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MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and the
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Servicing Agent

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FROM: David L. Miller
Associate Administrator
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: April 1, 2015, Program Changes

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification of the changes that the NFIP will implement effective April 1, 2015. Many of these changes result from implementation of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA) and continued implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. The changes will require modifications to the NFIP *Flood Insurance Manual*, Transaction Record Reporting and Processing (TRRP) Plan, and the Edit Specifications document. Highlights of the Program Changes effective April 1, 2015, include the following:

- Updated premium rates conforming to HFIAA premium rate caps;
- Premium increases for non-primary residences and Severe Repetitive Loss properties;
- New rate tables for substantially damaged/substantially improved structures;
- Increased Reserve Fund Assessments;
- New procedures for properties newly mapped into a Special Flood Hazard Area (replacing the Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) Eligibility Extension procedure);
- New HFIAA-mandated premium surcharge of \$25 for policies covering primary residences and \$250 for all other policies;
- Revised deductible amounts and new \$10,000 deductible option for residential properties;
- New minimum deductibles for PRPs and Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program policies; and
- Requirement to identify legal address descriptions in the TRRP Plan.

Please see the following attachments for details of these upcoming Program changes:

- Attachment A – Summary of the NFIP April 2015 Program Changes

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- Attachment B – Updated Rates, Deductible Factors, and Premium Tables Effective April 1, 2015
- Attachment C – HFIAA Surcharge – Letter to Verify Primary Residence Status and Updated Application Form
- Attachment D – TRRP Plan and Edit Specifications Changes Effective April 1, 2015

The next scheduled updates to the Community Rating System (CRS) Eligible Communities list will be effective May 1, 2015, as planned. The NFIP will provide the revised list under separate cover by February 1, 2015.

Attachments

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Accounting, Claims, Data Processing, Marketing, Underwriting