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TO: ALL ILLINOIS-LICENSED INSURANCE COMPANIES
FROM: JACK MESSMORE *JM*
DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
RE: COMPANY BULLETIN 2011-12: CIVIL UNION ACT AND
NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO CB 2011-06

On May 26, 2011, the Department issued Company Bulletin 2011-06 to provide guidance to Illinois-licensed insurance companies regarding compliance with the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act;" 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq.*).

CB 2011-06 instructed companies to "immediately inform insureds and potential insureds about compliance with the Act on all policy forms, applications, or other materials distributed to those insureds or potential insureds."

This Bulletin provides the following additional guidance about the form and content of this notification requirement, in response to questions received by the Department.

CB 2011-06 does not require a company to initiate and distribute a notification solely for the purpose of informing insureds about the company's compliance with the Act. Rather, CB 2011-06 requires companies to include, in the first set of policy forms, annual privacy notices or other similar written materials, excluding premium or billing notices, distributed to insureds after the Act's effective date of June 1, 2011, a notice regarding the company's compliance with the Act. The notice should provide basic information about the Act and inform insureds that the policy or contract provides parties to a civil union and a marriage identical benefits and protections, as required by the Act. The notice would be considered an administrative notice, and is not required to be filed with the Department prior to use.

The same or similar notice should be included in all application materials in order to inform potential insureds about the Act.

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