

TO: All Licensed Insurers
FROM: Alabama Department of Insurance
RE: Mandatory Use of OPTins for Fraud Fee Filings

Effective, January 3, 2020, The Alabama Department of Insurance has mandated the use of *OPTins* (Online Premium Tax for Insurance) for insurance companies filing and paying the Annual Fraud Assessment Fee due June 1st. *OPTins*, a product of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), has been developed to facilitate state specific forms and payments.

OPTins will be available to begin paying your Alabama Fraud Fee filings on January 3rd. If you are already registered to use *OPTins*, nothing additional is required.

The steps to submit your tax filing are very simple and require no formal training. Easy to follow instructions are available at: <http://www.optins.org>. Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in, upload your filing forms and submit your payment online. No more paper checks – everything is electronic and tax forms along with the payment are received at the Alabama Department of Insurance immediately upon submission by the company.

Using *OPTins* allows you to save time and ensure that both the forms and payment are received together and on time. Please visit www.optins.org and click on Getting Started to download the implementation paperwork labeled “All Other”. Once it is completed, submit the forms to optinsmktg@naic.org and a product specialist will work with you through your implementation. Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in, upload your filing forms and submit your payment online. Setup of a new account takes 7-10 business days. If you already use *OPTins*, you do not have to contact *OPTins* Marketing. Once you have an account in *OPTins*, you can file to all state accounts using our application.

The transaction fees associated with using *OPTins* is required by the NAIC. The applicable fee is \$10.

OPTins will facilitate the amendment process. There are no additional transaction fees to submit amended forms and/or additional tax payments to the state.

If you have any additional questions regarding transaction fees, please contact the *OPTins* Marketing Team at optinsmktg@naic.org.

Questions or comments applicable to this email should be directed to:

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Premium Tax Section
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