



DIRECTIVE 24-EX-1

TO: ALL INSURERS ISSUING PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER A HEALTH
BENEFIT PLAN

FROM: JOHN F. KING
INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2024

RE: ANNUAL SUBMISSION OF MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION
EQUITY (INCLUDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER) DATA CALL

The Official Code of Georgia (“O.C.G.A.”) § 33-1-27(c)(1)(A) requires compliance with the Georgia Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act for health insurers offering coverage for mental health or substance use disorders as part of a health care plan. Insurers subject to O.C.G.A. § 33-1-27(c)(1)(A) are required to submit data on mental health parity on an annual basis to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (“OCI”).

Pursuant to the O.C.G.A. § 33-24-59.10 *Coverage for autism*, every “accident and sickness contract, policy, or benefit plan,” as defined by O.C.G.A. § 33-24-59.1 (Health Plan) and not otherwise exempt per O.C.G.A. §§ 33-24-59.10(e) and 33-24-59.10(g) that is issued or renewed in Georgia shall provide treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and, under O.C.G.A. § 33-24-59.10(i), shall provide the OCI with all data requested by the OCI for inclusion in the annual report.

The OCI has contracted with Regulatory Insurance Advisors, LLC (“RIA”) to facilitate the collection and analysis of mental health parity data, which includes ASD.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit to OCIDataCall2023@riaconsulting.net the name, title, e-mail address, and phone number of the contact person(s) responsible for the data submission along with Company Name and NAIC CoCode. When submitting the data call requirements, please include the following in the email subject line: “OCI Data Call,” data year, Company NAIC CoCode, and Company Name. An example subject line would be: OCI Data Call 2023, NAIC Code 12345 – ABC Company.
2. RIA will then create an Insurer-Specific Data Call Folder on a secure ShareFile website containing the Data Call Template and instructions for the insurer.
3. The insurer can then obtain the Data Call template and upload responses and supporting documentation to the secure Insurer-Specific Data Call folder.

Annual Filing Schedule			
Submission Required	Georgia Code Reference	Due Date	Where to send
Setup of secure Citrix ShareFile folder	For purposes of O.C.G.A. § 33-1-27(c)(1)(A)	Prior to but no later than May 8th	Email OCIDataCall2023@riaconsulting.net with contact information and Company information.
Mental Health Parity (including ASD) Data Call 2023	O.C.G.A. § 33-1-27(c)(1)(A) and O.C.G.A. § 33-24-59.10	May 15th of each year	RIA will send the contact a secure link to upload Data Call information. The establishment of the ShareFile site will also be the repository of Data Call instructions and templates.

For any questions, please contact OCIDataCall2023@riaconsulting.net or (402) 217-7745.



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