

COVID-19 - Insurance Department Responses Regarding Cancellation and Nonrenewal

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| State | Cancellation and Nonrenewal Provisions | Link | Last Updated |
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| AL | The Alabama Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| AK | Issued by Bulletin on March 18, 2020: The Alaska Division of Insurance prohibits carriers from terminating insurance contracts due to non-payment. This effort will provide relief to affected policyholders by allowing continuing insurance coverage. In conjunction with this effort, the DOI will work with carriers to minimize the regulatory effects of such an extension, specifically financial review requirements. The extension of the grace period does not eliminate the obligation to pay the premium, but limits policy cancellation for late payment. Carriers are encouraged to work with policyholders in the collection of premiums and to waive all late fees. | Bulletin 20-08: Fair Treatment of Consumers | 4/2/2020 |
| AZ | Issued by Bulletin on April 16, 2020: By Regulatory Bulletin 2020-04 the Arizona Department of Insurance encourages insurers to offer specific types of relief. One example of potential relief that the Department provides is to refrain from cancelling or nonrenewing policies due to non-payment during this time of hardship. | Regulatory Bulletin 2020-04 April 16, 2020 COVID-19 and Insurance Customer Relief; Flexibility | 4/17/2020 |
| AR | To assist citizens who may struggle to overcome obstacles during this health emergency, the Department is hereby issuing a sixty (60) day moratorium on the cancellation/non-renewal of insurance policies for the non-payment of premiums for Arkansans: • Diagnosed with/positively tested for COVID-19 (Bulletin 6-2020); and • Terminated, laid off, or who are self-employed or an independent contractor and have experienced a cessation of work. (Bulletin 12-2020) This moratorium shall apply to all insurance policies issued in this state. Issued by Bulletin on May 11, 2020: By Bulletin No. 21-2020, the Commissioner issued a 45 day moratorium on the cancellation/non-renewal of personal lines and life and health insurance policies for the non-payment of premiums for the following Arkansas residents who, since March 11, 2020, have: | AR Moratorium on Cancellation/ Nonrenewal Bulletin No. 21-2020 45-Day Cancellation Moratorium for Certain Policyholders Affected by the COVID-19 Emergency | 5/12/2020 |

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| | Been diagnosed with/positively tested for COVID-19; or | | |
| | As a consequence of the COVID-19 health emergency, have been terminated, laid off, or who | | |
| | are selfemployed or an independent contractor and have experienced a cessation of work. Click | | |
| | on link to Bulletin for further details. | | |
| CA | Issued by Press Release on March 18, 2020: | CA Premium Grace | 5/18/2020 |
| | Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara today issued a Notice requesting that all insurance | Period Extension | |
| | companies provide their policyholders with at least a 60-day grace period to pay insurance | | |
| | premiums. The Commissioner made the request to ensure policies are not cancelled for | Notice | |
| | nonpayment of premium due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. | April 3, 2020 | |
| | Thompaymont of promisin due to the nover coronavirus (00 vib 13) public health emergency. | Extension of | |
| | Issued by Notice on April 3, 2020: | Policyholder Deadlines | |
| | The Department notified all licensees that they should not attempt to enforce policy or statutory | that Impact Claims | |
| | deadlines on policyholders until ninety (90) days after the end of the statewide "state of | triat impact Ciairis | |
| | emergency" or other "state of emergency" that impacts a specific policyholder. This includes, but | Notice May 15, 2020: | |
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| | is not limited to, deadlines for the submission of a sworn proof of loss, other claim forms, | | |
| | examinations under oath, medical examinations, physical inspections of insured property, | Grace Period for | |
| | separating damaged property from undamaged property, temporary repairs to prevent further | Insurance Premium | |
| | damage, and any other policy, statutory, or insurer imposed deadlines placed on the policyholder | <u>Payments</u> | |
| | where failure to comply could result in the forfeiture, limitation, or waiver of any policyholder(s) | | |
| | rights to benefits under any policy of insurance. | Bulletin 2020-4 | |
| | | Premium Refunds, | |
| | Issued by Notice on May 15, 2020 | Credits, and Reductions | |
| | Commissioner Lara requested that the grace period to pay insurance premiums be extended until | | |
| | July 14, 2020, which is 60 days from the date of this Notice. Accordingly, insurance companies | | |
| | should not cancel or non-renew a policyholder for failure to pay insurance premiums during this | | |
| | time period. | | |
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| | Bulletin 2020-4 extends the relevant time period for Bulletin 2020-3 and also provides additional | | |
| | clarification about that bulletin. | | |
| CO | Issued by Bulletin on March 27, 2020: | Bulletin No. B-5.38 | 4/22/2020 |
| | The Division directs all insurance companies issuing coverage to personal and commercial | Actions to Protect | |
| | policyholders to make reasonable accommodations to prevent individuals and businesses from | Consumers with | |
| | losing coverage due to cancellation for the non-payment of premium during this | Property and Casualty | |
| | unprecedented time. | Insurance Policies | |
| | Reasonable accommodations should include, but not be limited to: | 11031311001 | |
| | Extension of premium grace periods; | Bulletin No. B-4.107 | |
| | Waiver of late payment fees; | Policy Directives for | |
| | 3. A moratorium on cancellations for non-payment; | Continuation of | |
| | | <u>Continuation of</u> | |
| | 4. Defer any non-renewal underwriting actions; and, | | |



| | 5. Provide a continuation of coverage for any expiring policy. Such accommodations should be available to the policyholder, and clearly explained on the insurer's website, for as long as the Orders are in effect or until the Bulletin is rescinded, whichever is later. | Individual Health Insurance Coverage | |
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| | Issued by Bulletin on April 21, 2020: The Department provides guidance to all insurers offering individual health benefit plans in the State of Colorado. Bulletin No. B-4.107 advises that Coloradans should have access to health insurance during the COVID-19 disaster emergency, and policies should not be cancelled for the non-payment of premiums due to financial hardship or other adverse circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency. | | |
| СТ | Issued by Bulletin on March 24, 2020: The Connecticut Insurance Department is requesting that all insurance companies provide their insureds with at least a 60-day grace period to pay insurance premiums so that insurance policies are not cancelled for nonpayment of premium during this challenging time due to circumstances beyond the control of the insured. | Bulletin No. IC-40 60-Day Grace Period for Premium Payments | 4/2/2020 |
| DC | The District of Columbia Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| DE | Issued by Bulletin on March 20, 2020: The Commissioner requested companies to suspend all cancellation and nonrenewal due to nonpayment of premium during the state of emergency. That said, in the Sixth Modification to the State of Emergency, the governor declared that, "No insurer may, without a court order, lapse, terminate or cause to be forfeited a covered insurance policy because a covered policyholder does not pay a premium or interest or indebtedness on a premium under the policy that is due during the pendency of the declared state of emergency." A covered insurance policy includes health insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, property insurance, motor vehicle insurance, and commercial/business insurance. A "covered policyholder" means any individual or business entity who, as a result of the conditions imposed under the COVID-19 state of emergency, or the public health emergency, was laid off or fired from their employment or was required to close to significantly reduce its business. Issued by Bulletin on April 3, 2020: | Bulletin No. 116: Additional Guidance Sixth Modification to the State of Emergency Bulletin 117: Compliance with Regulatory Requirements | 4/7/2020 |
| FL | The Department further expands on its position to suspend all cancellation and nonrenewals. Issued by Informational Memorandum on March 25, 2020: | Informational | 4/2/2020 |
| FL | issued by informational Memoralidum on March 25, 2020. | Memorandum OI-20- | 4/2/2020 |

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| | Regulated entities are encouraged, when prudently possible, to be flexible with premium | 04M: Continued | |
| | payments in order to avoid a lapse in coverage. Such flexibility can include: | Guidance for Response | |
| | Relaxing due dates; | to COVID-19 | |
| | Extending grace or reinstatement periods; | | |
| | 3. Waiving late fees and penalties; and | | |
| | 4. Allowing payment plans. | | |
| | Regulated entities are encouraged to only consider cancellation of policies if all possible efforts to | | |
| | work with consumers to continue coverage have been exhausted. | | |
| GA | Issued by Directive on March 20, 2020: | GA Directive 20-EX-5: | 4/2/2020 |
| J | The Georgia Department of Insurance directed all Property and Casualty insurers to refrain from | Directions to Property | 1,2,2020 |
| | canceling any commercial policy due to nonpayment of premium for the next 60 days, including | and Casualty Carriers | |
| | business interruption or business income coverage. | and Casualty Carriers | |
| HI | The Hawaii Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
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| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | Distriction OO OF: Waiten of | |
| ID | Issued by Bulletin on April 15, 2020: | Bulletin 20-05: Waiver of | |
| | Pursuant to authority in Idaho Code section 41-210(2) and 41-210(5), the Department hereby | Certain Requirements | |
| | notifies insurance carriers that during the state of emergency, the Department will not regard | due to COVID-19; | |
| | certain activities as unfair trade practices or unfair methods of competition, and encourages | Property & Casualty | |
| | carriers to consider implementing said activities during this state of emergency. The bulletin lists | | |
| | "Additional time before non-renewals or cancellation become effective," as an example of insurer | | |
| | flexibility. | | |
| IL | Issued by Bulletin on April 3, 2020: | Bulletin 2020-09: | 5/6/2020 |
| | 1. Moratorium on cancellations and nonrenewals. Insurers should seek to postpone or withdraw | Suspension of | |
| | any previous notice of cancellation or nonrenewal in which the cancellation or nonrenewal occurs | Cancellation, Non- | |
| | on or after March 9, 2020 on any in-force policy. Insurers should consider postponing the | Renewal, and Premium | |
| | issuance of any new cancellation or nonrenewal notices through April 30, 2020, or a later time if | Payment for Certain | |
| | considered reasonable given an individual consumer's circumstance. Insurers are asked to | P&C Policies | |
| | continue coverage, even in cases of unpaid premium, through at least April 30, 2020. | | |
| | 2. Postponement of cancellation and nonrenewal hearings. Please be advised that hearings and | Bulletin 2020-11: | |
| | pretrial conferences scheduled on or after the date of this Company Bulletin may be continued to | Emergency Rulemaking | |
| | a date after April 30, 2020. The Hearing Officer will provide notice of the new hearing date to the | at 50 III. Adm. Code | |
| | parties. | 2040, Effective | |
| | PSI. 1005. | Immediately | |
| | Issued by Bulletin on April 20, 2020: | <u></u> | |
| | Bulletin 2020-11 provides additional restrictions on cancellation/nonrenewal, as well as rate or | Bulletin 2020-12: | |
| | program changes. | Extending Previously | |
| | program changes. | Issued Suspension of | |
| | Issued by Bulletin on May 5, 2020: | Cancellation, | |
| | issued by Dulletin on May 5, 2020. | <u>Cancenation,</u> | |



| | The IL DOI release Bulletin 2020-12, which extends previously issued suspensions of | Nonrenewal, and | |
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| | cancellation, nonrenewal, and premium payments for consumer auto, homeowners, and | Premium Payment | |
| | commercial P&C policies other than fidelity/surety and ocean marine policies. | | |
| IN | Issued by Bulletin on March 26, 2020: | Bulletin 252: Moratorium | 5/7/2020 |
| | The Indiana Department of Insurance request all insurance companies and HMOs in Indiana to | on Policy Cancellations | |
| | institute a moratorium on policy cancellations and non-renewals of any insurance policy in effect | and Non-Renewals | |
| | for a policyholder in Indiana to allow a grace period for any policyholder in Indiana for a period of | | |
| | 60-days for any premium payment due from March 19, 2020 to May 18, 2020. | Bulletin 254: Extension | |
| | | of Moratorium on Policy | |
| | Issued by Bulletin on May 7, 2020: | Cancellations and Non- | |
| | Bulletin 254 extends the moratorium on policy cancellations and non-renewals detailed in Bulletin | <u>Renewals</u> | |
| | 252 through May 31, 2020. | | |
| IA | Issued by Bulletin on March 19, 2020: | Bulletin 20-04: Individual | |
| | The lowa Department issued the following regarding individual and small-group coverage: | and Small Group | |
| | However, in light of the Proclamation, the Commissioner requests that issuers on the Federally | Coverage Impacted by | |
| | Facilitated Exchange extend premium payment deadlines (such as deadlines for payment to | COVID-19 | |
| | effectuate coverage) and delay cancellations for non-payment of premium that are at least | | |
| | consistent with this Bulletin. | | |
| KS | The Kansas Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| KY | The Kentucky Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| LA | The Louisiana Department of Insurance issued an Emergency Rule suspends any notice of | Emergency Rule 40: | 4/2/2020 |
| | cancellation, notice of nonrenewal, nonreinstatement or any other notice. Backdating the order to | Cancellations and | |
| | March 12, 2020, any such notice shall be null and void and have no force of effect. | <u>Nonrenewals</u> | |
| ME | April 7, 2020: | Supplemental Order | 4/7/2020 |
| | The Department has released a supplemental order regarding the deferral or premium deadlines. | Regarding Deferral of | |
| | The order addresses grace period, cancellations, and nonrenewals for health insurers. The order | Premium Deadlines | |
| | differentiates between individuals receiving Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) and | | |
| | individuals and groups not receiving APTC. | | |
| MD | The Maryland Department of Insurance encourages all Life & Health Carriers and Property and | Bulletin 20-10: Bulletin | 7/7/2020 |
| | Casualty Insurers doing business in the State to make reasonable accommodations so that | Regarding Premium | |
| | individuals and businesses do not lose coverage due to non-payment of premium during this | <u>Payment</u> | |
| | emergency. Reasonable accommodations may include suspension of premiums due, extension | | |
| | of billing due dates and premium grace periods, and waiver of installment and late payment fees. | Bulletin No. 20-28: | |
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| | July 7, 2020: | Cancellation of P&C | |
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| | In response to requests for guidance by property and casualty insurers that have deferred | <u>Policies</u> | |
| | cancellation and/or premium collection, the Administration provides the following guidance to | | |
| | insurers with respect to the resumption of non-payment cancellations of property and casualty | | |
| | insurance policies in Maryland: | | |
| | 1. All existing legal requirements for advance notification, mailing method and content of such | | |
| | notices are in effect; | | |
| | 2. An insurer may not cancel a current policy term as a result of a past due amount from a prior | | |
| | term; | | |
| | 3. Payments received from insureds that are in arrears should be applied to the current policy | | |
| | period before being applied to a prior term's premium due. | | |
| MA | The Massachusetts Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related | | |
| | cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| MI | Issued by Bulletin on April 13, 2020: | Bulletin 20-16: Insurer | 4/14/2020 |
| | The Director strongly encourages insurers to provide their insureds with at least a 60-day grace | Flexibility Request | |
| | period to pay insurance premiums so that insurance policies are not cancelled for nonpayment of | | |
| | premium. Insurers may effectuate this directive by offering payment accommodations, such as | | |
| | allowing consumers to defer payments (without incurring interest), extending payment due dates, | | |
| | and/or waiving late or reinstatement fees. | | |
| MN | The Minnesota Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| MS | Issued by Bulletin on March 25, 2020: | Moratorium on Policy | 4/2/2020 |
| | To assist Mississippians impacted by this pandemic and the closures and quarantines it has | Cancellations/ | |
| | caused, the Mississippi Insurance Department ("Department") is hereby issuing a sixty (60) day | Nonrenewals for | |
| | moratorium on the cancellation/non-renewal of policies for the non-payment of premiums, | Policyholders | |
| | effective March 24, 2020. This moratorium shall apply to all policies issued or issued for delivery | | |
| | in this State. | Bulletin 2020-4: | |
| | | Clarification on the | |
| | Additionally, on April 1, 2020, Mississippi issued a clarification regarding the moratorium. | Moratorium on | |
| | | Cancellations and | |
| | | Nonrenewals | |
| МО | Issued by Bulletin on March 21, 2020: | Bulletin 20-05: | 5/7/2020 |
| | Coverage for residents of the State of Missouri should continue under all insurance policies in | Assistance to | |
| | effect as of March 13, 2020, and shall remain in effect until such time as Executive Order 20-04 is | Policyholders | |
| | terminated or this bulletin is rescinded, whichever is later. Insurers are strongly encouraged not to | | |
| | cancel, nonrenew, or terminate coverage while this Bulletin is in effect. | Bulletin 20-10: | |
| | | Extension and | |
| | Issued by Bulletin on May 7, 2020: | Terminations of Grace | |
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| | Per Bulletin 20-10, the Department is extending the application of Bulletin 20-05 until June 15, | Periods extended under | |
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| | 2020. All insurers, including health carriers, are strongly encouraged to extend grace periods until | Bulletin 20-05 | |
| | June 15, 2020. | | |
| MT | Issued by Department Updated on March 26, 2020: | MT Insurer | 4/2/2020 |
| | The Montana recommended the following among other suggests to provide insureds with relieve: | Recommendations | |
| | Pausing cancellation of coverage for motorists due to temporary non-payment and policy | | |
| | expiration. | | |
| NE | Issued by Notice on March 27, 2020: | NE Insurer | 4/2/2020 |
| | The Nebraska Department of Insurance, thus far, has only requested that any accommodations | <u>Accommodations</u> | |
| | provided to policyholders be on a consistent and fair basis. | | |
| NV | Issued by Department Statement on March 30, 2020 regarding P&C Insurers: | Statement Regarding the | 4/2/2020 |
| | The Nevada Division of Insurance encourages all Property & Casualty carriers to consider the | P&C Market | |
| | following relief for those Nevadans affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The focus of all of the | | |
| | actions below should be on the industry's consumer service obligations. | Statement Regarding the | |
| | Providing an extended grace period before cancellation of coverage | Health Insurance Market | |
| | Providing flexibility with due dates for premiums | | |
| | Waiving late fees and penalties | | |
| | Payment plans for premiums to avoid a lapse in coverage | | |
| | Only cancel or non-renew if all other efforts are exhausted | | |
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| | Issued by Department Statement on March 30, 2020 regarding Health Insurers: | | |
| | The Nevada Division of Insurance encourages all Health insurance carriers as members of the | | |
| | Nevada community, to consider the following relief for those Nevadans affected by the COVID-19 | | |
| | outbreak. The focus of all the requests below are on actions the industry can take to deliver on its | | |
| | consumer service obligations. | | |
| | Premium concerns due to financial hardships: | | |
| | Providing an additional 60-day grace period before cancellation of coverage | | |
| | Providing flexibility with due dates for premiums | | |
| | Waiving late fees and penalties | | |
| | Payment plans for premiums to avoid a lapse in coverage | | |
| | Only cancel or non-renew if all other efforts are exhausted | | |
| | Do not impose discriminatory cancelations or non-renewal options. | | |
| | Encourage the use of electronic payments | | |
| NH | The New Hampshire Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related | | |
| | cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
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The New Jersey Department of Insurance asked insurers to provide flexibility to insureds, including relaxing due dates for premium payments, extending grace periods, and allowing forbearance regarding the cancellation and nonrenewal of policies.

Issued by a series of Bulletins and a corresponding Press Released on April 10, 2020: Executive Order 123 a minimum 60-day grace period for health and dental insurance policies, and a minimum 90-day grace period for life insurance, insurance premium-financing arrangements, and property and casualty insurance, which includes auto, homeowners, and renters insurance. These requirements are expressed in Bulletins 20-11 through 20-17.

June 1, 2020:

Per Bulletin 20-27, in response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, the Department is directing carriers to provide policyholders and contract holders who may be experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 with a 60-day emergency grace period to pay premiums so that insurance policies or contracts are not cancelled for nonpayment of premium due. A policyholder or contract holder may elect to begin the emergency grace period retroactively on April 1, 2020 or May 1, 2020. During this emergency grace period, carriers cannot cancel any policy for nonpayment of premium. Coverage must remain in force and claims must be paid and may not be pended.

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Bulletin No. 20-11: Guidance Regarding Barriers to Coverage

Bulletin No. 20-12:
Guidance Regarding
Small Employer Health
and Dental Plans

Bulletin No. 20-13: Guidance Regarding Large Group Health Benefit

Bulletin No. 20-14:
Guidance Regarding
Medicare Supplement
Plans

Bulletin No. 20-15:
Directive Regarding P&C
Cancellations and Grade
Periods

Bulletin No. 20-16:
Directive Regarding Life
Carriers Extending
Grace Periods

Bulletin No. 20-17:
Directive Regarding
Premium Finance
Companies Extending
Grace Periods



| | | Press Release: April 10, 2020 – Regarding Bulletins Published on Grace Periods and Cancellations Bulletin No. 20-17: 60-Day Grace Period for Health Policies | |
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| NM | The New Mexico Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| NY | Issued by Press Release on March 30, 2020: The New York DFS directs property and casualty insurers to provide flexibility to consumers experiencing financial hardship caused by the pandemic by extending to 60 days the grace period for the payment of premiums and fees under auto, homeowners and renters insurance policies, among others. The same relief will be available for businesses with 100 employees or less, independently owned and operated and resident in New York, under auto, homeowners, renters, workers' compensation, medical malpractice, livery and taxi, and certain other lines of commercial insurance. DFS requires property and casualty insurers to provide the following relief to consumers and small businesses who can demonstrate financial hardship due to COVID-19: Provide a 60-day grace period for the cancellation, conditional renewal or non-renewal of a policyholder's insurance policy; Allow premiums due but not paid during the 60-day period to be paid over the course of the following year in 12 equal monthly installments; and Waive any late payment fees, and not report late payments to credit rating agencies, during the 60-day period. | NY Press Release Regarding Cancellation, Nonrenewals, and Other Responses to Financial Hardship ELANY Bulletin No. 2020-16: Moratorium on Cancellations and Nonrenewals ELANY Bulletin No. 2020-17 Revised: Clarification on the Moratorium on Cancellations and Nonrenewals | 7/7/2020 |
| | April 6, 2020: ELANY published Bulletin 2020-17 to clarify the moratorium referenced in ELANY Bulletin 2020-16. April 7, 2020: | ELANY Bulletin No. 2020-24: Clarification of COVID-19 Moratorium/ Grace Periods/ Notifications | |

| ELANY Bulletin 2020-31: ELANY Bulletin 2020-16. May 13, 2020: ELANY Bulletin No. 2020-24 offers a further clarification regarding the DFNYS moratorium on cancellations and nonrenewals. June 4, 2020: The DFS's emergency regulation regarding the cancellation/nonrenewal moratorium, premium payment grace period, and notice requirements has been extended and will now remain in effect through June 28, 2020, unless further extended. June 6, 2020: The Emergency Regulation regarding the moratorium on cancellation/nonrenewal has been further extended to July 6, 2020. July 7, 2020: The Emergency Regulation regarding the moratorium on cancellation/nonrenewal has been further extended to July 6, 2020. July 7, 2020: The NY DFS's emergency regulations extending the cancellation and nonrenewal moratorium to July 6 has not been renewed, according to ELANY. Therefore, after July 6, 2020, insurers are no longer required to grant new moratoriums and premium payment grace periods to policyholders claiming a COVID-19 financial hardship. Relief granted prior to July 7, 2020 must be administered pursuant to the requirements of the now expired executive order and emergency regulations. NC Issued by Department Notice on March 24, 2020. Commissioner Causey has asked the state's insurance industry to consider the following actions: • Relax due dates for premiums payments to otherwise avoid a lapse in coverage. • Consider cancellation or non-renewal of policies only after exhausting other efforts to work with policyholders to continue coverage ND Issued by Bulletin on March 30, 2020: The North Dakota Department of Insurance urges insurers to provide flexibility and possible relief to insures. The Bulletin includes the extension of premium payment deadlines, extension of grace Period, and Moratoral Period. Health Insurance Coverage Flexibility Health Insurance 4/2/2020 Coverage Flexibility | | | | |
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| | The Ohio Department of Insurance directed Insurances to give their Insureds the option of deferring premium, interest free, for up to 60 calendar days from original premium due date. | | |
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| OK | Issued by Bulletin on March 17, 2020 regarding Health Insurers: Health carriers shall not cancel the coverage of any person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is unable to return to work or maintain coverage under their current health carrier because of COVID -19 for the next ninety (90) days. Health carriers should extend the traditional thirty (30) day grace period to a sixty (60) day grace period for nonpayment of premiums. Federal rules governing marketplace policies (ACA) will remain in effect with respect to grace periods. | OK Directive to Health Carriers OK Directive to Property and Casualty Carriers | 4/2/2020 |
| | Issued by Bulletin on March 20, 2020 regarding P&C Insurers: Property and casualty carriers should extend their applicable grace period for nonpayment of premium by an additional forty-five (45) days. This grace period extension does not relieve an insured of the obligation to pay premiums but merely is a deferral of the payment due date. | | |
| OR | Issued by News Release on March 30, 2020: The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services issued a temporary emergency order today in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. It requires all insurance companies to extend grace periods for premium payments, postpone policy cancellations and nonrenewals, and extend deadlines for reporting claims. Insurance companies must take steps immediately to do the following until the order is no longer in effect: Institute a grace period for premium payments on all insurance policies issued in the state Suspend all cancellations and nonrenewals for active insurance policies Extend all deadlines for consumers to report claims and communicate about claims Provide consumers the ability to make premium payments and report claims while maintaining safe social distancing standards The order is effective immediately, and will be in force through at least April 23. If necessary, the department may extend the duration of this temporary order. | Grace Period for Insurance Deadlines | 4/2/2020 |
| PA | Issued by Department Notice on March 19, 2020: The Department specifically encourages the entities and individuals it regulates to assist those affected by the current situation. Insurers should consider the following actions: consistent with prudent insurance practices, relaxing due dates for premiums payments, extending grace periods, waiving late fees and penalties, and allowing payment plans for premiums payments to | PA Directives to All Insurers | 4/2/2020 |

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| RI | Issued by Bulletin on March 25, 2020: | Bulletin 2020-4: Insurer | 4/2/2020 |
| | The Rhode Island Insurance Division requests that insurers provide as much flexibility as | <u>Flexibility</u> | |
| | possible to allow insureds to maintain their existing coverage by implementing and extending | | |
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| SC | Issued by Bulletin on March 25, 2020: | SC Directive to All | 4/2/2020 |
| | The South Carolina Department of Insurance urges insurers to provide flexibility and possible | <u>Insurers</u> | |
| | relief to insureds. The Bulletin includes the extension of premium payment deadlines and | | |
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| SD | Issued by Bulletin on March 25, 2020: | SD Request to Health | |
| | The Division urges health carriers to make reasonable accommodation for premium payments | <u>Carriers</u> | |
| | prior to cancellation and refrain from cancelling coverage for individuals that have been | | |
| | diagnosed with COVID-19. Carriers may elect to extend premium grace periods. | | |
| TN | Issued by Bulletin on March 24, 2020: | Bulletin 20-03: Directive | 4/2/2020 |
| | Carriers should work with employers or individuals to find the best ways to address concerns with | to All Insurers | |
| | the timing of premium payments in order to delay any cancellation of coverage for non-payment | | |
| | and collection activity. | | |
| TX | The Texas Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| UT | Issued by Bulletin on March 17, 2020: | DOI COVID-19 Directive | 4/2/2020 |
| | While the bulletin does not explicitly address cancellation and nonrenewal actions, the Utah | to Health Insurance | |
| | Department has asked insurers providing health insurance to expand coverage and open | Providers | |
| | accessibility. Westmont will continue to survey if this flexibility leads to cancellation and | | |
| | nonrenewal leniency requests from the Department. | UT DOI Urges Insurers | |
| | | to Expand Coverage | |
| VT | The Vermont Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| VA | The Virginia Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, | | |
| | nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |
| WA | Issued by Emergency Order on March 24, 2020: | Emergency Order No. | 5/27/2020 |
| | The Washington Department of Insurance activated provision RCW 48.02.060(4)(b), (c), & (d). In | 20-02: Further Directives | |
| | its order, the Department provided the following guidance: | to Health Insurers | |
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| | For individual and group health plans, other than qualified health plans purchased by individuals | Extension of Emergency | |
| | receiving an advanced premium tax credit through the Health Benefit Exchange, in effect or | Order No. 20-03: | |
| | expiring during the period of Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-05, Regulated Entities must | Directive to P&C | |



| | allow a grace period for payment of premiums no less than sixty (60) days. If a Regulated Entity chooses to allow a grace period longer than sixty days, such grace period must be applied uniformly to all health plans and to all enrollees within any given health plan. Any communication from Regulated Entities addressed to enrollees during the grace period must clearly state the enrollee's obligation to pay back premiums or potentially be subject to billing from health care providers for unpaid claims, and must clearly state the Regulated Entity's obligations during the grace period, in light of the state of emergency and emergency orders issued by the Governor or the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. | | |
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| | Issued by Emergency Order on May 26, 2020: The expiration date of Emergency Order 20-02 is hereby EXTENDED BY 30 DAYS, pursuant to the Insurance Commissioner's authority in RCW 48.02.060(5). However, the provisions of Part E are not extended and shall expire after May 23, 2020. With this modification, Emergency Order 20-02 is therefore in effect until June 21, 2020. | | |
| W | Issued by Bulletin on March 26, 2020: Insurers should be willing to, and are encouraged to, be flexible with insureds or policyholders by voluntarily instituting moratoriums on cancellations or premium collections and allow for alternative payment arrangements, deferred premium payments, premium holidays and acceleration or waiver of underwriting requirements so that policyholders do not become delinquent during and as a result of the crisis. | Bulletin 20-07: Directives Regarding Insurer Practices | 4/2/2020 |
| W | | Bulletin 2020-03-20: Complying with Regulatory Requirements | 4/2/2020 |
| W | The Wyoming Department of Insurance does not have specific guidance related cancellations, nonrenewals, or grace period extensions. | | |