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REVISED WASHINGTON OPTIONAL VIRAL OR BACTERIAL EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT FILED AND APPROVED

KEY MESSAGE

Forms filing CA-2022-OVBE1 to be implemented for April 1, 2023.

ISO ACTION

We have revised optional Washington endorsement CA 27 41 for greater consistency with the Auto Dealers program.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ACTION

The Washington Department of Insurance has approved 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, 2023.

COMPANY ACTION

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

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RATING SOFTWARE IMPACT

No new attributes are being introduced with this revision.

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REVISION DISTRIBUTION

We will issue a Notice to Portfolioholders with an edition date of 4-23 (or the earliest possible subsequent date), along with any new and/or revised forms.

RELATED RULES REVISION

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

REFERENCE(S)

- [LI-CA-2022-247](#) (10/19/2022) Washington Viral Or Bacterial Infection Exclusion Related Rule Revision Filed And Approved
- [LI-CL-2022-006](#) (02/22/2022) Revised Lead Time Requirements Listing

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Filing CA-2022-OVBE1
- Final copy of [CA 27 41 03 23](#)

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Washington Optional Viral Or Bacterial Exclusion Endorsement Revised

About This Filing

This filing introduces a new edition of optional Washington endorsement CA 27 41.

Revised Form

We are revising the following form:

- ♦ CA 27 41 07 22 Washington – Exclusion For General Liability Coverages – Viral Or Bacterial Infections – Exception For Designated Infection, Ongoing Operations Or Products

Background

Optional Washington endorsement CA 27 41 generally excludes coverage for liability for bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury arising out of the actual or alleged transmission of any of the following:

- ♦ A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets; or
- ♦ A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through any individual or animal (including insects) by any means, other than through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets, including but not limited to viral or bacterial infections that are sexually transmitted.

Explanation of Changes

We are revising the above-mentioned endorsement for greater consistency with the Auto Dealers program (“Program”). Upon further review, the section of the schedule that accommodates references to products and operations would not appear useful or necessary in connection with the related Program. Additionally, we are making editorial revisions to reflect definitions found within the Auto Dealers Coverage Form.

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THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

**WASHINGTON – EXCLUSION FOR GENERAL LIABILITY
COVERAGES – VIRAL OR BACTERIAL
INFECTIONS – EXCEPTION FOR DESIGNATED
INFECTION, ONGOING OPERATIONS OR PRODUCTS**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

AUTO DEALERS COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by the endorsement.

SCHEDULE

Description Of Infection:
Description Of Ongoing Operations Or Your Product:
Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

A. The following exclusion is added to Paragraph 2. Exclusions of Paragraph A. Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability and Paragraph B. Personal And Advertising Injury Liability of Section II – General Liability Coverages:

This insurance does not apply to:

Viral Or Bacterial Infection

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the actual or alleged transmission of any of the following:

- a. A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets; or
- b. A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through any individual or animal (including insects) by any means, other than through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets, including, but not limited to, viral or bacterial infections that are sexually transmitted.

However, this exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of any infection, ongoing operations or "your product" described in the Schedule of this endorsement.

- B.** Unless otherwise listed in the Schedule of this endorsement, Paragraph A. applies even if the claims against any "insured" allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the:
- 1. Supervising, hiring, employing, training or monitoring of others that may be infected with and spread the viral or bacterial infection;
 - 2. Testing for the viral or bacterial infection;
 - 3. Failure to prevent the spread of the viral or bacterial infection; or
 - 4. Failure to report the viral or bacterial infection to authorities.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

WASHINGTON – EXCLUSION FOR GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGES – VIRAL OR BACTERIAL INFECTIONS – EXCEPTION FOR DESIGNATED INFECTION

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

AUTO DEALERS COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by the endorsement.

SCHEDULE

Description Of Infection:
Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

- A.** The following exclusion is added to Paragraph 2. **Exclusions** of Paragraph **A. Bodily Injury And Property Damage Liability** and Paragraph **B. Personal And Advertising Injury Liability** of **Section II – General Liability Coverages**:

This insurance does not apply to:

Viral Or Bacterial Infection

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the actual or alleged transmission of any of the following:

- a.** A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets; or
- b.** A viral or bacterial infection that is transmitted through any individual or animal (including insects) by any means, other than through aerosol particles or respiratory droplets, including, but not limited to, viral or bacterial infections that are sexually transmitted.

However, this exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of any infection described in the Schedule of this endorsement.

- B.** Unless otherwise listed in the Schedule of this endorsement, Paragraph **A.** applies even if the claims against any "insured" allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the:
- 1.** Supervising, hiring, employing, training or monitoring of others that may be infected with and spread the viral or bacterial infection;
 - 2.** Testing for the viral or bacterial infection;
 - 3.** Failure to prevent the spread of the viral or bacterial infection; or
 - 4.** Failure to report the viral or bacterial infection to authorities.