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TO: ALL LICENSED INSURANCE COMPANIES, THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, AND ANY OTHER COMPANIES THAT PROCESS AND PAY HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS IN MISSISSIPPI

**FROM: MIKE CHANEY
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**SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 1405
REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTIVATION OF TRAUMA CARE TEAM**

During the 2008 Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature passed House Bill 1405. That law states in part:

"Any hospital that reasonably activates a trauma care team in response to a request for trauma care services may charge the patient for the reasonable cost of activating those services and shall be reimbursed for those services by the health care insurer by assignment from the patient or from the patient. That cost shall be reimbursed regardless of whether services were actually rendered to the patient, and those trauma care services shall be deemed as a matter of law to have been medical services provided to the patient."

This Bulletin is directed to all licensed insurance companies, third party administrators, and any other companies that process and pay health insurance claims in Mississippi to make them aware of the above provisions and to advise all such companies that they must comply with the provisions of this law.

House Bill 1405 will become effective on July 1, 2008. If there are any questions concerning this Bulletin, please contact the Mississippi Insurance Department at (601) 359-3569.

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