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TO: All Insurers Authorized to Transact Health Insurance Business in the State of Alaska

RE: Survey on Health Insurance

This year, the legislature passed House Bill 158, which was signed into law (chapter 48, SLA 1999) and became effective on September 1, 1999. This legislation added a new paragraph to AS 21.06.110 requiring that the director's annual report contain "statistical information regarding health insurance, including the number of individual and group policies sold or terminated in the state." To comply with this directive, the division requests that all insurers who are licensed to transact health insurance business in Alaska and who offer a health care insurance plan in this state complete the attached survey and return it to the director by November 30, 1999.

The information gathered in this survey will be used to assist the legislature in determining the potential impact of legislative mandates on the health insurance market in Alaska, to report health insurance statistics in the director's annual report, and to verify the information provided to the director under AS 21.56.075.

This bulletin and survey are available on the Internet. In order to access this survey on the Internet, go to our web page at: <u>www.commerce.state.ak.us/insurance/bullet.htm</u>. You may then select Bulletin B99-13 or the survey. You may save the survey into a file.

- 1. In order to fill out the survey, open Word and the document you just saved.
- 2. Fill in the requested information and save the document.
- 3. E-mail the completed document as an attachment to: no later than November 30, 1999.

If you do not have access to electronic mail, you may fax your response to the Financial Section (907) 465-3422 or mail it to the Division of Insurance; Attention Financial Section; P.O. Box 110805; Juneau, Alaska 99811-0805.

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