



Independent Insurance
Agents of Rhode Island

MEMBER BULLETIN 2018-2

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TO: IIARI Agency Principals

FROM: Ernest Shaghalian, Jr., CPCU
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

RE: SR-22 Elimination

The Rhode Island DMV announced that, *“Any motorist who currently has the SR-22 requirement will be released by the DMV effective July 18, 2018.”* As such, the DMV will no longer require or accept SR-22 filings. The DMV has requested insurance companies allow their insureds to immediately cancel their SR-22 filings. Advance notice to the DMV is waived and they are requesting insurers do not send SR-26 cancellation notification or any notification.

The DMV will be sending a notice of release to each SR-22 motorist at the address on file. Motorists currently suspended because of failure to maintain the SR-22 will be allowed to walk in without a reservation. DMV hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Affected motorists must meet an Adjudication Office hearing officer and pay all reinstatement fees to restore their license.

This new procedure does not apply to businesses and motorists required to have a GU-1338 filing for dealer plates, taxi cabs, limos and minor filings. Those type of filings are still required.

Motorists with suspended licenses for reasons other than an SR-22 requirement will not be able to walk in the DMV for service. Those individuals must use the DMV online reservation system to make an Adjudication Office appointment. Those required to make an appointment include motorists: suspended for not complying with the Rhode Island Insurance Verification System; seeking reinstatement after a conviction (like DWI); or, seeking license restoration for any reason other than just an SR-22 requirement.

We understand the Rhode Island Auto Insurance Plan (Assigned Risk) will proactively remove SR-22s from all their policies effective 7/17/18 over the next couple of weeks. Drivers who have a non-owners policy and wish to cancel their policy must contact their agent to process that request in a normal fashion.

As this developed rather quickly, insurers that issue SR-22s are in the process of making system changes and developing procedures. The DBR will be issuing an Insurance Bulletin soon and we will forward that when received. A copy of the notice from the DMV is attached.