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**TO: ALL INSURERS TRANSACTING PRIVATE PASSENGER  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN NEW JERSEY**

**FROM: STEVEN M. GOLDMAN, COMMISSIONER**

**RE: CANCELLATION/NONRENEWAL NOTICES**

The requirement that all private passenger automobile insurers provide coverage to all eligible persons as set forth in N.J.S.A. 17:33B-15 became inoperative on January 1, 2009 pursuant to P.L. 2003, c. 89. The Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department") implemented this change by adopting amendments, repeals and new rules which became effective December 15, 2008 and operative January 1, 2009. See 40 N.J.R. 6970(b).

The Department has become aware that several insurers are continuing to send out notices of nonrenewal to policyholders that contain language indicating that New Jersey law provides that an insurer may only deny coverage to individuals who are not eligible persons and which reference appeals to the Department of denials of coverage on that basis pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-33. As was noted above, the rules which restricted denials of coverage in that manner and which provided for such appeals became inoperative on January 1, 2009. Consequently, the inclusion of such language in non-renewal notices is inconsistent with current law and may cause confusion to policyholders receiving such notices.

Accordingly, the Department is issuing this Bulletin to remind insurers that their cancellation and nonrenewal notices should conform to the existing rules at N.J.A.C. 11:3-8.5(b).

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