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CIS EXCLUDES COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

ADDS \$100,000 DEFENSE COVERAGE FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS

Undoubtably, you're watching the insurance marketplace as it scrambles to clarify that communicable diseases are excluded from general liability policies. CIS' reinsurers have implemented such exclusions and require that we do the same.

To be clear, the CIS General and Auto Liability Coverage Agreement already excluded pathogens, which includes viruses — such as COVID-19 — and other microorganisms.

During the June CIS Board Meeting, the Board adopted a communicable disease exclusion — responding to our reinsurer's requirement. However, the Board also added \$100,000 of communicable-disease defense coverage for COVID-19-related claims.

Offering limited defense coverage for communicable disease claims is one more benefit of participating in a member pool. It's also a benefit that commercial insurance would not provide.

At CIS, we only exist to serve members. Below is the added new language.

5. EXCLUSIONS

CC. Communicable Disease — Any liability, loss, damage, injury, cost, or expense of any kind whatsoever caused by, arising out of, related to, or resulting from, directly or indirectly, in whole or in any part:

- a. Any pathogen, virus, bacteria, parasite, or other microorganism; or
- b. Any action or inaction of any insured, or Party acting or failing to act on behalf of any insured, any action or

Agent Exclusive



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order of a governmental representative, authority or agency undertaken to control, prevent, suppress, mitigate, test for, monitor, treat or remediate the actual, suspected, or anticipated presence, existence or transmission of any pathogen, virus, parasite, bacteria or other microorganism; that actually or allegedly induces or is capable of inducing symptoms, physical distress, mental anguish, illness or disease.

Limited Communicable Disease Coverage. Notwithstanding this exclusion, the Trust will pay, up to a per member lifetime maximum of \$100,000, and subject to a pool lifetime aggregate of \$5,000,000, legal costs necessarily incurred in defense of the member in claims or lawsuits against the member alleging covered claims. The Limited Communicable Disease Coverage is not stackable and cannot be used in conjunction with Section 11. Limited Pollution Liability Coverage.

For a summary of CIS coverages for coronavirus claims and risk management recommendations, visit the <u>CIS website</u>.

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