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CIRCULAR LETTER 3124—MAY 22, 2015

TO: Members of the Bureau

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RE: Fertilizer Application

On March 3, 2015, a hearing was conducted before the Rating Committee requesting a change in the classification for a lawn fertilizer business from Classification Code 0042 Landscape Gardening & Drivers to Classification Code 9102 Park NOC—All Employees & Drivers on their policy of workers compensation insurance.

After reviewing the classifications involved and the request made to treat lawn fertilizer businesses as they are treated in other states by the NCCI, the Rating Committee agreed the risks associated with the lawn treatment were most similar to those businesses classified under Classification Code 9102. The change is to be applied solely to those employers that perform lawn treatment operations and do not perform lawn cutting.

Pursuant to ch. 626, Wis. Stat., the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance approved the following changes to the phraseology for Class Codes 0042 and 9102 effective October 1, 2015, applicable to new and renewal business only:

Code 0042	CURRENT PHRASEOLOGY	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY
	<p>LANDSCAPE GARDENING & DRIVERS (Excavation, filling or backfilling to be separately rated as Code 6217 - Excavation. This classification does not apply to a risk whose principal business is tree pruning or exterminating.) TREE SPRAYING OR FUMIGATING, AND DRIVERS BRUSHING-LAWN OR PARK FERTILIZER - LIQUID - LAWN & TREE APPLICATION MOSS HARVESTING SOD FARMING, CUTTING & DELIVERY SOD LAYING CHRISTMAS TREE HARVESTING EXCLUSIVELY & DRIVERS LAWN MAINTENANCE-COMMERCIAL OR DOMESTIC & DRIVERS (Includes grass cutting, weed control, and lawn spraying)</p>	<p>LANDSCAPE GARDENING & DRIVERS (Excavation, filling or backfilling to be separately rated as Code 6217 - Excavation. This classification does not apply to a risk whose principal business is tree pruning or exterminating.) TREE SPRAYING OR FUMIGATING, AND DRIVERS BRUSHING-LAWN OR PARK FERTILIZER - LIQUID - LAWN & TREE APPLICATION MOSS HARVESTING SOD FARMING, CUTTING & DELIVERY SOD LAYING CHRISTMAS TREE HARVESTING EXCLUSIVELY & DRIVERS LAWN CUTTING-COMMERCIAL OR DOMESTIC & DRIVERS (Includes grass cutting, weed control, and lawn spraying. <u>Specialty fertilizer contractors to be assigned to Code 9102.</u>)</p>

CODE 9102	CURRENT PHRASEOLOGY	PROPOSED PHRASEOLOGY
	PARK NOC-ALL EMPLOYEES & DRIVERS (Operation, care, and maintenance of amusement devices to be separately rated as Code 9180-Amusement device operation NOC.) SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMING	PARK NOC-ALL EMPLOYEES & DRIVERS (Operation, care, and maintenance of amusement devices to be separately rated as Code 9180-Amusement device operation NOC.) SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMING FERTILIZER - LIQUID - LAWN & TREE APPLICATION: SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR ONLY