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TO: All Property & Casualty insurers and all Property & Casualty insurance producers

RE: Travel insurance sales during the COVID-19 State of Emergency

On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. declared a State of Emergency for the entire State as a result of the COVID-19 virus. As a result of this event, the daily lives of Maryland citizens have been disrupted in significant fashion. Best practices mandate that citizens should not travel unless absolutely necessary. To the extent that individuals and businesses must make travel arrangements for essential purposes, consumers may wish to purchase trip cancellation coverage that will reimburse non-refundable costs if the trip is cancelled due to COVID-19.

For this reason, the Maryland Insurance Administration requests that insurers that issue travel insurance policies during the COVID-19 emergency in Maryland provide an option for consumers to purchase a Cancel For Any Reason waiver, or otherwise offer an option to purchase trip cancellation coverage that will reimburse non-refundable costs if the trip is cancelled due to COVID-19. Please contact the Associate Commissioner for Property & Casualty, Robert Baron, if you have any questions (robert.baron@maryland.gov / 410.468.2353).

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Special Note: The Maryland Insurance Administration remains fully operational during the COVID-19 emergency. If you would like to file an insurance complaint, please use our online portal: <https://enterprise.insurance.maryland.gov/consumer/ConsumerPortalWelcomePage.aspx>

About the Maryland Insurance Administration

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