

RULES – IMPLEMENTATION

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COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE

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RHODE ISLAND REVISED MANUAL RULES FOR ZONE-RATED COVERAGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

KEY MESSAGE

This circular announces the implementation of revised Commercial Auto rules for zone-rated coverage in Rhode Island.

UPGRADE TO WORD AND EXCEL DOCUMENTS

As previously noted, ISO is implementing changes to our authoring and delivery systems so that **newly created** documents will be delivered in Office 365 .docx/.xlsx format to be phased in by product/service. In addition to **form** documents, we are pleased to announce that during the third quarter 2021, you will be receiving **circular cover letter** and **Notice To Manualholders (NTM)** documents in .docx format delivered/accessed via Circulars, CLM, EFD, ERC, Filings, FIRST, Forms Library, PRM and Suite +. Changes continue for other document types to be phased in by product/service. Products impacted include, but are not limited to, documents delivered/accessed via Circulars, CLM, EFD, ERC, Filings, FIRST, Forms Library (including PolicyWriting Support Forms Instructional Supplement), PRM, Statistical Plans and Suite +.

BACKGROUND

In referenced circular [LI-CA-2021-144](#), we announced the submission of revised Commercial Auto rules for zone-rated coverages in Rhode Island.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ACTION

The Insurance Department has acknowledged this revision as filed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The ISO revision is subject to the following rule of application:

These changes are applicable to all policies written on or after April 1, 2022.

COMPANY ACTION

If you have authorized us to file on your behalf and decide:

- To use our revision and effective date, you are not required to file anything with the Insurance Department.
- To use our revision with a different effective date, to use our revision with modification, or to not use our revision, you must make an appropriate submission with the Insurance Department.

For guidance on submission requirements, consult the ISO State Filing Handbook.

In all correspondence with the Insurance Department on this revision, you should refer to ISO Filing Number CA-2021-RZR1, NOT this circular number. Communications with the regulator concerning a filing affecting multiple lines of business (i.e., CL, PL, AL filing designation) should specify the line(s) of business that you are addressing.

RATING SOFTWARE IMPACT

New attributes being introduced with this revision:

- Current factors are being revised.

POLICYHOLDER NOTIFICATION

If you decide to implement this revision, you should check all applicable laws for the state(s) to which this revision applies, to determine whether or not a specific policyholder notice requirement may apply. Please note that circular [LI-CL-2021-004](#) contains the ISO Guide To Renewals With Changed Conditions For Commercial Lines, which is available only as a guide to assist participating companies in complying with various conditional renewal statutes or regulations, for the major commercial lines of insurance serviced by ISO. The information in the Guide does not necessarily reflect all requirements or exceptions that may apply, and it is not intended as a substitute for your review of all applicable statutes and regulations concerning policyholder notification.

REVISION DISTRIBUTION

We will issue a Notice to Manualholders with an edition date of 4-22 (or the earliest possible subsequent date), along with any new and/or revised manual pages.

RELATED LOSS COSTS REVISION

We are announcing in a separate circular the acknowledgement of a corresponding loss costs revision. Please refer to the Reference(s) block for identification of that circular.

REFERENCE(S)

- [LI-CA-2021-291](#) (08/19/2021) Rhode Island Revised Loss Costs For Zone-rated Coverages To Be Implemented
- [LI-CA-2021-144](#) (05/26/2021) Rhode Island Revised Manual Rules For Zone-rated Coverages Filed
- [LI-CL-2021-004](#) (02/17/2021) Revised Lead Time Requirements Listing

DATA QUALITY

Statistical plan data reported to ISO is first processed through a system of rigorous automated data verification procedures so that only valid data would be used for ratemaking. Subsequent to this initial data submission review, additional analyses on the statistical plan data involving an even more customized data review for this line were performed by staff. During these processes, various data records were excluded from the review. The ISO staff responsible for this circular also reviewed the data for reasonableness.

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