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MD REMINDS INSURERS OF SECTION 19-107 REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) recently issued Bulletin 08-01 to remind insurers of their obligation under Section 19-107 of the Maryland Insurance Article to file justification for any refusal to issue or renew insurance because of geographic location. The Bulletin sets out the information needed in a filing to comply with Section 19-107.

The Bulletin states that having restrictions listed in an insurer's underwriting guidelines or rating rules is not sufficient if a correlated 19-107 filing hasn't been properly submitted. If an insurer is currently imposing geographic location restrictions without having made the required filings, then the insurer should cease applying such restrictions and contact the MIA to report its non-compliance.

COMPANY ACTION

You should review Bulletin 08-01 and Section 19-107 to see how these requirements affect your company.

AVAILABILITY

A copy of the Bulletin may be accessed at the MIA's website at:
<http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/documents/BulletinP&C08-01-Re19-107filings.pdf>

QUESTIONS

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