## **NEW BUSINESSBULLETIN**



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## Underwriting Requirements: A Faster, Simpler Process

An important change impacts what you see on eStation or in your pending feed, changing the way we receipt blood, urine, MIB, MVR and/or RX. Please note, this new process does not change how we order an exam, and it does not create extra work for you.

#### What's new?

Our ongoing focus is to improve the speed and efficiency in which your cases are approved. To this end, we have updated how we manage and evaluate the case information that is reviewed by underwriting.

We now receipt blood, urine, MIB, MVR and/or RX after the app is "In Good Order for Underwriting."

This update in our underwriting process improves efficiency and reduces the number of follow-ups needed from you.

These changes were outlined in the recent <u>New Business Bulletin 18-026:</u> Change in When Case Requirements Are Posted in eStation.

#### What these changes mean to you

Our improved automated underwriting process provides the ability to instantly evaluate the case as soon as the application is "In Good Order for Underwriting." That means that blood, urine, MIB, MVR and/or RX are all evaluated during a single review, eliminating multiple steps in the process.

Going forward, when a paramed exam is ordered, we will no longer post (request) individual blood/urinalysis requirements that will be collected as part of the exam. Once we receive the completed exam and the application is "In Good Order for Underwriting," the blood, urine, MIB, MVR and/or RX requirements will post and receipt as the case is automatically evaluated.

The exam vendors use our age/face requirements — collecting only the requirements that are needed. There is no need to follow-up on the status of the blood and/or urinalysis if you do not see them requested upon application submission or immediately upon receipt of the paramed exam.

See page 2 for a more detailed description of our new process.

# "In Good Order for Underwriting," Explained

To ensure your cases are processed as quickly as possible, it's vitally important that you submit them "In Good Order for Underwriting" to reduce the risk of delays.

In Good Order for Underwriting means we have received all necessary application paperwork, signatures and documentation as required, and the Part B Medical History or paramed exam has been received.

Below is a list of the materials that are required for applications to be considered in good order so requirements can be posted.

- Agent Report
- HIPAA Authorization
- MVR Authorization (NH only)
- Paramed Exam
- · Part A Application
- · Part B Application
- Phone Number

For a comprehensive list of specific data fields that must be accounted for on the application, please see pages 3 and 4.

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### Our New Underwriting Requirements Process: Step by Step

- ✓ **Step 1:** Application is received. At this point, we will request (post) the paramed exam. The exam will be matched to the case as soon as it's received.
- ✓ **Step 2:** Application is determined to be "In Good Order for Underwriting." Blood, urinalysis, MIB, MVR and RX requirements are matched against the case automatically as it is evaluated by our underwriting system.
- ✓ Step 3: Depending on the evidence, a decision on the case is made automatically without further interaction, or the case will be directed to an underwriter to review based on the results of the system's evaluation.

Our underwriting system evaluates each case and provides a preliminary decision. This reduces the time needed for underwriter review, improving the speed and quality of each case.

**Note:** For cases which qualify for non-medical underwriting, the blood and urine requirements will not be posted/receipted.

As always, we will perform the necessary follow-up on cases with outstanding requirements. Also, we will continue to streamline the way we monitor your cases and look for additional opportunities to provide you with greater transparency through delivery.



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#### Data Required on Applications For "In Good Order For Underwriting" Applications **Application or Data Entry Field Notes** Section: Primary Proposed Insured (Complete fields as noted if also completing "Owner" and "Other Proposed Insured" sections) First Name Cannot be blank Cannot be blank Last Name Gender Male or Female box (M or F) must be checked; cannot be blank SSN Must be answered except for Foreign National (if "U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Card Holder" = No in Citizenship question below) Birthplace Cannot be blank DOB (Date of Birth) Cannot be blank; use format as provided in application (mm/dd/yy) Yes or No box (Y or N) must be checked; cannot be blank Tobacco Use: Has the Primary Proposed Insured ever used any form of tobacco or nicotine products? Type and Quantity Used Cannot be blank if answer to Tobacco Use question is "Yes" (Tobacco Use line) Cannot be blank if answer to Tobacco Use question above is "Yes" If yes, a current user? (Tobacco Use line) Driver's License Yes or No box (Y or N) must be checked; cannot be blank License State Required if answer to Driver's License is Yes; cannot be blank Driver's License Number Required if answer to Driver's License is Yes; cannot be blank If over age of 16 and no license, please Required if answer to Driver's License is No; cannot be blank explain State Cannot be blank ZIP Cannot be blank Primary Phone (and Alternate Phone if Required for tele-interview cases applicable) Cannot be blank Occupation Citizenship: U.S. Citizen or Permanent Yes or No box (Y or N) must be checked; cannot be blank Resident Card holder Continued on next page

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Application or Data Entry Field	Notes
Section: Other Proposed Insured	
Relationship to Primary Proposed Insured	Cannot be blank
Section: Owner - Complete if Primary Proposed Insured is not the Owner	
U.S. Citizen	Yes or No box (Y or N) must be checked; cannot be blank
Section: Reason For Insurance	
Reason for Insurance	Cannot be blank
Section: Beneficiary	
Beneficiary Relationship	Cannot be blank
Section: Product	
Plan Name	Cannot be blank
Premium Class Quoted	Cannot be blank
Amount Applied For	Cannot be blank
Section: Premium Payment	
Premium Payor – U.S. Citizen	Yes or No box (Y or N) must be checked; cannot be blank
Section: Background Information	
All questions in this section must be answered Yes or No	
Section: Final Signature Page	
Owner signed on (date)	Cannot be blank
Owner signed at (city/state)	Cannot be blank
Section: Agent's Report	
Question 2: Does any Proposed Insured(s) have any existing or pending annuities or life insurance policies?	Must be answered Yes or No