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To our Clients and Friends,

A recent Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Financial Services, extends grace periods and gives other rights under certain property/casualty insurance policies for some small business or individuals who can demonstrate they cannot make a timely premium payment as a result of a financial hardship from the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic. These grace periods and rights are temporary and have several restrictions.

Eligibility

This is only available to a "small business" (A "small business" is resident in New York State, is independently owned and operated, and employs 100 or fewer individuals). Only certain types of commercial lines property/casualty insurance policies are covered by these amendments, generally including property, fire, commercial general liability, special multiperil, medical malpractice, workers' compensation, commercial auto, and commercial umbrella insurance. This DOES NOT apply to excess line commercial lines policyholders.

If you are an individual, generally, personal lines property/casualty insurance policies are covered by these amendments, including auto, homeowners' and renters' insurance.

Moratorium on Cancellation, Non-Renewal, and Conditional Renewal

If you are an affected policyholder, there is a moratorium on your insurer cancelling, non-renewing, or conditionally renewing your property/casualty insurance policy for a period of 60 days. If you do not make a timely premium payment and can demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, your insurer may not impose any late fees relating to the premium payment, report you to a credit reporting agency or a debt collection agency regarding such premium payment.

Catching up on Overdue Insurance Payments

The regulations also require your insurer to permit you, as an affected policyholder, to pay the overdue premium over a 12-month period if you did not make a timely premium payment due to financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and can still demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This also applies if the insurer sent you a nonpayment cancellation notice prior to March 29, 2020.

How to Demonstrate Financial Hardship

If you, as an affected policyholder, are unable to make a timely premium payment due to financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you must submit to your insurer or premium finance agency, as applicable, a statement that you swear or affirm in writing under penalty of perjury that you are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which the insurer or premium finance agency, as applicable, shall accept as satisfactory proof. Such statement is not required to be notarized.

Who Do You Call?

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY DIRECTLY. Remember, this is not a reduction or forgiveness of premium, it is only a deferral in certain hardship situations.

Commercial Lines Billing Numbers

Amtrust: 877-528-7878 Attune: 855-530-4650

Chubb Commercial: 800-372-4822

Guard: 800-673-2465

Hartford Commercial: 800-962-6170 Hartford Disability: 800-454-7020

Hiscox: 866-283-7545 Kingstone: 800-364-7045

Lancer Insurance: 800-782-8902

Markel: 866-665-4983 Merchants: 800-462-8182

Personal Lines Billing Numbers

A Central: 800-234-6926 AIG: 866-856-6858 Option 3 American Collectors: 800-543-2644 Assurant Flood: 800-423-4403 option 3 Chubb: 800-682-4822 or 800-682-4822

Farmers: 800-597-2548 option 2 Foremost Insurance: 800-532-4221

Guard: 800-673-2465

Hagerty Insurance: 800-747-5348

Hartford: 800-771-8557 Hartford Flood: 800-637-3846 Interboro: 877-369-0304 Kingstone: 800-364-7045 Mapfre: 800-222-2114

MetLife Auto & Home: 800-255-0332

MetLife Flood: 866-256-8078 Merchants: 800-462-8182 Mercury: 800-503-3724

Commercial Lines Billing Numbers

National General: 877-468-3466

NYCM: 800-234-6926 NYSIF: 877-309-6028 Philadelphia: 877-438-7459 Progressive: 877-776-2436 Shelter Point: 800-365-4999

Travelers Commercial: 800-252-2268

US Assure: 800-800-3907 USLI: 888-523-5545

Utica National: 800-598-8422 Utica First: 800-456-4556

Personal Lines Billing Numbers

Mountain Valley: 888-980-7647 Narragansett Bay: 800-343-337 National General: 877-468-3466 National General Flood: 866-535-7417

National Flood: 800-638-6620 New York Central: 800-234-6926

NYPIUA: 212-208-9700

Personal Umbrella: 800-564-1799 Plymouth Rock: 888-585-3549 Progressive: 877-776-2436 PURE: 888-813-7873 RLI: 800-962-7950 SafeCo: 877-566-6001 Travelers: 800-842-5075

Travelers (Boat): 800-952-8699

UPC: 877-369-0304 Utica: 800-598-8422

Wright Flood: 800-820-3242

Wishing everyone the best in these difficult times....

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