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To: All insurance companies writing auto insurance in Oregon

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From: Eric Bredeson, property and casualty program manager

RE: **DMV Notice – Senate Bill (SB) 840 Insurance Provisions**

Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) requested that issuers of auto insurance policies be made aware of the following information. If you have questions, contact DMVDriverControl@odot.oregon.gov.

SB 840 Sections 41-47: Key Updates for Insurers

The 2025 Oregon legislature passed, and Governor Kotek signed into law, SB 840. Sections 41-47 include insurance provisions that may impact your business. These provisions take effect January 1, 2026, and make changes to Oregon's financial responsibility and suspension laws related to uninsured driving and accidents. This memo summarizes these changes.

Shortened SR-22 Filing Requirement for Driving Uninsured Conviction

Currently, drivers convicted of driving uninsured (ORS 806.010) must file an SR-22 for three years. For convictions on or after January 1, 2026, the three-year requirement shortens to one year.

Repeal of Mandatory Suspension for Uninsured Accidents

Currently, DMV imposes a mandatory one-year suspension for uninsured drivers involved in accidents. DMV will no longer impose this mandatory suspension for accidents occurring on or after January 1, 2026. However, DMV will continue to impose a three-year SR-22 filing requirement for these drivers involved in uninsured accidents. DMV suspends drivers if they do not file an SR-22 when required.

Required Statement from Insurer

Currently, when an insurance company returns an insurance verification notice to DMV indicating that a driver was not covered at the time of an accident, DMV allows the customer to re-certify their insurance coverage with different proof of insurance. For accidents occurring on or after January 1, 2026, DMV will not change their uninsured accident determination following an insurer's denial of coverage unless the driver provides proof of coverage in the form of a statement — on insurance company letterhead and signed by an authorized employee of the insurer — indicating that the driver was insured at the time of the accident.

How Do These Changes Impact Insurers?

- Insurers may want to inform their customers about the shortened SR-22 requirement and the repeal of mandatory uninsured accident suspensions.
- Insurers should be prepared to provide a signed statement on company letterhead for DMV if asked by a customer.
- Insurers may need to modify internal systems and workflows to reflect these changes.

Need More Information?

- For questions about DMV processes, call 503-945-5000 or 503-299-9999 (Portland Metro Area).
- Additional details are available at [OregonDMV.com](https://www.oregondmv.com).

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