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TO: ALL LICENSED INSURERS, HMOs, INSURER & PRODUCER TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, CE COURSE PROVIDERS, OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RE: **2006 EMERGENCY RULE 50, "PRODUCERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION", EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2006**

In order to diminish some unintended effects from last month's earlier rule, the Commissioner has adopted **2006 Emergency Rule 50, effective June 15, 2006**. View the Emergency Rule and forms at

<http://insurance.arkansas.gov/Legal%20Dataservices/divpage.htm>

Effective immediately, discontinue use of any earlier versions of Rule 50. Producers who must meet continuing education requirements currently are required to file their own CE and must submit a fee for each filing. Under Emergency Rule 50, CE providers will be filing the evidence of completion of the CE hours on behalf of the producer and a single filing fee of \$10 will be billed and collected from the producer simultaneously with the other fees required to renew or continue licensure.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- a) Producer will pay the CE filing fee simultaneously with the producer's license renewal fee, which is due on or before producer's birthday.
- b) Rather than the producer submitting individual certificates of completion, the course provider will be required to submit a signed roster as verification of completion.

PLEASE NOTE

- The License Division will accept mailed/e-mailed, faxed or hand-delivered CE certification forms or rosters.
- The License Division will accept certifications for classes completed and these certifications will be valid for two years from the date of completion of the class.
- As in the past, the renewal fee must be paid by the producer or a licensing bureau. One payment may be made to cover both the renewal fee and CE filing fee.

For general **2006 Emergency** Rule 50 questions, contact the License Division at 501-371-2750 or insurance.license@arkansas.gov.

(signed by Julie Benafield Bowman)

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