



**Some confusion arose regarding which financial institutions are covered under Dallas County's order when the county judge held a press conference and said that "financial institution" only refers to depository institutions as defined by the FDIC which is in contradiction to the order. He went on to say that pay day lenders are not included as a financial institution in the order, which may explain why he made the statement referring to depository institutions. TALHI member Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas reached out to Dallas County for clarification, and we received the response below, clarifying the insurance companies are included in the definition of financial institution.**

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Good morning,

At this time, insurance providers are included in the list of financial institutions that are exempt from the order and may continue to operate.

Please note that your employees must comply with the Social Distancing Guidelines attached to the Order, including maintaining six foot social distancing. Additionally, the Health Department strongly advises the use of tele working whenever possible.

Best,

**Katy Womble, J.D.**

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