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## **Bulletin 12-26**

Date: November 1, 2012

To: All Property and Casualty Insurers, The Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund

(MAIF), The Joint Insurance Association (JIA), The Injured Workers Insurance

Fund (IWIF) and All Premium Finance Companies

Re: Cancellations of Insurance Policies

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On October 26, 2012, Governor Martin O'Malley issued Executive Order 01.01.2012.19 declaring a State of Emergency for the entire State of Maryland in anticipation of the impending impact of "Hurricane Sandy." Because of this weather event, daily life for many Maryland consumers has been disrupted. To avoid cancellations for personal automobile insurance, homeowners insurance, and other personal lines of insurance, I encourage insurers to provide reasonable accommodations to policyholders displaced or otherwise significantly impacted by the storm, including, but not limited to, a grace period for premium payment.

By: <u>Signature on original</u>
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