



**DIRECTIVE 22-EX-6**

TO: ALL INSURERS OFFERING HEALTH PLANS IN GEORGIA

FROM: JOHN F. KING  
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DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2022

RE: EXPANDING WHITE BAGGING DIRECTIVE 22-EX-5

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On August 30, 2022, I issued [Directive 22-EX-5](#) prohibiting white bagging at any hospital in the state designated as a “Critical Access Hospital” by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and at any hospital not designated as a Critical Access Hospital that is located 30 miles or more from another hospital. While the Directive has had the desired effect of protecting rural hospitals in Georgia, the scope missed some additional vulnerable hospitals.

Accordingly, I am expanding the scope of Directive 22-EX-5 so that the practice of white bagging is also prohibited at any hospitals the Georgia Department of Community Health has qualified as being eligible for the Georgia HEART program.

A list of qualified hospitals may be found here:  
<https://www.georgiaheart.org/hospitals/page/hospitals>.

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