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BULLETIN MEL 17-35

Date: December 11, 2017
To: Fund Commissioners of Member Joint Insurance Funds
From: Underwriting Manager, Conner Strong & Buckelew
Re: MEL Cyber Risk Management Program

This bulletin does not apply to the Workers' Compensation only members of the NJPHA JIF.

Cybersecurity risks faced by local governments continue to increase with the growing sophistication of attackers and the ever-expanding use of technology. The "MEL Cyber Risk Management Program" is a guide for MEL members to better protect themselves from cybersecurity risks. The full program can be found on the MEL's website.

The MEL is offering a deductible reimbursement program to incentivize members' investments in the cybersecurity standards detailed in the guide. The current program deductible is \$10,000 per claim. The reimbursement is based on the tier of minimum technology standards you are compliant with **prior to the manifestation of the claim**:

- ✓ **Tier 1** = \$5,000 reimbursement
- ✓ **Tier 2** = \$7,500 reimbursement

The member will need to submit a completed and signed copy of the Minimum Technological Standards Certification for initial compliance with the program. At the time of a claim, you will also be asked to complete the Deductible Reimbursement Application for final approval of your deductible reimbursement amount. If it is determined the standards were not in place prior to the manifestation of such claim, there will be no reimbursement. The certification and application are attached.

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cc: Fund Executive Directors
Fund Professionals
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