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**New York State Insurance Department Archived Websites  
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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible websites of the New York State Insurance Department, which was merged into the newly created New York State Department of Financial Services in October 2011.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Insurance Department
<b>Title:</b>	New York State Insurance Department archived websites
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## Scope and Content Note

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This series consists of archival copies of the publicly accessible websites of the New York State Insurance Department, which was merged into the newly created New York State Department of Financial Services in October 2011.

B2121-07: This accretion includes a copy of the main site of the Insurance Department produced on December 22, 2006, shortly before Governor George E. Pataki (1995-2006) left office. It contains information about the department's mission, press releases (1997-2006), opinions and decisions of the department superintendent (2002-2006), and texts of speeches and testimony delivered by the department superintendent and deputy superintendents (2000-2006). Also included are consumer guides (some in Spanish) concerning various types of insurance, annual reports to the Legislature (2003-2005), studies, and other publications and information about disciplinary actions against insurance companies, agents, brokers, and adjusters (1997-2006). It also contains information targeted to brokers and agents, including select opinions of the department's Office of General Counsel (2000-2005), circular letters (1994-2006), and licensing and fraud investigation information. Information for insurance companies includes forms, filing requirements, and materials relating to the dissolution of the Medical Malpractice Insurance Association. General information for consumers includes procedures for filing complaints with the department, Holocaust insurance claims, disaster assistance, specific types of insurance (automotive, health, etc.), and insurance fraud. Information about prescription drug coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, and other topics of interest to senior citizens is also included.

This accretion also contains copies of three other Insurance Department sites. The Captive Insurance Solutions site (copied December 22, 2006) contains press releases (1997-2003), applications and forms, and other materials relating to the creation of captive insurance companies, which allow individual businesses or groups of businesses to form corporations to insure or reinsure their own risks. Researchers should note that after this copy was produced, the Insurance Department incorporated all information contained within this site into its main website and then removed this site from the live Web.

The Healthy NY site (copied December 21, 2006) contains a consumer guide and summary information about the state's health insurance program for uninsured workers and their families. Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, some of the information in this site could not be captured properly.

The Interactive Consumer Guide to HMOs site (copied December 21, 2006) contains consumer guides (2006) to health insurers and health maintenance organizations, county-level premium rates, and tables containing summary information about the number of consumer complaints filed against each health maintenance organization, how well each health maintenance organization helped people with specific medical conditions, patient rankings of provider quality and ability to access needed care, and other performance measures. Summary information about the state's Healthy NY, Child Health Plus, and Family Health Plus insurance programs is also included. Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, it is not possible to access county-level or organization-level performance data; only the summary tables were copied properly.

B2121-08: This accretion includes a copy of the main Insurance Department Web site produced on June 10, 2008, shortly after the resignation of Governor Eliot L. Spitzer (2007-2008). It contains additional press releases (1997-2008), speeches and testimony delivered by the department superintendent and deputy superintendents (2000-2008), selected opinions (2000-2007), and circular letters (1994-2008) issued by the department's Office of General Counsel, and annual reports to the Legislature (2003-2007). Also included are press releases issued by the Commission to Modernize the Regulation of Financial Services. In addition, the site contains updated licensing, fraud investigation, and other information of interest to insurance brokers and agents and revised reporting forms and other information for insurance companies. General information for consumers has been expanded to include information about prescription drug coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance, insurance assistance for seriously ill people and their caregivers, and other topics of interest to senior citizens; this information was formerly part of the Healthy NY website.

This accretion also includes an August 25, 2008 copy of the department's Interactive Consumer Guide to HMOs site. Researchers should note that, owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, it is not possible to access county-level or organization-level performance data; only the summary tables were copied properly. Researchers should also note that this site was removed from the live Web after this copy was produced.

Researchers should also note that repeated efforts to capture the Healthy NY site in 2008 were unsuccessful.

B2121-11: This accretion contains a copy of the Insurance Department site produced on December 29, 2010, shortly before Governor David A. Paterson (2008-2010) left office. It contains background information about the department and additional press releases (1997-2010), annual reports to the Legislature (1999-2010), speeches and testimony delivered by the department superintendent and deputy superintendents (2000-2010), regulations and selected opinions (2000-2010), and Office of Counsel circular letters (1925-2010) and listings (1924-2009) of withdrawn circular letters. Also present are transcripts and other materials related to public hearings (2008-2010) and additional publications.

This accretion also includes copies of three other Insurance Department sites. The Federal Health Care Reform in New York State site (copied December 28, 2010) contains information about the mission, history, and structure of the New York State Health Care Reform Cabinet, press releases (2009-2010), and advisory committee meeting minutes (2010). The new version of the Healthy NY site (copied December 29, 2010) contains information about the state's health insurance program for uninsured workers and their families. The Insurance Department's Twitter feed (January 13, 2011) contains links to Insurance Department press releases (2010). Owing to the structure of the live site and the limitations of Web archiving technology, most of the information in this feed could not be captured properly.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

B2519Series B2519, New York State Department of Financial Services Archived Websites, contains archival copies of the publicly accessible websites maintained by the successor agency of the Insurance Department

B2042Series B2042, Office for the Aging Archived Web Sites, and

B2109Series B2109, New York State Department of Health Archived Websites contain additional information about state-sponsored health insurance programs and initiatives.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

The New York State Archives used Web archiving software to copy these websites in order to preserve the information they contained.

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## Access Terms

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- Insurance--State supervision--New York (State)
- Health maintenance organizations--New York (State)
- Publicizing state government
- Documenting public policy
- Health insurance--New York (State)
- Web sites
- Insurance companies--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- New York (State). Commission to Modernize the Regulation of Financial Services