

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
45 Fremont Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94105**

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CA 11-01, 11-03, 11-05, 11-06

**May 12, 2011**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING REVISIONS TO CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE ASSIGNED RISK  
PLAN**

**SUBJECT OF HEARING**

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Rules 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and the Zip Code Listings of the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP) Simplified Rules and Rates Manual.

**AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES AND REFERENCE**

The Commissioner will consider the proposed changes pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 11620 of the California Insurance Code. The Commissioner's decision on the proposed changes will implement, interpret, or make specific the requirements of Insurance Code Section 11624(e). Government Code §11340.9(g) applies to this proceeding.

**HEARING DATE AND LOCATION**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, with respect to the proposed changes at the following date, time, and place:

**Date and Time:**           **July 27, 2011**  
  **10:00 a.m.**

**Location:**                   **California Department of Insurance**  
  **45 Fremont Street**  
  **22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hearing Room**  
  **San Francisco, California 94105**

**ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM**

The facilities to be used for the public hearing are accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Persons with sight or hearing impairments are requested to notify the contact person (listed below) for this hearing in order to make special arrangements, if necessary.

WRITTEN AND/OR ORAL COMMENTS: AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

All persons are invited to submit written comments to the Insurance Commissioner on the proposal prior to the public comment deadline. Comments should be addressed to the contact person for this proceeding:

Mike Riordan, Staff Counsel  
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Rate Enforcement Bureau  
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The backup agency contact person for this proceeding will be:

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All persons are invited to present oral and/or written testimony at the scheduled public hearing.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

All written materials, unless submitted at the hearing, must be **received** by the Insurance Commissioner at the address listed above **no later than 5:00 p.m. on, July 27, 2011**. Any written materials received after that time will not be considered. Written comments may also be submitted to the contact person by e-mail or facsimile transmission. Please select only one method to submit written comments.

ADVOCACY OR WITNESS FEES

Persons or groups representing the interest of consumers may be entitled to reasonable advocacy fees, witness fees, and other reasonable expenses, in accordance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Sections 2662.1-2662.6 in connection with their participation in this matter. Interested persons must submit a Petition to Participate, as specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2661.4. The Petition to Participate must be submitted to the Commissioner at the Office of the Public Advisor at the following address:

California Department of Insurance  
Office of the Public Advisor  
45 Fremont Street 21st Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Telephone: (415) 538-4190

A copy of the Petition to Participate must also be submitted to the contact person for this hearing (listed above). For further information, please contact the Office of the Public Advisor.

#### INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

##### Motorcyclist (CAARP Filing Number CA 11-01)

CAARP is proposing a rate decrease for motorcyclists. On average, the rates for motorcyclists will decrease approximately 11% for operators less than 25 years of age and approximately 30% for all others

##### Rate Manual (CAARP Filing Number CA 11-03)

With the advent of EASi and Internet-based manuals, the cost-benefit of producing multi-paged payment and rate schedules has diminished. CAARP proposes to amend Rule 21 to provide rating instructions and delete overlapping classifications. Rules 23, 25 and 26 are amended to convert percentages to factors. Rules 27 and 28 are amended to convert percentages to factors and to reflect the revised rating procedure. The rating worksheet in Rule 29 is deleted. These changes will allow the rating manual to be more intuitive for certified producers and display better on the internet, eliminating confusion when calculating the premium.

##### Named Nonowner (CAARP Filing Number CA 11-05)

CAARP currently offers named nonowner liability coverage to individuals who do not own an auto. CAARP is proposing a rate increase to those policyholders. The proposed rate increase will impact those policyholders whose driver description and usage is classified under Pleasure Use. Policyholders who are rated Male Operator Under 25 Years of Age (Class N3) will see an increase of 30% (.45 to .60). Policyholders who are rated No Male Operator Under 25 Years of Age (Class N4) would see an increase of 100% (.30 to .60).

##### Territory Updates (CAARP Filing Number CA 11-06)

CAARP is proposing to update the private passenger and commercial auto territory listings (zip codes). Since the last update, the United States Postal Service has added two additional zip codes for the cities of Fresno and Discovery Bay. The proposed changes will reflect the additional zip codes and will have no impact on premium.

#### COMPARABLE FEDERAL LAW

There are no comparable existing federal regulations or statutes.

#### LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not result in any new program mandates on local agencies or school districts.

#### MANDATES ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR COSTS WHICH MUST BE REIMBURSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 17500 THROUGH 17630

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not result in any cost or significant savings to any local agency or school district for which Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code would require reimbursement, or in other nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

#### COST OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE AGENCY; FEDERAL FUNDING

The Commissioner has determined that the proposed regulation will result in no cost or savings to any state agency and no cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

#### SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES AND THE ABILITY OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES TO COMPETE

The Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This proposal will have no effect on the creation or elimination of jobs in California, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses in California, or the expansion of businesses in California.

#### COST IMPACT ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES

Motorcyclist rates will be reduced. Drivers classified in the nonowner pleasure use category will see a rate increase.

#### IMPACT ON HOUSING COSTS

The Insurance Commissioner has initially determined that the proposal will not affect housing costs.

#### IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The matter proposed herein will affect insurance companies and therefore will not affect small business (Gov. Code Section 11342.610(b)(2)).

#### SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The proposal would not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

#### ALTERNATIVES

The Insurance Commissioner must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the agency, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

PLAIN ENGLISH

The proposed changes describing CAARP's proposals are in plain English.

TEXT AND INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Department has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons addressing the proposed amendments in addition to the Informative Digest included in this notice. The Initial Statement of Reasons and this Notice of Proposed Action are available for inspection or copying, and will be provided at no charge upon request to the contact person listed above. Further details on CAARP's proposal are on file with the Commissioner and available for review as set forth below.

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

A final statement of reasons will be prepared at the conclusion of this proceeding. Upon written or e-mail request to the contact person listed above, the final statement of reasons will be made available for inspection and copying once it has been prepared. A copy of the final statement of reasons will also be posted on the Department's web site.

ACCESS TO RULEMAKING FILE

Any interested person may inspect a copy of or direct questions about CAARP's proposed amendments, the statement of reasons, and any supplemental information contained in the rulemaking file by contacting the contact person listed above. **By prior appointment**, the rulemaking file is available for inspection at 45 Fremont Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Francisco, California 94105, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AUTOMATIC MAILING

A copy of this Notice, including the Informative Digest is being sent to all persons on the Insurance Commissioner's mailing list.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET

The Initial Statement of Reasons, proposed text, and this Notice of Proposed Action will be published online and may be accessed through the Department's website at [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov).

AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED TEXT OF REGULATIONS

If the Department amends the proposed regulations with changes that are sufficiently related to the original text, the Department will make the full text of the amended regulations, with the changes clearly indicated, available to the public for at least 15 days before the date the Department adopts the amended regulations.

**DAVE JONES**  
Insurance Commissioner

Dated: 6/11, 2011

By: /s/  
Mike Riordan  
Staff Counsel

