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# Memorandum

**DATE:** August 1, 2006

**TO:** Resident Individual Insurance Producers and Solicitors

**FROM:** Sonya W. Dungey, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Producers/Solicitors with CE Review Date of 2/1/06 Only

[Public Act 247 of 2005](#) revised the Michigan Insurance Code as it pertains to continuing education (CE) requirements. The CE requirements formerly were 30 total credits, with a 15 credit requirement in courses tied to the qualifications held by the licensee (life, accident & health, property, casualty). The new statutory requirements are 24 total credits, with a 3 credit requirement in ethics courses. 2005 PA 247 contains an effective date of 2/1/06. The Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) interpreted this to affect any resident producer or solicitor with a CE review date of 2/1/06 or after.

The week of 7/10/06, suspensions were processed for approximately 700 individual insurance licensees with a CE review date of 2/1/06, who had been automatically granted extensions in which to comply with the new CE statute. Since that date, OFIS has reviewed the language in 2005 PA 247 and has determined that **a reasonable alternative interpretation exists that licensees with a review date of 2/1/06 should not be subject to the new Act since their review includes courses obtained up to and including 1/31/06, but not 2/1/06.** Under this interpretation, these licensees could have been reviewed according to the statute as it existed on 1/31/06 (30 total, additional requirement tied to lines of authority held). In order to provide the most advantageous interpretation to the licensee, OFIS will consider a licensee who met either set of statutory requirements as compliant.

Therefore, OFIS is reassessing compliance with continuing education for each licensee with review date of 2/1/06 who was suspended. **If the licensee meets either set of statutory requirements, the license will be reinstated to the date of compliance, or original date of licensure if there was no lapse in compliance.** These licensees will receive a new license document with the correct date of licensure. It is anticipated that this process will be executed the week of August 7, 2006. Affected licensees should check their license status via the [Insurance Licensee Locator](#); on the OFIS website [www.michigan.gov/ofis](http://www.michigan.gov/ofis), Featured Services >

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Insurance Producer, Adjuster, Counselor, and Solicitor Locator, and continue to access the OFIS website [Licensing Spotlights](#); [www.michigan.gov/ofis](http://www.michigan.gov/ofis), Licensing - Spotlights.

Appointment cancellation notices were NOT mailed to the insurers whose appointments were held by the affected licensees. Insurers will be notified via email with a list of producers with the 2/1/06 review date who were temporarily suspended but whose licenses, qualifications and appointments have been reinstated under the new procedure. Additionally, all insurers are encouraged to check the [Insurance Producers Appointed by an Insurance Company Locator](#) .

This new procedure is effective for licensees with a review date of 2/1/06 only. Individuals with review dates of 3/1/06, 6/1/06, 7/1/06 or after are not affected. The new statute is being applied to these individuals, and after allowing for the temporary grace period (which has already passed), the normal procedure of license suspensions and appointment cancellation notices to insurers is being followed.

Any questions remaining after reviewing the above information on the OFIS Licensing website may be directed to the following Insurance Licensing staff:

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