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RECIPIENT Stakeholders Writing Accident and Sickness Business in Ontario

SUBJECT Changes to the Ontario *Insurance Act* - Part VII – Accident and Sickness Insurance

<i>Purpose:</i>	To advise stakeholders of upcoming changes relative to Part VII – Accident and Sickness Insurance of the Ontario <i>Insurance Act</i>
<i>Affects:</i>	All Stakeholders writing Accident and Sickness business in Ontario
<i>Line of Business:</i>	Accident and Sickness
<i>Jurisdiction :</i>	Ontario
<i>Effective:</i>	July 1, 2016

What you need to know

On July 1, 2016, changes to Part VII – Accident and Sickness Insurance of the Ontario *Insurance Act* will take effect. These legislative amendments relative to policy issuance, disclosure and related matters have been made to ensure more protection and flexibility to consumers. It also allows harmonization of the law with other Canadian jurisdictions.

What's changed

The changes will affect individual, group and creditor's group insurance policies. The new legislation may be viewed [here](#). Some of the highlights include:

- Requirements to provide copies of policies and applications to insureds when policies are issued;
- Changes to misrepresentation and incontestability obligations;
- Continuation of insurance where group contracts are terminated;
- Expansion of the list of items that must be disclosed in group certificates;
- Termination or adjustment of contracts by the courts if insureds believe their well-being may be endangered by the contract.

In addition, two new regulations will also take effect July 1, 2016:

- [Ontario Regulation 279/15: Accident and Sickness Insurance – Application of Part VII of the Act](#) – relates to changes that may apply to new or existing insurance policies.
- [Ontario Regulation 281/15: Accident and Sickness Insurance – General](#) – relates to access of confidential information by insured persons covered under group insurance or creditor's group insurance policies.

What does this mean to you

Lloyd's expects that the concerned Lloyd's underwriters/intermediaries will be fully compliant with the upcoming new regulatory requirements. New and existing Accident and Sickness insurance contracts made in Ontario must be revised by July 1, 2016.

Non-compliance of these requirements may result in regulatory action against the concerned Lloyd's underwriters/intermediaries.

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