

LOSS COSTS – IMPLEMENTATION

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COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE

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RHODE ISLAND REVISED LOSS COSTS FOR ZONE-RATED COVERAGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED

KEY MESSAGE

This circular announces the implementation of revised commercial auto zone-rated loss costs 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 circular [LI-CA-2021-143](#), we announced the submission of revised commercial auto zone-rated loss costs 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.

This effective date applies only to those insurers who have filed their Commercial Auto loss cost adjustments to be automatically applicable to future ISO loss cost revisions.

IMPACT ON THE STATISTICAL REPORTING OF LOSS COST MULTIPLIER

For the purpose of reporting your company Loss Cost Multiplier under the CSP, as of April 1, 2022, the multiplier must be based on the relationship between your gross rates and the ISO advisory prospective loss costs contained in referenced circular [LI-CA-2021-143](#).

COMPANY ACTION

You must independently determine the final rates you will use. The action, if any, you must take in response to this filing is dependent upon how you filed to have your loss cost adjustments apply to subsequent revisions of ISO loss costs. Any submission you make with respect to this revision must comply with applicable regulatory filing requirements.

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-RZRLC, NOT this circular number.

CAUTION: This reference filing revises only certain advisory prospective loss costs for Commercial Auto in this state. In determining whether or not to revise your rates, you should consider the application of your loss cost adjustments to any loss costs not included in this revision.

RATING SOFTWARE IMPACT

No new attributes are being introduced with this revision.

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 RULES REVISION

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

REFERENCE(S)

- [LI-CA-2021-290](#) (08/19/2021) Rhode Island Revised Manual Rules For Zone-rated Coverages To Be Implemented
- [LI-CA-2021-143](#) (05/26/2021) Rhode Island Revised Loss Costs 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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