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**TO: SELF-FUNDED HEALTHCARE PLANS IN GEORGIA**

**FROM: JOHN F. KING  
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**DATE: JULY 1, 2022**

**RE: SELF-FUNDED HEALTHCARE PLANS ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE SURPRISE BILLING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

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HB 234 was signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp on April 29, 2021, and became effective on the same date. Section 3 of HB 234 amended O.C.G.A. § 33-20F *et. seq.* to allow self-funded healthcare plans operating in Georgia to elect to participate in the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act.

O.C.G.A. § 33-20F-2 (b) requires that “A self-funded healthcare plan that elects to participate in the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act shall provide notice to the Commissioner of its election decision on a form prescribed by the Commissioner.”

A copy of the form to be used by self-funded healthcare plans who wish to opt into the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act can be found [HERE](#). Once completed, these forms should be sent to the Administrative Procedure Division via the following email address:  
[AdminProc@oci.ga.gov](mailto:AdminProc@oci.ga.gov).

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