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Insurance Director Issues Bulletin to Ease Burden on Storm Victims

Bulletin will allow those directly impacted by storms 60 days to pay insurance premiums

(COLUMBUS) —Ohioans affected by the tornados that ripped through Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa Counties will be getting some relief when it comes to deadlines for paying their insurance premiums, Ohio Department of Insurance Director Mary Jo Hudson has announced. Director Hudson has issued a bulletin to Ohio insurance companies asking them to be patient when receiving late insurance premium payments from those who are trying to rebuild their lives after last weekend's devastating storms.

“Ohio insurance companies have been historically compassionate in understanding that some people may be a little late in getting their payments in after a disaster of this magnitude,” said Director Hudson. “The purpose of this bulletin is to provide consumers and insurance companies guidance on who is eligible for these late payments.”

The bulletin, Emergency Bulletin 2010-02, states that insurance companies are to give those who have been directly impacted by the storms 60 days from the date the premium was due to pay their premiums, interest free. Only those who have experienced a loss are eligible. The bulletin expires on September 10, 2010.

The full bulletin, as well as other specific information related to this weather event, is available for viewing on the Department's Severe Weather/Tornado informational toolkit, located at www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/Pages/SevereWeather-TornadoEventofJune5-6,2010.aspx.

Ohio insurance consumers with questions and concerns about their insurance can call the Department's consumer hotline at **1-800-686-1526**. Free information can also be obtained at www.insurance.ohio.gov.

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