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MD AMENDS FRAUD DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND	House Bill 404, recently signed into law, revises the fraud disclosure notice wording required on claims forms and applications.
FRAUD STATEMENT	The following statement or a substantially similar statement is required: "Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison."
EFFECTIVE DATE	Insurers should comply with this change no later than April 1, 2009.
MSO [®] ACTION	We will modify the sample MSO BOP application in Maryland accordingly.
QUESTIONS	Contact Jan Kozlowski at (800) 935-6900.