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### MIA BULLETIN 18-05

**TO:** TO ALL PERSONS SUBJECT TO MARYLAND PREMIUM TAX

**SUBJECT:** IMPLEMENTATION OF PREMIUM TAX PAYMENT AND FILING PROGRAM

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 23, 2018

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This Bulletin is applicable to any person that is required by the Insurance Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to report and pay premium tax and/or retaliatory tax.

The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) is implementing *OPTins* (Online Premium Tax for Insurance) for reporting and payment of premium tax. *OPTins*, a product of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), facilitates filing of state-specific forms and payments. **The MIA requests the use of *OPTins* to pay your Premium Tax for 2018.** *OPTins* will soon be available for the first-quarter estimated declaration and payment due by April 15, 2018.

While *OPTins* will be available for the 2018 quarterly tax filings as discussed above, it will not be available for Annual Premium Tax Statement filings for 2017 premium tax reporting.

*OPTins* offers efficient and seamless electronic form and payment submission. The steps to submit your tax filing are simple and require no formal training. Easy-to-follow instructions are available at: [www.optins.org](http://www.optins.org). **In order to use *OPTins*, you must register for a new account. It is important to register early because it takes 7-10 business days for a newly established account to be available for use.** If you already use *OPTins* in another state, you do not need to re-register and can file Maryland Premium Tax when ready. If you have questions regarding how to set up a new account, please contact the *OPTins* Marketing Team at [optinsmktg@naic.org](mailto:optinsmktg@naic.org) or 816-783-8787.

Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in, upload your filing forms, and submit your payment online. There will be no need for paper checks – the process is electronic. Once submitted by the company on OPT*ins*, tax forms and payment are received by the MIA immediately.

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