

## STATE COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 25, 2010

TO: Mr. Mitchell G. Crane, Esq.

Delaware Department of Insurance

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 13 DE Reg. 1051 [Department of Insurance Health Claim Settlement Regulation]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Insurance's (DOI's) proposal to amend its regulation relating to payment of claims for heath care services published as 13 DE Reg. 1051 in the February 1, 2010 issue of the Register of Regulations. As background, the Department of Insurance maintains a regulation [18 DE Admin Code Part 1310] which includes procedural standards for health insurer processing of claims. The existing regulation contains an exemption for claims submitted under Medicare supplement and long term care policies. The Department is now proposing to delete the exemption so that Medicare supplement and long term care policies would be subject to the regulation.

SCPD <u>endorses</u> the proposed regulation since the Part 1310 regulations promote fair and prompt processing of claims.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed regulation.

cc: The Honorable Karen Weldin Stewart

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