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## **BULLETIN 22-10**

**DATE:** August 16, 2022

**TO:** All Insurers

**RE:** Electronic payment of corporate amendment and expansion applications

filing fees

This Bulletin is applicable to any insurer that is authorized to submit a Uniform Certificate of Authority Application (UCAA) via the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) UCAA portal for corporate amendment and expansion application filings.

Effective July 6, 2022, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) will accept payment of corporate amendment and expansion application filing fees electronically through OPT*ins*. OPT*ins*, a product of the NAIC, offers efficient and seamless electronic payment submission. In order to use OPT*ins*, you must register for a new account. It is important to register early because it takes 7-10 business days for a newly established account to be available for use. Easy to follow instructions are available at <a href="www.optins.org">www.optins.org</a>. Existing users of OPT*ins* do not need to re-register. If you have any questions regarding how to set up a new account, please contact the OPT*ins* Marketing Team at <a href="mailto:optinsmktg@naic.org">optinsmktg@naic.org</a> or 816-783-8787.

Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in and submit your payment online.

The MIA will continue to accept payments by paper check for those who do not wish to use OPTins.

Please contact the Acting Associate Commissioner for Financial Regulation Division, Lynn Beckner (<u>Lynn.Beckner@maryland.gov</u> / 410.468.2126) or the Director of Company Licensing, Victoria Claros (<u>Victoria.Claros@maryland.gov</u> / 410.468.2134) with any questions.

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