 or 800-203-3447
- Maryland Department of Insurance: 800-492-6116
- Massachusetts Department of Insurance: 617-521-7794
- New Jersey Department of Insurance: 800-446-7467
- New York Department of Insurance: 800-342-3736, 518-474-6600 (Albany) or 212-480-6400 (New York City)
- North Carolina Department of Insurance: 800-546-5664 (in North Carolina only) or 919-807-6750 (outside North Carolina)
- Pennsylvania Department of Insurance: 877-881-6388
- South Carolina Department of Insurance: 803-737-6160
- Virginia Department of Insurance: 804-371-9741 or 1-800-552-7945 (Virginia only)

Customers who are members of the Employee Assistance Program are encouraged to call 800-624-5544 if they need assistance in dealing with stress or other issues as a result of the hurricane and related events.

About Assurant Employee Benefits

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