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#### **Whitman Praises Supreme Court Decision on Mandatory 15 Percent Rate Cut**

NJ Gov. Christie Whitman hailed today's decision by the NJ Supreme Court upholding her mandatory 15 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates and rejecting the attempt by a small group of chiropractors and medical doctors to delay the implementation of protocols designed to curb fraud and abuse by practitioners.

"The Supreme Court's decision today keeps intact the most meaningful automobile insurance reform this state has seen in more than a quarter-century," Gov. Whitman said.

"With the Court's decision today, New Jersey motorists will see a minimum 15 percent reduction in mandatory coverages. Even those motorists who choose expanded or optional coverages, beyond those that are required by law, will see reductions of no less than 13 percent," she said.

"This is a very good day for drivers in New Jersey," she said.

