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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

**DIVISION OF INSURANCE** 

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

## **Health Wellness Promotion Act**

Notice of Mandated Adjustments to Benefit Payments and Value for Services Schedule

Take notice that the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, in compliance with sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Health Wellness Promotion Act, P.L. 1993, c. 327 (as codified: N.J.S.A. 17:48-6i, 17:48A-7h, 17:48E-35.6, 17B:26-2.1h, 17B:27-46.1h and 26:2J-4.6(c)) (the "Act"), hereby makes no adjustment to the current maximum dollar amounts for benefits or services that carriers and HMOs are required to provide or allow for the schedule of screens, tests and services set forth in the Act (or for a different schedule of such screens, tests and services for a specific insured or member when determined by a health care provider to be medically appropriate in accordance with the Act). Such adjustments are based on changes in the medical component of the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island region and the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City region as reported by the United States Department of Labor. For the period from December

2008 to December 2009 that index increased 0.1 percent. Accordingly, the maximum dollar amounts remain the same as those for the prior period, and are as follows:

1. \$223.00 a year for each person between the ages of 20 to 39 inclusive;

2. \$259.00 a year for each man who is 40 years of age or older;

3. \$420.00 a year for each woman who is 40 years of age or older; and

4. \$266.00 for a left-sided colon examination for each person 45 years of age or older, which shall be in addition to the amounts otherwise specified in Items 2 and 3 above.

These amounts shall take effect for all policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2010.