TO: ALL LICENSED INSURANCE COMPANIES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
FROM: JOHN F. KING
INSURANCE AND SAFETY FIRE COMMISSIONER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
RE: LENIENCY FOR GEORGIA RESIDENTS MAKING PREMIUM PAYMENTS IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE DORIAN

Earlier this week, severe weather related to Hurricane Dorian caused property damage and thousands to be without power along the coast of Georgia. Transportation was also affected due to mandatory evacuation orders. On August 29, 2019, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order declaring that a State of Emergency exists in twelve Southeast Georgia counties. On September 4, 2019, Governor Brian Kemp extended this State of Emergency to nine more Georgia counties.

Accordingly, the Georgia Insurance Department encourages insurers to provide relief to Georgia policyholders, including exercising leniency where premium payments may appear tardy due to the disruption of services as a result of the storm. Likewise, insurers that have or will process lawful cancellation or nonrenewal notices during the time in which Georgia is in a State of Emergency are encouraged to ensure that policyholders impacted by legal adverse underwriting decisions have sufficient time to address their insurance needs.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact (404) 656-2070.

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