

CHAPTER 3
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Authority

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Source and Effective Date

R.2001 d.44, effective January 4, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 3, Automobile Insurance, expires on January 4, 2006.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 3, New Jersey Automobile Insurance Plan, was adopted as R.1972 d.20, effective January 31, 1972. See: 3 N.J.R. 223(d), 4 N.J.R. 49(d).

Subchapter 7, Automobile Repair Reform Act, was adopted as R.1972 d.244, effective December 4, 1972. See: 4 N.J.R. 270(a), 5 N.J.R. 13(c).

Subchapter 10, Auto Physical Damage Claims, was adopted as R.1976 d.46 and R.1976 d.47, effective May 1, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 38(b), 8 N.J.R. 136(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 8, Nonrenewal of Automobile Insurance Policies, was readopted as R.1983 d.190, effective June 6, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 231(a), 15 N.J.R. 927(a).

Subchapter 12, Automobile Rate Filers: Flattening of Premium Taxes and Assessments Made for the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund, was adopted as R.1983 d.424, effective October 3, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1170(a), 15 N.J.R. 1666(a).

Subchapter 13, Automobile Rate Filers: Deductibles for Private Passenger Automobile Collision and Comprehensive Coverage, was adopted as R.1983 d.467, effective October 17, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1342(a), 15 N.J.R. 1769(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 6, Insurance Identification Card, was readopted as R.1983 d.648, effective December 29, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1919(a), 16 N.J.R. 145(c).

Public Notice: Automobile Insurance Written Notice/Buyer's Guide Coverage Selection Form. See: 16 N.J.R. 254(d).

Subchapter 15, Standards for Written Notice: Buyer's Guide and Coverage Selection Form, was adopted as R.1984 d.114, effective April 2, 1984. See: 15 N.J.R. 2142(a), 16 N.J.R. 733(a).

Subchapter 14, Personal Injury Protection Options, was adopted as R.1984 d.116, effective April 2, 1984. See: 15 N.J.R. 2139(a), 16 N.J.R. 730(b).

The Executive Order No. 66(1978) expiration date of Subchapter 7, Automobile Repair Reform Act, was extended by gubernatorial directive from August 17, 1984 to November 15, 1984, and was further extended by gubernatorial directive from November 15, 1984 to February 13, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 43(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 7, Automobile Repair Reform Act, was readopted as R.1985 d., effective February 13, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 43(a), 17 N.J.R. 707(b).

Subchapter 17, Rating Organizations, was adopted as R.1985 d.609, effective October 6, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 2936(a), 17 N.J.R. 2905(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 3, Automobile Insurance, was readopted as R.1985 d.654, effective January 6, 1986, operative May 6, 1986. See: 16 N.J.R. 3286(a), 17 N.J.R. 89(b).

Subchapter 20, Reporting Financial Disclosure and Excess Profit Reports, was adopted as R.1986 d.111, effective April 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2597(a), 18 N.J.R. 692(a).

Subchapter 17, Rating Organizations, was repealed and Subchapter 17, Rating Organizations, was adopted as new rules by R.1986 d.419, effective October 6, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 1171(b), 18 N.J.R. 2045(a).

Subchapter 22, Coverage Option Survey: Personal Injury Protection and Tort Threshold Options, was adopted as R.1986 d.463, effective November 17, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 1344(b), 18 N.J.R. 2329(a).

Subchapter 23, Dangerous Drivers or Drivers with Excessive Claims, was adopted as R.1987 d.527, effective December 21, 1987. See: 19 N.J.R. 1880(a), 19 N.J.R. 2403(b).

Public Notice: Rescission of Circular Letter #75. See: 19 N.J.R. 570(e).

Subchapter 26, Accident Claims, Subchapter 27, Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board, and Subchapter 28, Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund's Reimbursement of Excess Medical Expense Benefits Paid by Insurers, were adopted as R.1989 d.268, effective May 15, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 688(a), 21 N.J.R. 1363(a).

Subchapter 20, Reporting Financial Disclosure and Excess Profit Reports, was repealed and Subchapter 20, Reporting Financial Disclosure and Excess Profit Reports, was adopted as new rules by R.1989 d.277, effective May 15, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 667(b), 21 N.J.R. 1335(a), 21 N.J.R. 1517(b).

Subchapter 24, Policy Constants, and Subchapter 25, Residual Market Equalization Charges (RMECs), were adopted as R.1989 d.278, effective May 15, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 3104(a), 21 N.J.R. 1358(b).

Subchapter 20A, Standard Limiting Effect of Negative Excess Investment Income in the Computation of Excess Profits, was adopted as R.1989 d.306, effective June 5, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 842(a), 21 N.J.R. 1517(c).

Subchapter 17, Rating Organizations, was repealed by R.1989 d.328, effective June 19, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 973(a), 21 N.J.R. 1708(a).

Subchapter 30, Motor Vehicle Self-Insurance, was adopted as R.1989 d.584, effective November 20, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 2876(a), 21 N.J.R. 3666(b).

Subchapter 31, Examination of the Financial Experience of Private Passenger Automobile Insurers, was adopted as R.1990 d.108, effective February 5, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3726(a), 22 N.J.R. 425(a).

Subchapter 18, Private Passenger Automobile Insurance: Rate Filing Review Procedures, was adopted as R.1990 d.109, effective February 5, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3422(b), 22 N.J.R. 421(a).

Subchapter 16, Rate Filing Requirements: Voluntary Market Private Passenger Automobile Insurance, was adopted as R.1990 d.116, effective February 5, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 2182(a), 22 N.J.R. 399(a).

Subchapter 1, Provisions and Operations, was repealed and Subchapter 1, Commercial Automobile Insurance Plan, was adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.118, effective February 5, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3613(a), 22 N.J.R. 392(b).

Subchapter 16A, Flex Rate Percentage Calculations for Private Passenger Automobile Insurance, was adopted as R.1990 d.161, effective March 19, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3719(a), 22 N.J.R. 963(a).

Subchapter 34, Eligible Persons Qualifications and Automobile Insurance Eligibility Points Schedule, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.620, effective November 26, 1990, operative April 1, 1991, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3847(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.620 were readopted as R.1991 d.93, effective January 25,

1991, operative April 1, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3847(a), 23 N.J.R. 572(a)

Subchapter 36, Automobile Physical Damage Insurance Inspection Procedures, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.622, effective November 26, 1990, operative March 1, 1991, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3861(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.622 were readopted as R.1991 d.95, effective January 25, 1991, operative October 1, 1992, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3861(a), 23 N.J.R. 579(a), 23 N.J.R. 1132(c).

Subchapter 38, Towing and Storage Fee Schedule, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.623, effective November 26, 1990, operative January 1, 1991, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3874(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.623 were readopted as R.1991 d.97, effective January 25, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3874(a), 23 N.J.R. 592(a).

Subchapter 29, Medical Fee Schedules: Automobile Insurance Personal Injury Protection Coverage, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.624, effective November 26, 1990, operative January 1, 1991, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3809(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.624 were readopted as R.1991 d.96, effective January 25, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3809(a), 23 N.J.R. 536(a).

Subchapter 37, Order of Benefit Determination Between Automobile Personal Injury Protection and Health Insurance, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.625, effective November 26, 1990, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3777(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.625 were readopted as R.1991 d.90, effective January 25, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3777(a), 23 N.J.R. 597(a).

Subchapter 35, Private Passenger Automobile Insurance Underwriting Rules, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.627, effective November 26, 1990, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3856(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.627 were readopted as R.1991 d.94, effective January 25, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3856(a), 23 N.J.R. 577(a).

Subchapter 19, Standard/Non-Standard Rating Plans, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1990 d.628, effective November 26, 1990, to expire January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3804(a). The provisions of R.1990 d.628 were readopted as R.1991 d.92, effective January 25, 1991, with changes effective February 19, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3804(a), 23 N.J.R. 532(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 3, Automobile Insurance, was readopted as R.1991 d.45, effective January 4, 1991, and Subchapters 2 through 5, concerning the Automobile Insurance Plan (AIP), were repealed by R.1991 d.45, effective February 4, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 1678(a), 23 N.J.R. 306(b).

Subchapter 24, Policy Constants, was repealed by R.1991 d.216, effective April 15, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3441(a), 23 N.J.R. 1132(a).

Subchapter 25, Residual Market Equalization Charges (RMECs), was repealed by R.1991 d.217, effective April 15, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3442(a), 23 N.J.R. 1132(b).

Subchapter 39, Reductions in Premium Charges for Private Passenger Automobiles Equipped with Anti-Theft, Vehicle Recovery and Safety Features, was adopted as R.1991 d.363, effective July 15, 1991, operative September 1, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 384(a), 23 N.J.R. 2144(a).

Subchapter 33, Appeals from Denial of Automobile Insurance, was adopted as R.1992 d.192, effective April 30, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 546(a), 24 N.J.R. 1510(a).

Subchapter 40, Insurers Required to Provide Automobile Insurance Coverage to Eligible Persons, was adopted as R.1992 d.207, effective May 4, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 3736(a), 24 N.J.R. 336(a), 24 N.J.R. 1796(b).

Subchapter 2, New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan, was adopted as new rules by R.1992 d.370, effective September 21, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 331(a), 24 N.J.R. 3400(a).

Subchapter 3, Limited Assignment Distribution Servicing Carriers, was adopted as new rules by R.1992 d.371, effective September 21, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 519(a), 24 N.J.R. 3414(a).

Subchapter 42, Producer Assignment Program, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1992 d.381, effective September 4, 1992, to expire November 3, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 3421(a). The provisions of R.1992 d.381 were readopted as R.1992 d.482, effective November 2, 1992, with changes effective December 7, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 3421(a), 24 N.J.R. 4397(a).

Subchapter 44, Special Rules for Effecting Coverage for Private Passenger Automobile Insurance, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1993 d.135, effective March 1, 1993, operative March 8, 1993, to expire April 30, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1290(a). The provisions of R.1993 d.135 were readopted as R.1993 d.238, effective April 30, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1290(a), 25 N.J.R. 2479(a).

Subchapter 2B, Market Transition Facility of New Jersey Suspension of Claims, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1994 d.164, effective March 1, 1994, to expire April 30, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1393(a). The provisions of R.1994 d.164 were readopted as R.1994 d.261, effective April 29, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1393(a), 26 N.J.R. 2288(a).

Subchapter 32, Certification of Compliance: Mandatory Liability Coverages, was adopted as R.1994 d.477, effective September 19, 1994. See: 26 N.J.R. 1939(a), 26 N.J.R. 3866(a).

Subchapter 31, Examination of the Financial Experience of Private Passenger Automobile Insurers, was repealed by R.1995 d.171, effective March 20, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 41(a), 27 N.J.R. 1190(b).

Subchapter 45, Insurers Required to Provide Survey Information, was adopted as R.1995 d.235, effective May 1, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 289(a), 27 N.J.R. 1803(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 3, Automobile Insurance, was readopted as R.1996 d.58, effective January 4, 1996, and Subchapter 2A, New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association Claims Payment Deferral, Subchapter 3, Limited Assignment Distribution Servicing Carriers, and Subchapter 23, Dangerous Drivers or Drivers with Excessive Claims, were repealed by R.1996 d.58, effective February 5, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

Subchapter 20A, Standard Limited Effect of Negative Excess Investment Income in the Computation of Excess Profits, was repealed by R.1996 d.312, effective July 15, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 1616(a), 28 N.J.R. 3627(b).

Subchapter 25, Private Passenger Automobile Insurance: Notification by Treating Health Care Providers, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.14, effective January 6, 1997. See: 28 N.J.R. 3876(a), 29 N.J.R. 132(a).

Subchapter 24, Defensive Driving Rate Reductions, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.522, effective December 15, 1997. See: 28 N.J.R. 4854(a), 29 N.J.R. 5305(a).

Subchapter 28A, Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Assessments, was adopted as R.1997 d.535, effective December 15, 1997. See: 29 N.J.R. 4246(a), 29 N.J.R. 5309(a).

Subchapter 19A, Tier Rating Plans and Underwriting Rules, was adopted as R.1998 d.129, effective March 2, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 5253(a), 30 N.J.R. 839(a).

Subchapter 46, Automobile Insurance Urban Enterprise Zone Program, was adopted as R.1998 d.290, effective June 1, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 773(a), 30 N.J.R. 2010(a).

Subchapter 3, Basic Automobile Insurance Policy, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.592, effective December 21, 1998, operative March 22, 1999. See: 30 N.J.R. 3209(a), 30 N.J.R. 4398(a).

Subchapter 5, Personal Injury Protection Dispute Resolution, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.593, effective December 21, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 3359(a), 30 N.J.R. 4437(a).

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Subchapter 4, Personal Injury Protection Benefits; Medical Protocols; Diagnostic Tests, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.597, effective December 21, 1998, operative March 22, 1999. See: 30 N.J.R. 3211(a), 30 N.J.R. 3748(a), 30 N.J.R. 4401(a).

Subchapter 38, Towing and Storage Fee Schedule, was repealed by R.1999 d.1, effective January 4, 1999. See: 30 N.J.R. 2813(a), 31 N.J.R. 54(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 3, Automobile Insurance, was readopted as R.2001 d.44, effective January 4, 2001, and Subchapter 2B, Market Transition Facility of New Jersey Payment Prioritization and Claims Payment Deferral, Subchapter 16A, Flex Rate Percentage Calculations for Private Passenger Automobile Insurance, Subchapter 19, Standard/Nonstandard Rating Plans, and Subchapter 42, Producer Assignment Program, were repealed by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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11:3-1.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to establish a plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:29D-1:

1. To provide the coverages described herein, subject to the conditions stated, for motor vehicles other than those vehicles subject to the New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan and any other private passenger vehicle that is owned by or driven by a person who meets the definition of an eligible person pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33B-13 and N.J.A.C. 11:3-34;
2. To provide for the apportionment of insurance coverage for qualified applicants who are in good faith entitled to but are unable to procure the same, through the voluntary market; and
3. To establish a procedure for the sharing of premiums, losses, and expenses among all insurers who are participants in New Jersey as defined within this subchapter for all risks qualified for coverage under the provisions of this subchapter.

Amended by R.1996 d.58, effective February 5, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.502, effective October 21, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4489(a), 28 N.J.R. 4586(a).

Amended by R.2003 d.415, effective October 20, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2391(a), 35 N.J.R. 4900(a).

In (a), inserted "other" preceding "private passenger vehicle" in 1, substituted "qualified" for "eligible" preceding "applicants" in 2 and substituted "qualified" for "eligible" preceding "for coverage" in 3.

11:3-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"CAIP" or "Plan" means the Commercial Automobile Insurance Plan pursuant to this subchapter.

“CAIP manager” means the entity employed by the Governing Committee to manage and conduct the administrative affairs of the CAIP on a daily basis.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

“Emergency type vehicle” means any land vehicle, used to respond to distress calls, fires, or rescue, propelled by other than muscular power and not run upon rails or tracks. This term includes, but is not limited to, fire trucks, rescue trucks, police cars and ambulances.

“Gross participation” means a participant’s Voluntary All Other Automobile Direct Written Premiums derived from information contained in the annual statement times a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of the plan’s total written premiums for that year and the Statewide total Voluntary All Other Automobile Direct Written Premiums which are eligible for depopulation credit for that policy year, and the denominator of which is the Statewide total Voluntary All Other Automobile Net Direct Written Premiums of all participants for that second prior year.

“Light truck” means a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.) of 10,000 pounds or less.

“Motor vehicle” means any land vehicle propelled otherwise than by muscular power including trailers and semi-trailers, except such vehicles that run only upon rails or tracks.

“Net participation” means a participant’s gross participation for that policy year less its business eligible for depopulation credit for that policy year.

“Net participation percentage” means a participant’s net participation for that policy year in proportion to the comparable Statewide total net participation for all participants.

“Operating headquarters” means the chief place of business where the principal officers generally transact business, and the place to which reports are made and from which orders emanate. It is the location where the executive offices are, corporate decisions are made and corporate functions are performed.

“Participant” means an insurer licensed and authorized to write motor vehicle liability or physical damage insurance and specifically includes any insurer who writes all other automobile liability and all other automobile physical damage insurance.

“Personal injury protection” means those benefits as set forth at N.J.S.A. 39:6A-4.

“Policy year” means the exposure and premiums for all policies written during a calendar year and all losses attributable to policies written during the same calendar year.

“Private passenger automobile” means a vehicle that meets the definition in N.J.S.A. 39:6A-2a, that is not eligible for coverage through any voluntary or residual market mechanism created by statute, and is owned by an individual or husband and wife; or owned jointly by two or more relatives other than husband and wife; or owned jointly by two or more resident individuals; or owned by a corporation, partnership or unincorporated association, governmental agency, or registered to a professional designation (that is, T/A, PA or P.C.) where such automobiles are furnished to individuals and are not used for business purposes.

“Private passenger type automobile” means a vehicle that meets the definition in N.J.S.A. 39:6A-2a and is owned by a corporation, partnership or any other entity except an individual or husband and wife and used for business purposes.

“Qualified applicant” means the owner or registrant of a motor vehicle registered in New Jersey or to be registered within 60 days who is unable to obtain automobile insurance in New Jersey in the voluntary market and is not in good faith qualified for automobile insurance coverage in any residual market mechanism created by statute other than the CAIP. For multi-state operations, the applicant must have its operating headquarters in New Jersey but vehicles may be registered in other states. No applicant shall be deemed qualified if the principal operator of the vehicle to be insured does not hold a driver’s license which is valid in New Jersey, or if a regular operator of the vehicle other than the principal operator does not hold such a license.

“Voluntary All Other Automobile Direct Written Premiums” means automobile liability, personal injury protection, and physical damage premiums written by a participant on New Jersey risks, minus:

1. CAIP direct written premiums included in the figures which the participant wrote as a service carrier for CAIP;
2. Any direct written premiums included in the figures from insureds who are qualified applicants for any residual market mechanism created by statute other than the CAIP;
3. Any reinsurance premiums assumed from other insurers included in the figures;
4. Any premiums for Death and Disability coverage included in the figures;
5. Private passenger nonfleet automobile bodily injury and property damage liability, medical payments, basic and additional personal injury protection, and uninsured and underinsured motorists voluntary premium;
6. Miscellaneous nonfleet specialty personal automobile bodily injury and property damage liability voluntary premiums for any class approved by the Department as specified in the plan of operation; and

7. Taxi bodily injury, property damage liability, uninsured and underinsured motorists and physical damage premiums.

Amended by R.1991 d.45, effective February 4, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1678(a), 23 N.J.R. 306(b).

Deleted definition of NJAFIUA and references to it; added text to definitions for "Private passenger automobile" and "Voluntary All Other Automobile Direct Written Premiums."

Amended by R.1996 d.502, effective October 21, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4489(a), 28 N.J.R. 4586(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.591, effective December 21, 1998 (operative March 22, 1999).

See: 30 N.J.R. 3202(a), 30 N.J.R. 4390(b).

Inserted "Personal injury protection".

Amended by R.2003 d.415, effective October 20, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2391(a), 35 N.J.R. 4900(a).

(f) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as prohibiting a renewal policy from being issued for higher limits of coverage and/or additional coverage(s), provided that such additional protection is specifically requested by the insured and the insurer is willing to provide it. Conversely, nothing shall prohibit the renewal policy from being issued for lower limits of coverage and/or fewer coverages provided that such reduction in protection is specifically requested by the insured and further provided that coverage in no case shall fall below the level or levels otherwise required by law.

(g) In any instance in which an insurer may, pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter, nonrenew an automobile policy, it may, in lieu of the nonrenewal and in compliance with such provisions, condition the renewal of the policy upon a change of limits or elimination of any coverage not required by law.

(h) A notice of nonrenewal shall not be valid unless it is issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.3 and authorized by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.4 and 8.5.

Amended by R.1973 d.30, effective January 25, 1973.

See: 4 N.J.R. 305(b), 5 N.J.R. 48(a).

Amended by R.1976 d.328, effective October 18, 1976.

See: 8 N.J.R. 421(a), 8 N.J.R. 516(e).

Amended by R.1977 d.100, effective March 23, 1977.

See: 9 N.J.R. 178(b).

Amended by R.1977 d.437, effective January 1, 1978.

See: 9 N.J.R. 435(d), 9 N.J.R. 586(b).

Amended by R.1983 d.190, effective June 6, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 231(a), 15 N.J.R. 927(a).

Recodified from 11:3-8.1. Replaced (d).

Amended by R.1986 d.418, effective October 6, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1079(a), 18 N.J.R. 2039(a).

Emergency Amendment, R.1990 d.626, effective November 26, 1990, operative April 1, 1991 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3766(b).

Recodified from 11:3-8.2. In (f)1i, added notice of eligibility points and added ii-iv.

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.89, effective January 25, 1991, operative April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3766(b), 23 N.J.R. 507(a).

Provisions of emergency amendment R.1990 d.626 readopted without change.

Amended by R.1991 d.45, effective February 4, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1678(a), 23 N.J.R. 306(b).

In (f): revised address in (f)2i and deleted NJAFIUA reference in (f)3, adding text “. . . a residual market mechanism created by statute.”

Amended by R.1998 d.43, effective January 20, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3107(a), 30 N.J.R. 366(b).

In (f), added 3 and 4.

Amended by R.1999 d.270, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2564(a), 31 N.J.R. 2383(b).

In (b), rewrote the last sentence; rewrote (c); in (f), changed N.J.A.C. references throughout, rewrote the introductory paragraph in 1, deleted “applicable to the nonstandard rate level of an approved standard/nonstandard rating plan” following “rules” in the first sentence of 1ii, and deleted a former 4; and rewrote (i).

Amended by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

In (a), substituted “policyholder” for “in a policy”; and in (f), inserted “named policyholder” following “to the insured”.

Amended by R.2003 d.498, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3081(a), 35 N.J.R. 5601(a).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Notices of nonrenewal must be sent in strict compliance with statutory provisions. *Lopez v. New Jersey Auto. Full Ins. Underwriting Ass'n*, 239 N.J.Super. 13, 570 A.2d 994 (A.D.1990), certification denied 122 N.J. 131, 584 A.2d 206.

Renewal policy need not be issued until premium is paid. *Lopez v. New Jersey Auto. Full Ins. Underwriting Ass'n*, 239 N.J.Super. 13, 570 A.2d 994 (A.D.1990), certification denied 122 N.J. 131, 584 A.2d 206.

Insurance agent who continued to service insurer's policyholders subsequent to termination with insurance company, established prima facie case of quasi-contract. *Cohen v. Home Ins. Co.*, 230 N.J.Super. 72, 552 A.2d 654 (A.D.1989).

Policy binder in effect for more than 60 days held to provide coverage in absence of formal notice of cancellation, despite lack of any premium payment and knowledge that insurer would not issue policy. *Miney v. Baum*, 170 N.J.Super. 282, 406 A.2d 234 (Law Div.1979).

Provision that no insurer shall refuse to renew coverage without consent of the Commissioner upheld against constitutional challenges. *Sheeran v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., Inc.*, 80 N.J. 548, 404 A.2d 625 (1979).

Under assigned risk automobile insurance plan, 45 day notice sufficed for non-renewal expiration; broker held to have breached duty to insured in failing to advise him of ramifications of expiration. *Commercial Union Assurance Companies v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 158 N.J.Super. 326, 385 A.2d 1286 (Law Div.1978).

Proof of mailing of notice of cancellation held to be conclusive proof of provision of such notice to insured. *Weathers v. Hartford Insurance Group*, 77 N.J. 228, 390 A.2d 548 (1978).

Insured's latest accident justifies insurer declining coverage. *Hakim v. State Farm Insurance Company*, 97 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 20.

11:3-8.4 Standards of nonrenewal—ineligible persons

(a) An insurer may issue a notice of nonrenewal to any person who is not an eligible person as defined in N.J.A.C. 11:3-34.

1. For the purpose of determining whether a person is an eligible person who must be renewed, an insurer shall consider those eligibility points accrued only in the 36-month period ending 90 days prior to the expiration of the current policy or a 36-month period ending as of the extended notification period ordered by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.3(e).

2. An insurer shall not issue a notice of nonrenewal for the reason that a member of the insurer's household is not an eligible person unless the member of the insured's household usually accounts for 10 percent or more of the use of the vehicle insured for the purpose of this section:

i. Any driver who is the principal driver of an automobile shall be presumed not to account for 10 percent or more of the use of any other automobile in the household.

ii. Except when there are more automobiles than drivers in the household, a person shall be presumed not to be the principal driver of more than one automobile.

3. No insurer shall issue a notice of nonrenewal to any person qualified to be renewed in accordance with the insurer's filed and approved underwriting rules.

(b) An insurer which has filed a tier rating plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-19A may issue notices of intention not to renew any insured who is not an eligible person and who no longer qualifies for any rate level in accordance with its approved underwriting rules.

Amended by R.1983 d.190, effective June 6, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 231(a), 15 N.J.R. 927(a).

Recodified from 11:3-8.1(e)-(g).

Amended by R.1986 d.418, effective October 6, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1079(a), 18 N.J.R. 2039(a).

Emergency Repeal and New Rule, R.1990 d.626, effective November 26, 1990, operative April 1, 1991 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3766(b).

Recodified from 11:3-8.3.

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.89, effective January 25, 1991, operative April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3766(b), 23 N.J.R. 507(a).

Provisions of emergency repeal and new rule R.1990 d.626 readopted with changes.

Amended by R.1999 d.270, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2564(a), 31 N.J.R. 2383(b).

In (a)3, substituted "filed and approved underwriting rules" for "underwriting rules filed and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-35" at the end; and in (b), substituted a reference to tier rating plans for a reference to standard/nonstandard rating plans, and changed N.J.A.C. reference.

Amended by R.2003 d.498, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3081(a), 35 N.J.R. 5601(a).

Rewrote (a)1.

Case Notes

Nonmailing or mailing of renewal offer for New Jersey Automobile Full Insurance Underwriting Association policy by mail less than 30 days before expiration date results in coverage beyond expiration date for reasonable period. *Gatto v. New Jersey Auto. Full Ins. Underwriting Ass'n*, 284 N.J.Super. 665, 666 A.2d 204 (A.D.1995).

Charge to which insured pleaded guilty in New York, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, was substantially similar in nature to an offense in New Jersey and justified nonrenewal of automobile policy. *Chillemi v. Selective Insurance*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 89.

At fault accident in which insured was involved was an event under automobile policy giving insurer right to decline renewal. *Wenzler v. ITT Hartford*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 47.

Police report established five-point at fault accident which, when combined with six-point speeding violations, justified insurer in declining to renew automobile policy. *Fichera v. Liberty Mutual*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 41.

Renewal of automobile policy for one period despite accumulation of points did not preclude nonrenewal in next period for same points. *Liberty Mutual v. Lee*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 38.

Accumulation of nine or more points by member of insured's household justified nonrenewal of auto policy, *Pandola v. State Farm*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 32.

Insured at-fault for automobile accident; insured could decline to renew insurance. *AMICA Mutual Insurance Co. v. Farley*, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 51.

11:3-8.5 Other nonrenewals—standards

(a) Subject to the limitation set forth in N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.6, an insurer may issue a notice of nonrenewal to an insured, in the following instances:

1. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29C-7.1f, when the policyholder or other person insured under the policy either has:

i. Provided false or misleading information in connection with an application or renewal of coverage, or as part of a claim for benefits; or

ii. Failed to provide the minimum information necessary to accurately rate the policy or renewal.

2. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29C-7.1b, an insurer may nonrenew the policies of two percent of the insurer's in force voluntary market policies in each rating territory.

3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29C-7.1c, an insurer may nonrenew one automobile for each two automobiles written by the insurer during the same calendar year and in the same rating territory.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1999 d.270, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2564(a), 31 N.J.R. 2383(b).

Section was "Additional nonrenewals".

11:3-8.6 Limitations on nonrenewal

(a) No insurer shall nonrenew a policy based on N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.5(a)1i without having first conducted an investigation and reported the matter in accordance with the insurer's Fraud Detection and Prevention Plan.

(b) No insurer shall nonrenew a policy for failure to complete and return a renewal questionnaire without having first given written notice to the policyholder one full policy cycle prior to the issuance of the notice of nonrenewal that:

1. At the next renewal, the insurer shall send the policyholder a renewal questionnaire, which must be completed and returned; and

2. Failure to complete and return that renewal questionnaire may result in the nonrenewal of the policy

(c) No insurer shall nonrenew a policy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.5(a)2 and 3:

1. In an amount in excess of 20 percent of the entire private passenger automobile insurance book of business of any one producer in force with the insurer at the end of the previous calendar year; and

2. Unless the insured or any other operator insured under the policy has individually, within five years prior to the expiration of the policy, two or more of the following events:

i. An at-fault accident as defined by N.J.A.C. 11:3-34.3;

ii. A motor vehicle violation for which four or more automobile insurance eligibility points accumulate under N.J.A.C. 11:3-34.5; or

iii. Has failed to maintain insurance coverage without lapse as required by P.L. 1998, c.21 and 22, sec. 4 and 6.

(d) No insurer shall nonrenew a policy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.5(a)3 in any rating territory containing a municipality designated as an automobile urban enterprise zone (UEZ) unless the insurer's aggregate voluntary market share in the UEZs is at least 95 percent of the insurer's Statewide market share excluding UEZs as of the most

recent UEZ in force report filed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:3-46.13 for the quarter ending September 30.

(e) Except as prohibited by (d) above, an insurer may nonrenew a policy pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.5(a)3 in a rating territory where the number of its in-force exposures has increased in the previous year as indicated by the two most recent in-force exposure reports for the quarter ending December 31.

4. The cash flow pattern from policy inception date for loss, defense and cost containment expenses (ALAE), and adjusting and other expenses (ULAE).

(d) Filers shall provide the following regarding identification and certification of statistical plans:

1. Identification of all statistical plans used or consulted in preparing the filing; and

2. A certification by an officer on behalf of the filer that the data utilized in the rate filing was collected in accordance with such plans and is a true and accurate representation of the insurer's experience. The certification shall identify any data included in the filing that was not collected in accordance with the statistical plan.

(e) Filers shall provide the following information regarding investment earnings on capital and surplus:

1. Given the selected underwriting profit and contingency provision calculated in N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.10(a)1, the resulting rate of return on equity capital and on total assets, showing the derivation on all factors used to produce the calculation.

(f) Filers shall provide also the following:

1. The amount of finance and other miscellaneous charges collected in New Jersey in connection with the sale of private passenger automobile insurance;

2. A description of all products and services supplied or received in transactions between the filer and a parent company, a wholly-owned subsidiary or an affiliated company; and

3. Any additional information specifically requested by the Commissioner which may be necessary to constitute a proper rate filing.

Emergency Amendment, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).

Changes to implement the Fair Automobile Insurance Reform Act, P.L. 1990, c.8.

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.91, effective January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a), 23 N.J.R. 514(a).

Provision of emergency amendment, R.1990 d.621, readopted with changes effective February 19, 1991.

Amended by R.1996 d.58, effective February 5, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

In (b)3 deleted exclusions of residual market equalization charges and policy constants.

Amended by R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

Rewrote (a) and (b); in (c), inserted a new second sentence in 2; and in (e), deleted former 2.

Amended by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

In (a), inserted "for the latest three calendar years" at the end of the sentence in the introductory paragraph; and in (a)2, substituted "three" for "five".

Amended by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

Rewrote (a); in (b), deleted 2 and recodified former 3 as 2 and 4 through 5 as 3 through 4; rewrote (c) and (e).

Amended by R.2003 d.499, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3084(a), 35 N.J.R. 5604(a).

In (a)3, deleted reference to the UCJF assessment.

11:3-16.10 Rate calculation using standard ratemaking methodology

(a) Investment income shall be treated by group of coverages as follows:

1. The calculation of the underwriting profit and contingency provision, taking into account investment income on loss reserves, loss adjustment expense reserves, unearned premium reserves and policyholder surplus shall be calculated in accordance with the Return-On-Equity (ROE) methodology, wherein, until revised pursuant to the procedure set forth in (a)10 below, the target after-tax ROE shall be limited to a maximum of 12.0 percent as a ratio to surplus or the company's target ROE, whichever is lower, inclusive of projected investment income on loss reserves, loss adjustment expense reserves, unearned premium reserves and policyholder surplus. The premium-to-surplus ratio (P/S) used for this calculation shall be limited to a minimum of 2/1, or the company's actual P/S as of the end of the latest calendar year, whichever is greater. The ROE calculation shall reflect investment income earned on surplus, based on past rates of return calculated in (a)8 below, to derive a net return on policyholder funds. The target return on policyholder funds shall be converted to a percentage of earned premium. Investment income earned on policyholder funds shall be calculated using a discounted cash-flow method with the cash-flow patterns provided in N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.9(c); otherwise the company shall provide the information contained in (a)2 through 6 below. The allowance for profit and contingencies used in deriving the expected loss and loss adjustment expense ratio shall be net of all investment income in policyholder funds and surplus, stated as a percent of earned premium and converted to a pre-tax basis.

i. Factors the Department will consider in approving an insurer's target ROE or in determining future adjustments to the maximum ROE permitted shall include the insurer's method of doing business, the cost of capital and other relevant economic considerations of the insurer, as well as interest rate levels, nationwide insurer return on equity levels, the level of competition in the New Jersey auto insurance market, ROE levels in other industries, and such other occurrences or conditions that may impact upon the adequacy of the ROE, as reflected in AM Best Reports, NAIC profitability reports, return on surplus, the Federal prime interest rate, and other publicly available independent indicies of similar reliability.

2. No deductions shall be made for prepaid expenses unless there is specific documentation included in the filing that supports the prepayment of those expenses, which shall include the cash flow pattern from policy inception date for commission and brokerage, other ac-

quisition expenses, general expenses, assessments, premium taxes, licenses and fees and any other expense payments.

3. No deductions shall be made for the delayed remission in premiums unless there is specific supporting documentation in the filing verifying such delay in the remission of premiums, which shall include the cash flow pattern from policy inception date until receipt of premium.

4. The ratio of unearned premium reserves to premium shall be obtained from the appropriate line of business from New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement. The calculations shall be the direct unearned premium reserve divided by the direct premiums written.

5. The ratio of loss reserves to incurred losses shall be on a direct business basis derived from the appropriate line of business from New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement. The calculations shall be as follows:

i. The average of the loss reserve at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year divided by the corresponding incurred losses during the year;

ii. The ratio of these reserves to corresponding losses incurred shall be calculated for the most recent three calendar years; and

iii. If there is a monotonic change in these ratios, either up or down, the most recent ratio shall be used in the calculation. If no such trend exists, the unweighted average of the three ratios shall be used in the calculation.

6. The ratio of loss adjustment expense reserves to loss reserves shall be derived from the appropriate line of business from Part 3A—Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses of the Annual Statement. The calculations shall be as follows:

i. The unpaid loss adjustment expense divided by the net losses unpaid excluding loss adjustment expense;

ii. This ratio shall be calculated for the most recent three calendar years; and

iii. If there is a monotonic change in these ratios, either up or down, the most recent ratio shall be used in the calculation. If no such trend exists, the unweighted average of the three ratios shall be used in the calculation.

7. The expected loss and loss adjustment expense ratio shall be one minus the underwriting expense ratio, minus the underwriting profit and contingency ratio derived from the Return on Equity Calculation.

8. The interest rate used in the calculation shall be a simple average of the calculated investment income yield for each of the latest two years, derived in N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.9(c)1 above, or the estimated investment income yield for the current year, whichever is higher.

(b) Underwriting expense provisions shall be determined as follows:

1. New Jersey specific data from New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement for the past three years shall be used to determine the expense provision for commission and brokerage. Countrywide data for commissions and brokerage is not acceptable. The expense provision shall be calculated as a percentage of New Jersey written premium.

2. New Jersey specific data from New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement for the past three years shall be used for premium taxes, licenses and fees. The expense provision shall be calculated as a percentage of New Jersey written premium.

3. New Jersey specific data shall be used for assessments.

4. Countrywide data for the latest three calendar years shall be used for general and other acquisition expenses, as reported in Part 3 of the Insurance Expense Exhibit. The expense provision shall be calculated as a percentage of countrywide earned premium.

5. The projected provision for other acquisition expenses and general expenses shall be based on a separate trending of the dollar amounts of these items. These shall not be determined by simply assuming the same ratio of these items to premium in the future as has been the case in the past. The basis of the trend shall be a 50/50 weighting of the trend during the past two years of the monthly All Items Consumer Price Index and monthly average weekly wages for fire and casualty insurance employees as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. This shall be performed by calculating through regression analysis the annual trends for the two indices and then averaging these values on an equal basis.

6. In determining the historic expense provision for commission and brokerage, other acquisition expenses and general expenses on a combined basis, the percentage to premium for each year of experience shall be limited as set forth in Exhibit H to the Appendix, incorporated herein by reference.

7. The following expense items shall not be incorporated into the expense base for determining rates:

- i. Fines against the company;
- ii. Lobbying expenses;
- iii. Charitable contributions;
- iv. Political contributions;

v. Awards against the company itself for punitive damages and for bad faith claims;

vi. Advertising and other expenses incurred in connection with proposed changes in the regulation of insurance; and

vii. Assessments and surtaxes imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:30A-8(9) and 17:33B-49, respectively.

8. The filing shall include for each of the categories in (b)7 above the dollars of expense that were excluded from the rate base, separately for each year of historic information and separately for each of the above seven categories. If the filer submits a ratemaking methodology that includes these expenses pursuant to (f) below, specific justification for including these expenses shall be included.

9. Commissions for bodily injury liability coverage for the \$0 and verbal threshold shall be equalized in accordance with Exhibit C in the Appendix incorporated herein by reference.

10. In accordance with (a)1 above, the Commissioner may issue an Order, no less frequently than once every two years, to adjust the maximum allowable ROE. Before issuing such an Order, the Commissioner shall publish a notice in the New Jersey Register, and provide secondary notice in the manner prescribed in N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(e) regarding notices of intent with respect to a proposed rulemaking proceeding. The notice shall indicate that the Commissioner has determined that a reevaluation of the current maximum ROE specified in this rule is necessary. The notice shall identify those factors, as set forth in (a) above, which the Commissioner intends to consider when conducting his or her analysis, a preliminary range for the change in the ROE, and the factors considered to determine that range. The notice shall further indicate that interested parties may submit comments upon the notice, including comments upon other factors which might be considered in addition to those mentioned in the notice. The comment period provided by the notice shall be not less than 30 days.

i. Any order issued by the Commissioner subsequent to this notice and comment procedure shall set forth the basis for the Commissioner's determination on the maximum allowable ROE. Any such Order shall be a final agency decision subject to review by the Appellate Division of Superior Court in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.

ii. Upon the issuance of an Order pursuant to this rule, the Commissioner shall file with the Office of Administrative Law a notice of administrative change for publication in the New Jersey Register, which notice shall announce the revised maximum ROE specified in the Order.

(c) The data base to be used shall be as follows:

1. Accident year data shall be used for all liability coverages. Accident year or calendar year data shall be used for physical damage coverages.

2. The most recent accident year data used in the filing shall end no more than 15 months prior to the date of submission of the filing. Data may be from either a fiscal year or year ending December 31, so long as the period is within 15 months of the filing.

(d) The trend methodology to be used shall be as follows:

1. With regard to loss trends, the filing shall contain separate determinations of the loss severity from loss frequency trends.

2. The filing shall contain an adjustment for symbol drift, and where appropriate for model year rating.

(e) The filer shall demonstrate that a reasonable total rate of return on its capital investment attributable to the New Jersey private passenger automobile insurance market will result from the proposed rates.

(f) The ratemaking methodology set forth in (a) through (e) above is the Department's preferred procedure and must be included with the filing. The filer may, however, propose an alternate procedure in total or in part and support it with such calculations and other information it deems appropriate to demonstrate the superiority of the alternate procedure in the determination of the filer's rates or loss costs.

1. In the event the filer has computed the rates using an alternate methodology, it shall provide all information related to the derivation of the profit and contingency loading contained in the filing, specifically including:

i. All data and worksheets used and judgments made;

ii. A description of the methodology used to arrive at the selected loading; and

iii. Details on the application of the methodology to this filing.

2. Filers which propose an alternate ratemaking methodology shall show the overall statewide rate change by coverage by both the standard and alternate methodologies.

(g) In addition to that required under N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.6, any filer desiring to modify its rates or rating system in any manner other than provided in N.J.S.A. 17:29A-46.6 shall also provide the following:

1. A completed Rate Pursuit Questionnaire as set forth in Appendix Exhibit J, of this subchapter incorporated herein by reference; and

2. A sample insurance application for new and renewal policies.

(h) Due to the amount of data required, a new company may not be able to fulfill all of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 11:3–16.8, 16.9 and this section. New companies shall be required to submit as much of the information as it is able to supply and each new company filing will be reviewed based on its own merit. Filers shall provide any additional information specifically requested by the Department that may be necessary to constitute a proper rate filing.

(i) Rating organizations shall be excused from the filing requirements of (a), (b), (e) and (g) above.

Emergency Amendment, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).

Changes to implement the Fair Automobile Reform Act, P.L. 1990, c.8.

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.91, effective January 25, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a), 23 N.J.R. 514(a).

Provision of emergency amendment, R.1990 d.621, readopted with changes effective February 19, 1991.

Amended by R.1992 d.189, effective April 20, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3199(a), 24 N.J.R. 1504(a).

Interest rate changed to 36 months of Moody bond rates or actual prospective yield.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4523(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.46, effective January 18, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4436(a), 26 N.J.R. 378(b).

Amended by R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

In (a), added a second sentence in 1; in (f), added a reference to loss costs at the end; and added (g) through (i).

Amended by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

Rewrote (a) and (b).

Amended by R.2003 d.499, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3084(b), 35 N.J.R. 5604(a).

Rewrote the section.

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Insurer's establishment of reserve for payment of its share of anticipated market transition facility (MTF) losses was premature. Matter of Private Passenger Auto. Rate Revision on Behalf of Aetna Cas. and Sur. Co., 256 N.J.Super. 46, 606 A.2d 401 (A.D.1992).

Regulatory amendment more accurately reflected actual yield rate than previous calculation method and had to be applied in calculating yield on premiums. Matter of Private Passenger Auto. Rate Revision on Behalf of Aetna Cas. and Sur. Co., 256 N.J.Super. 46, 606 A.2d 401 (A.D.1992).

Commissioner should make determinations on individual insurers' special rate-increase applications resulting from surtaxes and assessments imposed by Fair Automobile Insurance Reform Act before challenges to constitutionality. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. State, 124 N.J. 32, 590 A.2d 191 (1991).

Fair Automobile Insurance Reform Act prohibiting pass throughs to policyholders of costs did not violate takings clause. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. State, 124 N.J. 32, 590 A.2d 191 (1991).

Private passenger automobile insurer failed to document need for rate increase. In Re Harleysville Garden State Insurance Company's request for a Rate Increase, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 25.

Private passenger insurer not entitled to rate relief; insurer had reasonable rate of return. Matter of Private Passenger Automobile Rate Filings on Behalf of State Farm Mutual Insurance Company Concerning Fair Act Surtaxes and Assessments, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 1.

Private passenger automobile insurer's request for rate relief for market transition facility deficit was not ripe. In Re Chubb Group's Request for Private Passenger Automobile Insurance Rate Increase, 92 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 59.

Increase in private passenger automobile insurance rates was not proven. Matter of Aetna Casualty and Surety Company's Request for Private Passenger Automobile Insurance Rate Increase, 92 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 51.

Application of Clifford Formula to rate increase request by private passenger automobile insurer did not result in unconstitutional taking. Matter of All State Insurance Company, 92 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 25.

Thirteen percent rate increase for private passenger automobile insurance approved. Matter of Filing by Travelers Indemnity Company, 92 N.J.A.R.2d (INS) 1.

11:3–16.11 Rate filings reflecting assessments and surtaxes

(a) All insurers who submit a rate filing which reflects assessments or surtaxes imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:30A–8(a) and 17:33B–49, respectively, shall submit such rate filing independently of any prior approval rate filing submitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3–16.6.

(b) Any insurer desiring to modify its rates to reflect assessments or surtaxes imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:30A–8(9) and 17:33B–49, respectively, shall provide the following information in support of its application:

1. All of the data required for prior approval filings submitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3–16.6;

2. A copy of New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement, for each of the most recent 10 years. The insurer shall also file information combining this data for each of the most recent 10 years for all states and the District of Columbia, if applicable, in which the insurer is authorized to transact business; and shall provide a list of these jurisdictions;

3. The following data for all of its insurance affiliates for each of the most recent 10 years on a Statewide and countrywide basis:

i. For property and casualty affiliates New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement;

ii. For title insurance affiliates, Operations and Investment Exhibit (page 4) and Schedule T—Exhibit of Premiums Written (page 39) of the statutory title insurance Annual Statement;

iii. For life and health affiliates, Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds (page 3); Analysis of Operations by Lines of Business (page 5); and Exhibit 1 Part 1 and Part 2 (pages 7 and 7A) of the statutory life and health Annual Statement; and

- iv. An estimate of the amount of business in other lines that is produced by the synergistic effects of the insurer writing private passenger automobile insurance in this State.
4. Certifications/representations by the insurer's Chief Financial Officer and President containing the information set forth in Exhibit F in the Appendix incorporated herein by reference;
 5. A schedule of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's), as set forth in Exhibit G in the Appendix incorporated herein by reference, for the year of the rate filing and each of the preceding two years;
 6. For the current year and preceding two years, a schedule of premiums, incurred losses and operating expenses by New Jersey lines of business corresponding to line items one (1) through twenty-two (22) of Part 2 of the Insurance Expense Exhibit (IEE). In addition, provide a schedule of operating expenses by classification corresponding to line items one (1) through twenty-two (22) of Part I of the IEE. The aggregate of expenses reported by line item must agree with the total operating expenses related to New Jersey policies reported by line of business in Part II of the IEE, (sum of lines four (4) through eight (8));
 7. For each line item expenditures included in the schedule required pursuant to (b)6 above, the following:
 - i. A description of all allocation methodologies used to allocate corporate-wide costs (including worldwide, countrywide and region wide costs) to New Jersey lines of business;
 - ii. A description of all allocation methodologies used to allocate operating expenses to New Jersey private passenger automobile liability and physical damage lines of business and to all other New Jersey lines of business;
 - iii. An explanation for any changes in allocation methodologies between years; and
 - iv. For each operating expense classification by each New Jersey line of business, a schedule which shows the expenses directly charged to a line of business; and indirect expenses allocated to various lines of business using a reasonable allocation methodology;
 8. For each New Jersey line of business (including private passenger automobile), the following:
 - i. The number of named insureds;
 - ii. The number of employees directly dedicated to the line of business;
 - iii. The area of office space dedicated to the line of business (excluding allocations of corporate or administrative office space);
 - iv. The hours of data processing time charged;
 - v. The volume of exposures;
 - vi. The number of policies in force; and
 - vii. The number of claims reported during each of the three years requested;
 9. A report, based on a study and evaluation of the insurer's system of internal accounting control and signed by an independent public accountant. The report shall state that in the accountant's opinion, the system of internal accounting control of the insurer in effect during the current year, taken as a whole, was sufficient to meet the objectives of a system of internal accounting control insofar as those objectives pertain to the prevention or detection of errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the insurer's financial statements;

7. Youthful Operator Married Male, Drive to Work/Business Use;

8. No Youthful Operator, Principal Operator Under 65, Pleasure Use >3 miles;

9. No Youthful Operator, Principal Operator Under 65, Drive to Work, <10 miles;

10. No Youthful Operator, Principal Operator Under 65, Drive to Work, >10 miles;

11. No Youthful Operator, Principal Operator Under 65, Business Use; and

12. No Youthful Operator, Principal Operator Under 65, Farm Use.

(e) Insurers not using the primary use classifications found in (d) above shall provide the Department with a statement relating its rating system to those factors identified in Appendix Exhibit I.

New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

In (a), amended the N.J.A.C. reference.

Amended by R.2003 d.95, effective March 3, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3470(a), 35 N.J.R. 1289(a).

In (a), deleted "as of December 31 of the prior year" following "policies written"; rewrote (b).

11:3-16.16 Prospective loss cost filing requirements for insurers

(a) In order for an insurer to incorporate a rating organization's prospective loss costs to establish its own rates, an insurer shall:

1. Be a participating insurer in the rating organization; and

2. File its loss cost multiplier using the Reference Filing Adoption Form (as set forth in Appendix Exhibit C

EXHIBIT A I (RESERVED)

Emergency Repeal and Replacement, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.91, effective January 25, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a), 23 N.J.R. 514(a).

Repeal and Replacement, R.1990 d.621, readopted without change.

Amended by R.1996 d.58, effective February 5, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

Repealed by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

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Emergency Repeal and Replacement, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).

to this subchapter and incorporated herein by reference). An insurer's loss cost multiplier shall be filed and become effective in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 17:33B-31, and applicable provisions of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16 and 18. An insurer's final rates shall be a combination of the prospective loss costs and the loss cost multiplier.

i. An insurer may file modifications to the rating organization's approved prospective loss cost filing based on its own anticipated experience by using the Reference Filing Adoption Form. Supporting documentation shall be filed for any modification (upwards or downwards) to the rating organization's prospective loss cost filings. Supporting documentation must comply with N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.3(k).

ii. An insurer's loss cost multiplier shall remain in effect until the insurer revises the multiplier in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-14 and applicable provisions of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16 and 18.

(b) An insurer may vary expense loads by coverage. An insurer may use variable or fixed expense loads or a combination of these to establish their expense loadings by using the Reference Filing Adoption Form. An insurer's loss cost multiplier based on its expenses plus any profit provision shall be developed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.3(l).

(c) Any insurer participating in a rating organization shall continue to use all rates and deviations currently in effect for its use, until disapproved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:29A-14 or until the insurer revises its rates, either by making an independent filing or by filing a Reference Filing Adoption Form.

New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

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See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).

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See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

Repeal and New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

Was "Prior Approval Filings".

Amended by R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).

Repealed by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

EXHIBIT A PRIOR APPROVAL FILINGS

Company/Group: _____

Company File No.: _____

<u>Section</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Page #</u>
1) Filing Requirement		
16.3(e)	Filing Source Document MARS001	
16.3(f)	Certification of compliance (exact text in regulation) signed by officer	
16.3(g)	Filing submitted in three-ring binder, 8½ x 11 pages, printed on one side and numbered, three copies of filing	Yes / No
16.3(h)	Filer's identifying information at top of each page	Yes / No
16.3(i)	All data reported on direct basis exclusive of reinsurance	Yes / No
16.3(j)	All data from voluntary market only	Yes / No
16.6(a)1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cover letter notifying DOBI of intention to modify rates under prior approval procedure ● Proposed effective date ● Name/Telephone/Address of Company officer to whom inquiries about the filing may be directed 	_____ _____
16.6(a)2	This checklist	
16.6(a)3	Appendix Exhibit E	
16.6(a)4	Narrative overview	
16.6(a)8	(Required only if at least 20,000 exposures) Data disk or CD-ROM in MS Excel 97 format	Yes / N/A
2) Premium and Loss Data—All data must be at total limits and/or basic limits, and must be consistent throughout the filing. All data is to be provided by coverage by accident year for each of the latest three years.		
16.8(a)1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NJ direct earned premium (or loss cost) at present rates ● Method Used: On-Level (OL) or Extension of Exposures (EOE) ● Rate level history ● Underlying calculations with supporting documentation and sample calculation 	_____ OL / EOE _____
16.8(a)2i	NJ direct earned exposures	
16.8(a)2ii	NJ direct incurred losses	
16.8(a)2iii	Applicable loss development factors (age-to-ultimate)	
16.8(a)2iv	NJ direct paid or incurred defense and cost containment Expenses (ALAE)	
16.8(a)2v	Incurred adjusting and other expenses (ULAE), on countrywide basis as reported in IEE	
16.8(a)2vi	Ultimate incurred losses and LAE	
16.8(a)2vii	Trend factors	
16.8(a)2viii	Trended ultimate incurred losses and LAE	
16.8(a)3	(Required only if losses are separated into catastrophe and non-catastrophe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clear description and justification of the standard used. ● At least 10 years used to determine catastrophe load ● Explanation if database used for catastrophe load is different from that used for rate level change 	_____ _____
16.8(a)4	(Required only if territorial factors are changing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Territorial rate indications 	
16.8(a)5	(Required only if classification factors are changing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classification differentials information, relative loss ratios by class 	
16.8(a)6	For all incurred LAE data contained in the filing, show the related incurred losses used to determine any LAE loadings.	
16.8(a)7	(Required only if tier relativities are changing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tier differentials information, relative loss ratios by tier 	
16.8(a)8	Earned premium at present rates with and without expense fees	
16.8(a)9	Appendix Exhibit I, Written Exposures / Primary Classification (Pleasure use calculation)	
16.8(a)10	Primary Classification Factors used to determine rates	
16.8(b)	If Percentage of Pleasure Use is greater than the mean established, a written explanation of why.	
3) Credibility		
16.8(d)1	All data and worksheets used and judgements made	
16.8(d)2	Description of derivation methodology	
16.8(d)3	Description of application of the methodology to this filing	
4) Loss Development Factors (this section required only for filers with at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)		
16.8(e)1I	All data and worksheets used and judgements made	
16.8(e)1ii	Description of derivation methodology	
16.8(e)1iii	Description of application of the methodology to this filing	
5) Loss Development Triangles—All data must be at total limits and/or basic limits, and must be consistent throughout the filing.		
16.8(e)2	(Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market) Paid Loss Development Triangles for the last 10 accident years for annual evaluation dates from 15 months to . . .	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BI: 123 months 	

- PD: 75 months
 - UM/UIM: 123 months
 - PIP: 123 months
 - Collision: 51 months
 - Comprehensive: 51 months
 - 3/5/9 year average age-to-age and age-to-ultimate factors for above
- 16.8(e)3 Information in e(2) above for incurred losses
- 16.8(e)4 Information in e(2) above for either paid or incurred defense and cost containment expense (ALAE)
- 16.8(e)5 (Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)
Information in e(2) above for paid claim counts
- 16.8(e)6 (Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)
Information in e(2) above for incurred claim counts
- 16.8(e)7 (Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)
A statement regarding any changes in the filer's case loss reserving practices in the last five years.
- 6) Loss Trend
- 16.8(f)1 (Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)
- Internal loss trend data on a paid basis (incurred basis optional), separately for frequency and severity for latest available five rolling years on a quarterly year ending basis, for all coverages
 - Comp./Coll. shown at or adjusted to (with explanation) \$500.00 deductible
 - Explanation for above if "Explain" chosen
- 16.8(f)2 External industry fast track data on a paid basis, shown separately for frequency and severity for latest available five years on a rolling quarterly year ending basis, for all coverages
- 16.8(f)3 (Required only if at least 0.5 percent of NJ market)
- For all trend data described above, annual T statistics and coefficient of correlation, using least-squares regression with time as the independent variable
 - Trend calculations for at least two of the following point periods: 6, 9, 12, 16, 20
 - Side-by-side comparison of actual and fitted data
 - Calculations on both an exponential and straight line basis
- 16.8(f)4i Derivation of Trend Factors—All data and worksheets used and judgements made
- 16.8(f)4ii Derivation of Trend Factors—Description of derivation methodology
- 16.8(f)4iii Derivation of Trend Factors—Description of application of the methodology to this filing
- 16.8(f)5 Information (including studies, analyses, and fact sheets) of effects of the following:
- Changes in seatbelt use
 - Use of passive restraint systems (for example, air bags) and safety and anti-theft devices such as anti-lock brakes and traction control
 - Changes in the drinking age
 - Changes in price/amount of fuel purchased
 - Changes in average distance driven
 - AICRA of 1999
 - Primary Seat Belt Law of 2000
 - Graduated Licensing Law of 2001
 - Other changes
- 7) Information in Filing
- 16.8(g)1 Data on the mix of written exposures by length of policy for each of the last three years, including written exposures and written premium (or loss cost)
- 16.8(g)2
- Trend in average model year and symbol relativities for comprehensive and collision coverages
 - Explanation of method of calculation
 - All intermediate calculations
 - Average model year and symbol for each of the last five years
 - Distributions of written exposures by age/model year and symbol
- 16.8(g)3 Most recent five year history of the distribution by deductible amount of the written exposures and written premium (or loss cost) for comprehensive and collision coverages
- 16.8(h) Limitations on filing (state if none)
- 8) Indication
- 16.8(i) Overall Statewide change indicated by coverage
- 9) Expenses
- 16.9(a)1I Expense Provisions—All data and worksheets used and judgements made
- 16.9(a)1ii Expense Provisions—Description of derivation methodology
- 16.9(a)2i Average incurred expenses per exposure for last three calendar years for Commission and Brokerage expenses from NJ Page 14
- 16.9(a)2ii Average incurred expenses per exposure for last three calendar years for Other Acquisition Expenses from Part 3 of IEE
- 16.9(a)2iii Average incurred expenses per exposure for last three calendar years for General Expenses from Part 3 of IEE

Yes/Explain

- 16.9(a)2iv Average incurred expenses per exposure for last three calendar years for Taxes, Licenses, and Fees from NJ Page 14
- 16.9(a)3 Compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-37
- 16.9(a)4 Data does not include LAD fees or AIRE information Yes / No
- 10) Proposed Rates
- 16.9(b)1 Proposed rates (or loss costs) for each territory and coverage together with their derivation.
- 16.9(b)2 Compliance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-36:
- Rate classification definitions uniform Statewide
 - Auto insurance rate charged for any class not greater than 2.5 times the rate for the base class
 - Calculation that the base rate in any territory is not greater than 35 percent above Statewide average base rate, by coverage (required even if not changing)
 - Calculation that the rate for senior citizens (65+) is not greater than 25 percent above Statewide average for that group, by coverage (required even if not changing)
- 16.9(b)3 Comparison of average Statewide variable rates, expense fees, average current premium, average proposed premium, and number of exposures, by coverage.
- 16.9(b)4 Rating Examples using criteria from most recent Annual Premium Survey
- 11) Investment Income and Profit and Contingency Provision
- 16.9(c)1 Amount of investment income earned on loss, LAE, and unearned premium reserves in relation to earned premium for private passenger automobile insurance in NJ calculated for each of the last two years and estimated for current year, calculated in detail including the amount of composite reserves of each type at the beginning and end of each year.
- 16.9(c)2 Cash flow pattern from policy inception date until receipt of premium, showing both premium and installment premium, by coverage.
- 16.9(c)3 Cash flow pattern from policy inception date for
- Commission and brokerage
 - Other acquisition expenses
 - General expenses
 - Assessments
 - Premium taxes, licenses, and fees
 - Any other expense payments
- 16.9(c)4 Cash flow pattern from policy inception date for
- Loss
 - ALAE
 - ULAE
- 16.9(d)1 Identification of all statistical plans used or consulted
- 16.9(d)2 Certification that data correctly collected
- 16.9(e) Rate of return on equity capital and on total assets given the selected underwriting profit and contingency provision calculated in N.J.A.C. 11:3-16.10(a)1, showing the derivation of all factors used to produce the calculation.
- 16.9(f)1 Amount of finance and other miscellaneous charges collected in NJ.
- 16.9(f)2 Description of all products and services supplied or received in transactions between the filer and a parent company, a wholly owned subsidiary, or an affiliated company (state if none)
- 16.10(a)1 Calculation of profit and contingency provision using the ROE formula, based on the cash flow method or another method provided
- 16.10(a)2 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)3 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)4 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)5 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)6 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)7 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)8 (Required only if alternative to cash flow method used)
- 16.10(a)9 Ratio of unearned premium reserves to premium obtained from NJ Page 14 and calculated as described
- 16.10(a)10 Ratio of loss reserves to incurred losses derived from NJ Page 14 and calculated as described
- 16.10(a)11 Ratio of LAE reserves to loss reserves derived from Part 3A of the Statutory Annual Statement and calculated as described
- 16.10(a)12 Expected L + LAE Ratio = 1 Underwriting Expense Ratio–Underwriting Profit & Contingency Provision
- 16.10(a)13 Interest Rate used is larger of average of last two years' investment income yield or estimated yield for current year, calculated in N.J.A.C. 11:316.9(c)1
- 12) Expenses and Other Information
- 16.10(b)1 Commission and Brokerage expense provision derived from NJ Page 14
- 16.10(b)2 Premium Tax expense provision derived from NJ Page 14
- 16.10(b)3 NJ Specific Data used for Assessments
- 16.10(b)4 General and Other Acquisition Expenses derived from Part 3 of IEE

- 16.10(b)5 Trend of General and Other Acquisition expense using All Items CPI and monthly average weekly wages for fire and casualty insurance employees (50/50 weighting)
- 16.10(b)6 Expenses Capped by Appendix Exhibit H Calculation (available on DOBI web site)
- 16.10(b)7 Excluded Expenses (state if none)
- 16.10(b)8 Expense dollars excluded in accordance with (b)1 or justification provided for use
- 16.10(b)9 Bodily Injury Liability Zero/Verbal Threshold Commissions equalized using Appendix Exhibit C
- 16.10(c)1 Accident Year data used for liability coverages Yes/No
- 16.10(c)2 Most recent Accident Year data ends no more than 15 months before submission date of filing (Accident Year need not end on December 31). Yes/No
- 16.10(d)1 Frequency and Severity calculated separately in loss trends Yes/No
- 16.10(d)2 Adjustment for Symbol Drift and Model Year Rating Yes/No
- 16.10(e) Filer demonstrates that a reasonable rate of return on its capital investment will result from proposed rates
- 16.10(f) (Optional)
Alternate rate making procedure
- 16.10(g)1 Appendix Exhibit J, Rate Pursuit Questionnaire
- 16.10(g)2 Sample New and Renewal Insurance Applications

- 13) Filings Reflecting Assessments and Surtaxes (only required if filing under this section)
- 16.11(b)2 NJ and CW Page 14 for the last 10 years, with list of states included in CW
- 16.11(b)3 For all affiliates, 10 years of the following:
 - P & C affiliates: NJ Page 14 _____
 - Title affiliates: Operations and Investment Exhibit (Page 4) and Schedule T _____
 - L & H affiliates: Page 3, Page 5, Page 7 and 7A _____
- 16.11(b)3iv Estimate of amount of business in other lines produced by the synergistic effects of insurer writing PPA insurance
- 16.11(b)4 Appendix Exhibit F
- 16.11(b)5 Appendix Exhibit G
- 16.11(b)6 For current and preceding two years, schedule of premiums, incurred losses, and operating expenses by NJ lines of business from lines 1-22 of IEE Part 2, and a schedule of operating expenses for lines 1-22 of IEE Part 1 (aggregate of expenses by line item must agree with total from lines 4-8 of IEE Part 2)
- 16.11(b)7 For each line item expenditure in (b)6
 - Description of all allocation methodologies used to allocate corporate-wide costs (including world-wide, countrywide, and region wide) to NJ _____
 - Description of all allocation methodologies used to allocate operating expenses to NJ PPA liability and physical damage to all other NJ lines _____
 - Explanation for any changes in allocation methodologies between years _____
 - For each operating expense classification by each NJ line of business, schedule which shows the expenses directly charged to a line of business, and indirect expenses allocated to various lines of business using reasonable methodology _____
- 16.11(b)8 For each NJ line of business (including PPA):
 - Number of named insureds _____
 - Number of employees directly dedicated to the line of business _____
 - Area of office space dedicated to the line of business (excluding allocations of corporate or administrative office space) _____
 - Hours of data processing time charged _____
 - Volume of exposures _____
 - Number of policies in force _____
 - Number of claims reported during each of the three years requested _____
- 16.11(b)9 Internal accounting control report
- 16.11(b)10 List of internal audits in current years
- 16.11(b)11 Copies of internal audit reports issued during current year with responses
- 16.11(b)13 Reason why assessment should be included in PPA rates
- 16.11(e) Formula believed appropriate for determining return required, with supporting analysis and data fully explaining why formula should be utilized

New Rule, R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.
 See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).
 Amended by R.2003 d.499, effective December 15, 2003.
 See: 35 N.J.R. 3084(a), 35 N.J.R. 5604(a).

In 5), deleted "PIP losses capped at \$ 75,000"; in 6), deleted "PIP losses limited to \$ 75,000"; in 11), substituted "ROE formula" for "Clifford Formula" in 16.10(a)1; rewrote 12).

EXHIBIT B
 CAUSE OF LOSS REPORT
 COMPREHENSIVE

NEW JERSEY

Calendar Year Ending 12/31 _____

	Written Exposures	Earned Exposures	Written Premium	Earned Premium	No. of Losses	Losses Paid	% Loss Paid	Loss Freq.	Avg. Loss	Pure Premium (Loss Cost)
FIRE										
THEFT										
GLASS										
ALL OTHER CAUSES										
TOTAL										

EXHIBIT C

Worksheet to Determine Zero Threshold Premium and Commission for BI and UMBI

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Insurance Group Name _____

Insurance Company Name _____

Group NAIC Number _____

Company NAIC Number _____

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION ON PAGE 4.

Section A

Section A develops the revised verbal threshold base rate after the rate change.

Item 1A: Current verbal threshold base rate

State the territory number _____

Number of exposures _____

Percent of Statewide total _____

Item 2A: Verbal threshold rate change, expressed as a multiplicative factor _____

Item 3: Revised verbal threshold base rate _____

(Item 1A multiplied by Item 2A) _____

NOTE: Item 3A is the new verbal threshold base rate after the rate change.

Section B

The dollars of commission for the verbal threshold base rate and the zero threshold base rate are to be identical after the rate change. Section B develops the dollars of commission which can be included in the rate. The insurer may pay a higher commission. However, the portion of the commission above the amount stated in Item 2B is not to be included in the rate and is not to be charged to the policyholder.

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Item 1B: Current filed and approved commission rate for the VERBAL threshold base rate, expressed as a decimal and rounded to the third decimal place _____

State the relevant DOBI filing number: _____

Item 2B: Dollars of commission for the increased/decreased verbal threshold base rate (Item 3A multiplied by Item 1B) _____

NOTE: Item 2B is the dollars of commission for the verbal threshold base rate after the rate change, and it is also the dollars of commission for the zero threshold base rate after the rate increase/decrease.

Section C

Section C develops the zero threshold rate change.

For a prior approval rate increase, or a flex rating increase, complete Item 1C, Item 2C, Item 3C, and Item 4C. For a rate decrease, complete Item 5C, Item 6C, Item 7C, and Item 8C.

COMPLETE ITEMS 1C, 2C, 3C, AND 4C ONLY FOR A PRIOR APPROVAL RATE INCREASE, BUT NOT FOR A RATE DECREASE.

Item 1C: Item 2A minus 1.000

Item 2C: Item 1C times 2.000

Item 3C: Item 2C plus 1.000

Item 4C: Zero threshold rate increase expressed as a multiplicative factor

NOTE: Item 4C is the amount the insurer selects as the zero threshold rate increase. However, for a flex filing rate increase, Item 4C cannot be smaller than Item 3C.

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COMPLETE ITEMS 5C, 6C, 7C, AND 8C ONLY FOR A PRIOR APPROVAL RATE DECREASE, AND NOT FOR A PRIOR APPROVAL RATE INCREASE.

Item 5C: 1.000 minus Item 2A

Item 6C: Item 5C divided by 2.000

Item 7C: 1.000 minus Item 6C

Item 8C: Zero threshold rate decrease expressed as a multiplicative factor

NOTE: Item 8C is the amount the insurer selects as the zero threshold rate decrease.

Section D

Item 5D of Section D is the zero threshold base rate with the rate increase/decrease.

Item 1D: Current zero threshold base rate

Item 2D: Filed and approved dollars of commission for the current zero threshold base rate

State the relevant DOBI filing Number:

Item 3D: Current zero threshold base rate excluding commission (Item 1D minus Item 2D)

Item 4D: Increased/decreased zero threshold base rate, excluding commissions (Items 3D multiplied b Item 4C, or Item 3D multiplied by Item 8C, as appropriate.)

Item 5D: Increased/decreased zero threshold base rate, including commissions (Items 2B plus Item 4D)

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Instructions:

1. Data are for base rates for the territory with the largest number of the filer's exposures. Following Item 1A state the number of the territory in question; the number of exposures in that territory; and the portion of the statewide exposures for the filer in that territory.

2. File one worksheet for BI and one for UMBI.

3. For combined single limits, fill out the worksheets using the BI and UMBI portions of the rate.

4. Item 2A is to be expressed as a decimal and rounded to the third digit. For example, if the rate change is an increase of 2 percent, Item 2A is 1.020. As another example, if the rate change is a decrease of 3.2 percent, then Item 2A is 0.968.

5. The commission rate in Item 1B to be expressed as a decimal and rounded to the third digit. For example, if the commission rate is 15.3 percent, Item 1B is 0.153. As another example, if the commission rate is 19 percent, Item 1B is 0.190.

6. The commission allowable in the zero threshold base rate is Item 2B. The insurer may pay a higher commission. However, the portion of the commission above the amount stated in Item 2B is not to be included rate and is not to be charged to the policyholder.

7. Following Items 1B and 2D, provide the DOBI filing number of the filing in which the commission rate was approved.

Amended by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

Rewrote Part 1; substituted "DOBI" for "DOI" throughout; in Section C, deleted references to a flex rating increase throughout.

EXHIBIT D

Date of filling out form: _____

NEW JERSEY INSURER RATE FILING
ADOPTION OF ADVISORY ORGANIZATION
PERSPECTIVE LOSS COSTS
REFERENCE FILING ADOPTION FORM
PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE

1. INSURER NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING _____
TITLE _____ TELEPHONE _____

2. INSURER GROUP NAIC # _____

2A. INSURER COMPANY NAIC # _____

3. LINE OF INSURANCE _____

4. ADVISORY ORGANIZATION _____

5. ADVISORY ORGANIZATION REFERENCE FILING # _____

6. The above insurer hereby declares that it is a member, subscriber or service purchaser of the named advisory organization for this line of insurance. The insurer hereby files to be deemed to have independently submitted as its own filing, the prospective loss costs in the captioned Reference Filing.

7. PROPOSED RATE LEVEL CHANGE _____% EFFECTIVE DATE _____

8. PRIOR RATE LEVEL CHANGE _____% EFFECTIVE DATE _____

9. ATTACH "FILING ADOPTION FORM" FOR EACH INSURER IF SELECTED LOSS COST MULTIPLIER IS DIFFERENT.

** The filed Loss Cost Level Change Factor for the initial filing is the Ratio of the Revised Loss Costs to Current Rates divided by the Deviation which the insurer applied to the Current Rates (expressed as a decimal); and for subsequent filings, the Ratio Loss Cost Level to Current Loss Cost Levels.

Insurer Name: _____

Date of filling out form: _____

NAIC # Group: _____ Company: _____

NEW JERSEY EXPENSE CONSTANT SUPPLEMENT
CALCULATION OF COMPANY LOSS COST MULTIPLIER

10. Coverage to which this page applies: _____
11. Loss Cost Modification
 A. The insurer hereby files to adopt the prospective loss costs in the captioned reference filing:
 (CHECK ONE)
 Without Modification (Factor = 1.000) _____
 With the following modification(s): _____
- B. Loss Cost Modification Expressed as a Factor: _____
 (See examples below.)
12. Development of Expected Loss Ratio. (Attach exhibit detailing insurer expense data and/or other supporting information).
- | | <u>Overall</u> | <u>Variable</u> | <u>Fixed</u> |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| A. Commissions | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| B. Other Acq. | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| C. General Exp. | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| D. Expenses Subject to Cap | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| E. Expense Cap | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| F. Capped Expenses | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| G. Taxes, Licenses & Fees | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| H. UCJF | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| I. Profit Provision | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| J. Other | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| K. Total | _____ % | _____ % | _____ % |
| L. Fixed Expense Trend Factor | | | _____ |
| M. Trended Fixed Expense Ratio | | | _____ % |
| 13. A. Expected Loss Ratio: ELR = 100% = Overall 12K = | | _____ % | |
| B. ELR expressed in decimal form = | | _____ | |
| C. Variable Expected Loss Ratio: VELR = 13A + 12M | | _____ | |
| D. VELR in decimal form = | | _____ | |
| 14. Formula Expense Consultant:
Average Prospective Loss Cost = | | | _____ |
| Formula Variable Loss Cost Multiplier: (11B/13D) = | | | _____ |
| 15. Selected Expense Constant = | | | _____ |
| Selected Variable Loss Cost Multiplier = | | | _____ |
| 16. Rate level change for the coverage to which this page applies | | | _____ % |

New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

EXHIBIT E

	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Dollar Effect</u>	<u>Latest Year Earned Exposures</u>	<u>Latest Year On-Level Earned Premium</u>
Bodily Injury				
Verbal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Zero	_____	_____	_____	_____
Property Damage	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal Injury Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
Uninsured Motorists	_____	_____	_____	_____
Verbal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Zero	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Liability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Comprehensive	_____	_____	_____	_____
Collision	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Physical Damage	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overall Total	_____	_____	_____	_____
Expense Fees	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Single Limit Liability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bodily Injury	_____	_____	_____	_____
Property Damage	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal Injury Protection	_____	_____	_____	_____
Comprehensive	_____	_____	_____	_____

Collision

Add columns for latest year earned exposures and latest year on-level earned premium by coverage.

Emergency Repeal and Replacement, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).

Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.91, effective January 25, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a), 23 N.J.R. 514(a).

Repeal and Replacement, R.1990 d.621, readopted with changes effective February 19, 1991.

Amended by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

Inserted "Latest Year Earned Exposures" and "Latest Year On-Level Earned Premium" and inserted "Add columns for latest year earned exposures and latest year on-level earned premium by coverage".

EXHIBIT F

The Chief Financial Officer and President must make the following representations regarding rate filing documents:

1. The schedule of operating expenses for the insurer's New Jersey private passenger automobile lines of business (corresponding to columns 19.1 through 19.4 and in columns 21.1 and 21.2 of the insurance expense exhibit (IEE)). Include only those costs which were incurred to support the insurer's New Jersey private passenger automobile insurance operations.
2. The allocation of expenses to each line of business on the insurance expense exhibit and the required schedule was made in accordance with the Instructions for Uniform Classifications of Expenses.
3. The allocation of corporate-wide (worldwide, countrywide and regionalwide) expenses to New Jersey lines of business represents only those corporate-wide costs that are properly allocable to New Jersey operations based on reasonable and prudent allocation methodologies.
4. The allocation methodologies used to allocate certain New Jersey general and administrative or indirect costs to New Jersey private passenger automobile lines of business were reasonable, adequately supportable, and did not result in costs being allocated which were incurred by reason of non-private passenger automobile insurance operations.
5. Allocation methodologies used were applied consistently from year to year or, if there were any changes in allocation methodologies, the insurer has stated the reasons for the changes and has quantified the effect of changing the methodologies.
6. The methodologies used to allocate indirect costs is consistent with the methodologies used to allocate indirect costs by the insurer's internal reporting system.
7. If the insurer operated separate cost centers for its New Jersey private passenger automobile lines of business, but expenses for these cost centers were allocated rather than accounted for directly, the insurer has accurately quantified the effect of not accounting for such expenses directly. Also, reasons for not using direct costing for the separate New Jersey private passenger auto cost centers have been provided.
8. The methodologies used to allocate indirect costs to the New Jersey private passenger automobile lines of business are consistent with the methodologies used to allocate indirect costs to other New Jersey lines of business.
9. The total pool of allocated costs (before allocating to the various lines of business in each state) represents all and only such costs as are reflected in the insurer's annual audited financial statements prepared under statutory accounting principles.
10. All paid allocated loss adjustment expenses reported for New Jersey private passenger automobile lines of business were incurred to settle specific claims and the guidelines used for determining these loss adjustment expenses are the same as those used for the insurer's other lines of business.
11. A reasonable, prudent person would not determine that there are allocation methodologies which could have been used that would clearly have resulted in a more accurate allocation of operating expenses.
12. Financial information on the IEE properly reconciles with the insurer's annual statements as reported to the Department.
13. The schedule provided for premiums, incurred losses and operating expenses (on a direct basis) by New Jersey lines of business properly reconciles to the insurer's total premiums, incurred losses and operating expenses by line of business (on a net basis) as reported in the IEE.
14. Net direct written premiums reported in the current year for each New Jersey line of business were determined in the same manner as in the preceding two years.
15. The Insurance Expense Exhibits for the current and preceding two years and the required supporting schedules were prepared in conformity with statutory accounting principles.
16. Adequate provision has been made for all incurred losses in each of the periods reported.
17. There were no violations of laws or regulations during the periods reported whose effects have not been considered in the results of operations reported.
18. The accounting records underlying the financial information provided accurately and fairly reflect, in reasonable detail, the transactions of the insurer's private passenger automobile and other lines of business.
19. The filer has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial information provided in the event of noncompliance.
20. No events have occurred subsequent to the date of the most recent Insurance Expense Exhibit that would require adjustment to the financial information provided on the Insurance Expense Exhibits or to the financial information provided on the other schedules required.
21. There have been no:
 - a. Irregularities involving management or employees who have significant roles in the internal control structure.
 - b. Irregularities involving other employees that could have a material effect on the financial information provided.
 - c. Communications from regulatory agents concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial information provided.

Amended by R.1996 d.58, effective February 5, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3682(a), 28 N.J.R. 855(a).

EXHIBIT G

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following data ratios should be provided for each line of business (for New Jersey business only). All of the ratios shall be calculated for the current year and preceding two years. Information on surplus as regards policyholders, accounts receivable, underwriting employees and number of adjusters shall be provided as of the last day of each year reported.

1. Salvage Recoveries/Paid Losses (Collision Only)
2. Subrogation Recoveries/Paid Losses (Liability Coverages Only)
3. Premiums Collected/Earned Premiums
4. Accounts Receivable/Earned Premiums
5. Incurred Losses (excl. IBNR)/Earned Premiums
6. Earned Premiums/Earned Exposures
7. Exposures Written/Underwriting Employees
8. Underwriting Expenses/Exposures Written
9. Paid Losses/Claims Paid and Closed

10. Claims Outstanding/Number of Adjusters
11. Claim Expenses/Claims Reported
12. Other ratios as deemed necessary by the Department of Insurance

In addition, the following data should be provided:

13. Annual Net Written Premiums/Surplus as Regards Policyholders
14. Reduction to Surplus as Regards Policyholders during the current and preceding two years.

Emergency New Rule, R.1990 d.621, effective November 26, 1990 (expired January 25, 1991).
 See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a).
 Adopted Concurrent Proposal, R.1991 d.91, effective January 25, 1991.
 See: 22 N.J.R. 3790(a), 23 N.J.R. 514(a).
 Provision of emergency new rule, R.1990 d.621, readopted without change.

EXHIBIT H

Calculation of Maximum on Combined Commission and Brokerage, other Acquisition Expense and General Expenses

The maximum expense shall be calculated as a weighted average of those companies in the 20 largest private passenger automobile companies or groups in this State that use the same marketing method as the filer, excluding the results of insurance carriers with membership requirements.

The Department will compile the list of the 20 largest private passenger automobile companies or groups on May 31 of each year based on the most recent annual premium volume.

The companies and groups on the list shall be divided into one of the three marketing methods: (1) Independent Agents; (2) Captive Agents; or (3) Direct Writers. The designation of marketing method shall be based on the primary designation for the company or group in the A.M. Best Report (Property/Casualty). The list shall be posted on the Department's website and made available to filers on request.

The provision for commission and brokerage expense shall be calculated as a percentage of New Jersey written premium, as stated on New Jersey Page 14 of the Statutory Annual Statement for each company or group used in the calculation. The provision for general and other acquisition expense shall be calculated as a percentage of countrywide earned premium, as stated on Part 3 of the Insurance Expense Exhibit for each company or group used in the calculation.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).
 Was "Marketing Methods for the Top 20 Private Passenger Auto Insurers in New Jersey".
 Repeal and New Rule, R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.
 See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).
 Section was "Marketing Methods for the Largest Private Passenger Auto Insurer Groups in New Jersey".
 Amended by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.
 See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

Inserted a fourth paragraph.
 Amended by R.2003 d.499, effective December 15, 2003.
 See: 35 N.J.R. 3084(a), 35 N.J.R. 5604(a).
 Inserted "excluding the results of insurance carriers with membership requirements" in the first paragraph; substituted "May 31" for "June 30" in the second paragraph.

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(RESERVED)

New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).
 Repealed by R.2003 d.95, effective March 3, 2003.
 See: 34 N.J.R. 3470(a), 35 N.J.R. 1289(a).

EXHIBIT J

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE—
RATE PURSUIT SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Category A—Insurance Eligibility Points

1. How often does your company acquire MVR's on new business applications?
2. How often does your company acquire MVR's on renewals?
3. Are MVR's ordered on each:
 Principal Operator _____
 Occasional Operator _____
 Household Member _____
 Named Driver _____
 Other (please specify) _____

COMMENTS: _____

Category B—Hidden Operators

1. Does your company's new business application request information on all licensed drivers in the household not insured under another policy?
2. Does your company's new business application request information on all licensed drivers in the household?
3. Does your company's new business application request information regarding all residents in the household?
4. Does your company send a renewal questionnaire to each insured prior to renewal?

- 5. Does your company's renewal questionnaire request information on all licensed drivers in the household not insured under another policy?
- 6. Does your company's renewal questionnaire request information on all licensed drivers in the household?
- 7. Does your company's renewal questionnaire request information regarding all residents in the household?
- 8. What are your company's procedures with regard to an unreturned renewal questionnaire?
- 9. Please provide us with a copy of your company's new business application and renewal questionnaire.

COMMENTS: _____

Category C—Vehicle Usage

- 1. Provide the percentage of all drivers rated as pleasure use.
- 2. With regard to mileage, does your company verify the use of the vehicle? How?
- 3. Does your application/renewal questionnaire request estimated annual mileage?
- 4. Does your application/renewal questionnaire request an odometer reading for each vehicle?
- 5. Does your application/renewal questionnaire request employment location for each driver?
- 6. Is there a reconciliation process if there is a discrepancy between:
 Estimated annual mileage and vehicle usage
 Odometer reading and vehicle usage
 Home-Work locations and vehicle usage
 How is this accomplished?
- 7. Provide an estimated average annual mileage for each use class: pleasure, 3-10, over 10.
- 8. Is there a verification process with regard to carpooling? How?
- 9. Is there a verification process with regard to mass transit? How?
- 10. If your company is not a direct writer, what are your company's instructions to agents with regard to use class verification?

COMMENTS: _____

Category D—General

- 1. What are your company's biggest problems with regard to rate evasion?

- 2. What suggestions do you have for the Department to help minimize this problem?

New Rule, R.1998 d.128, effective March 2, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 5240(a), 30 N.J.R. 828(a).

**EXHIBIT K
 (RESERVED)**

New Rule, R.2001 d.44, effective February 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3891(a), 33 N.J.R. 573(a).
 Repealed by R.2003 d.173, effective May 5, 2003.
 See: 34 N.J.R. 3475(a), 35 N.J.R. 1907(a).

SUBCHAPTER 16A. (RESERVED)

**SUBCHAPTER 16B. RATE PROCESS FOR
 LIMITED RATE CHANGES;
 CALCULATIONS FOR PRIVATE
 PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
 RATE CHANGES**

Authority

N.J.S.A. 17:1-8.1; 17:1-15e; 17:29A-1 et seq.; 17:29A-46.6
 and 46.7 and P.L. 1997, c.151, section 35.

Source and Effective Date

R.2001 d.481, effective December 17, 2001.
 See: 33 N.J.R. 2574(a), 33 N.J.R. 4371(a).

11:3-16B.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to set forth the process for a private passenger automobile insurer or rating organization to file limited rate changes to its rating system as permitted by N.J.S.A. 17:29A-46.6.

(b) This subchapter shall also apply to rates filed by:

1. All insurers, affiliated groups of insurers and rating organizations writing or transacting private passenger automobile insurance in the voluntary market in this State; and

2. The New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan.

(c) These rules shall apply to base rate changes by coverage, territorial base rate changes, expense fees, class factors, deductibles, increased limit factors and discounts and credits.

Amended by R.2003 d.500, effective December 15, 2003.
 See: 35 N.J.R. 3093(a), 35 N.J.R. 5611(a).

In (a), deleted "expedited" preceding "process" and inserted "limited rate" preceding "changes"; in (b)1, inserted ", affiliated groups of insurers" following "All insurers".

11:3-16B.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance in the State of New Jersey.

“Coverage” means:

1. Split limit bodily injury (“BI”);
2. Split limit property damage (“PD”);
3. Combined single limit (“CSL”);
4. Personal injury protection including medical payments (“PIP”);
5. BI, PD and PIP combined (“PACK”);
6. Uninsured and underinsured motorists, bodily injury and property damage combined (“UM”);
 - i. For developing the indications by coverage, UM data shall be combined with liability data in 1, 3 or 5 above;
7. Comprehensive (“COMP”); and
8. Collision (“COLL”).

“Earned premium” (“EP”) means direct, earned premium net of dividends paid or incurred.

“Personal Automobile Insurance Plan” or “PAIP” means the New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan established by N.J.A.C. 11:3-2.

“Rate change” means a rate increase of no more than seven percent overall or not more than 10 percent in any single coverage. Rate change also means any decrease in rates or a change in rates that is revenue neutral.

“Written premium” (“WP”) means direct, written premium net of dividends paid or incurred.

Amended by R.2003 d.500, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3093(a), 35 N.J.R. 5611(a).

Rewrote “Rate change” and “Written premium”.

11:3-16B.3 Rate process for limited rate changes; insurers and rating organizations

(a) An insurer and/or rating organization, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33B-31, may file for a rate change in accordance with this subchapter. The insurer shall provide the following information in support of its filing:

1. A cover letter notifying the Department of its intention to make a rate change according to the provisions of this subchapter; the company’s file number, a statement of the percentage and total dollar amount of the change in rates by coverage for each company included in the filing with subtotals by group of coverages (liability versus physical damage) and an overall total in the format of Appendix Exhibit E of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16 incorporated herein by reference; a statement containing the effective date of the change for new and renewal policyholders; and the name, telephone number and mailing address of the company officer familiar with the filing to whom further inquiries regarding the filing may be directed;

2. A checklist that sets forth the information in Exhibit A in the subchapter Appendix incorporated herein by reference;

3. An exhibit, supported by an actuarial certification, that illustrates that the new rates are within the ranges permitted by N.J.S.A. 17:29A-36 and 29A-46.6(e);

4. The manual rating pages containing the territorial base rates by coverage to be implemented, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum showing the calculation of the new rates by coverage, using the existing rates by coverage as the starting point in the calculation; and

5. Completed rating examples using the examples set forth in N.J.A.C. 11:3-19A.3, which shows the proposed premium amounts.

(b) The filer may supplement a complete filing in response to questions from the Department about matters that require clarification or additional explanation, provided that the prompt review of the filing within the time frames set forth in this subchapter is not adversely affected.

Amended by R.2003 d.500, effective December 15, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3093(a), 35 N.J.R. 5611(a).

In (a), inserted “the company’s file number,” following “the provisions of this subchapter;” and “for new and renewal policyholders” following “of the change” in 1 and deleted the last sentence of 4.

11:3-16B.4 Rate process for limited rate changes; calculation for private passenger automobile insurance

(a) General requirements for limited rate change filings are as follows:

1. Filers shall provide coverage indications based on three accident years of data. For coverages that are fully credible based on less than three years of data, filers may use two accident years of data to calculate indications for those coverages;

2. Indications may be based on either total limit or basic limit data for the liability coverages;

3. Coverage indications shall be calculated as follows:

- i. Filers that only sell split limits policies shall submit separate BI and PD indications;

- ii. Filers that only sell CSL policies shall submit one CSL indication. However, the BI and PD portion of losses shall be developed and trended using separate loss development triangles and trend factors;

- iii. Filers that sell both split limits and CSL policies can either submit separate BI, PD and CSL indications or allocate the CSL data between BI and PD;

- iv. Filers that sell PACK policies can submit one indication for the policy but the BI, PD and PIP portion of the losses shall be developed and trended using separate loss development triangles and trend factors; and