

September 12, 2008

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Revised Uninsured Motorists (UM) and
Underinsured Motorists (UIM) Coverage
Manual Rule and Introduction of New Form

By Circular Letter To All Member Companies dated September 8, 2008, this Bureau announced several revisions to the Personal Auto Manual regarding the implementation of mandatory Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage as a result of House Bill 738.

With regard to the implementation of these changes, please be advised that G. S. 58-36-45 provides as follows:

“Whenever an insurer changes the coverage other than at the request of the insured or changes the premium rate, it shall give the insured written notice of such coverage change or premium rate change at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of such change or changes with a copy of such notice to the agent. This section shall apply to all policies and coverages subject to the provisions of this Article except workers' compensation insurance and employers' liability insurance written in connection therewith.”

Please see to it that this Circular Letter is brought to the attention of all interested personnel within your Company.

Very truly yours,

F. Timothy Lucas

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