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Office of Insurance Regulation

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All insurers that file rates and/or forms in the State of Florida

Electronic Filing via I-file to be Required Beginning July 1, 2003



Pursuant to recent changes in the Rules for insurance rate, rule and form filing procedures in the State of Florida, the Office of Insurance Regulation (Office) is reminding all affected insurers that beginning July 1, 2003, all filings must be submitted electronically via I-file (https://iportal.fldfs.com), the Office's internet filing system, or by computer diskette meeting the compatibility requirements mandated by section 624.424(1)(c) F.S. Additionally, responses to Office questions about filings or requests for additional information must be submitted in the same way.

Paper or other filings submitted outside of the confines of the governing Rule will no longer be accepted by the Office and will be returned, unprocessed, to the insurer.

I-file was developed by the Office to assist companies in their efforts to get new products to market quickly and to maintain adequate rates. The system has been available to companies as an optional means of building and submitting filings, for more than one year and has proven to both simplify the filing process and to expedite filing reviews.

Anyone who has not already begun to use the I-file system may want to consult Memorandum OIR-03-008 which provides dates and times of introductory I-file training available at the Office's headquarters in Tallahassee.

If you have questions about these Rule changes, please contact Michael Milnes at milnesm@dfs.state.fl.us or 850-413-5306.