



## WIND AND HAIL UPDATE

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### SC PRODUCER NUMBER

With the implementation of the Producer Model Act, each agent and broker licensed by the South Carolina Department of Insurance has been assigned a unique Producer Number. Effective immediately, you should provide the **S. C. Producer Number** as your license number on all applications. This is in lieu of your Social Security number.

“Privacy is a major concern for the Insurance Industry and for Consumers,” says Jim Byrd, Senior Advisor to the South Carolina Director of Insurance. “By using the S. C. Producer Number, there is less access to a producer’s Social Security number. An individual’s Social Security number is a major key to identity theft.”

***Please use your S. C. Producer Number on all future applications as your agent or broker license number.***

### FAQ'S

*Will the SCWHUA Applications be revised to ask for Producer Number?*

Yes! This project is underway. We hope to have revised applications to you in the near future.

*The NAIC is talking about an NAIC Producer Number. Is this the same as the S. C. Producer Number?*

No. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) is working on a unique number for every agent and broker in the country. Currently the South Carolina Department of Insurance has its own producer number. This Association needs the South Carolina Producer Number to verify license status. Hopefully, the NAIC number will eventually become the national standard for all states.

*What is this Model Producer Act you keep referring to?*

The best answer is to refer you to the South Carolina Department's web site at [www.doi.state.sc.us/](http://www.doi.state.sc.us/). On the right hand side of the screen are links to information about the Model Producer Act.

*How can I check my status with the South Carolina Department of Insurance?*

Go to the web site for the South Carolina Department of Insurance. On the left hand side is a list of Quick Links. The last one is Search SCDOI Database. Click on this link and you can search for your status by name or Producer Number.

The quickest method is by typing in your first and last name. Then follow the instructions on the screen. A producer's license status (active or inactive) will appear on the screen. If your license status is inactive, you will need to contact the Department for additional information. An inactive license *will not permit* a producer to submit or service a risk written through the Association.

*What if the Association cannot verify my producer number through the S. C. DOI database?*

By state law, you must be licensed and in good standing with the S. C. DOI in order to place business with the Association. This includes complying with the Producer Act.

## **MORE FAQ'S**

*What is the status of the deductible revisions?*

The data has been submitted to the actuaries for review. We hope to have a proposal from them in the near future.

*When will the Rates, Rules, and Forms Manual be updated?*

The Manual is in the final draft status. We hope to distribute an updated manual soon.

*What about the Association's Web Site?*

We are redoing the Association's web site. We will announce the changes when they are completed. The revised manual as well as updated forms will be on the site.