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To: Member Companies

**Introduction of the Electronic Application Submission Interface**  
**EASi**

The Governing Committee of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) is pleased to announce that effective in July TAIPA will implement EASi – Electronic Application Submission Interface. EASi provides a third option for Certified Producers to complete and submit application data to TAIPA. Completion of the EASi application will be via the internet. The resulting electronic version of the application will be printed, signed, and mailed to TAIPA along with the premium deposit payment and any other supporting documentation. The Certified Producer will also receive an electronic version of a completed Binder Form that he will print, sign and provide to the insured.

EASi, which is available only to producers that are certified with TAIPA, offers a number of benefits to producers submitting business to TAIPA, including,

- It is easier for producers to enter application information on the EASi application on their computer screens. EASi applications will be more legible than handwritten applications.
- The most recent EASi application form will always be available online. Producers may no longer need to purchase and maintain a supply of paper applications.
- EASi provides an alternative to the Electronic Submission Procedure (by telephone) to obtain immediate binding of coverage for losses for TAIPA applicants.
- EASi has edits built into its application data entry screens, so there should be an appreciable reduction in deficiencies requiring follow up for assigned applications.
- The producer receives a completed binder form for the applicant. Producers do not purchase the Binder Forms for EASi submission applicants.

EASi will be introduced to a “pilot” group of Certified Producers in July, and be available to all Certified Producers on October 1, 2003.

Certified Producers submitting applications under the current methods of submission will continue to use the current versions of the applications. EASi applications will be of a different format to accommodate the nationwide EASi program.

Insurers will not receive a copy of the EASi Binder Form since the date and time of the submission will be shown at the top of each page of the EASi application. Refer to Subsection 6.A.2 of the TAIPA Plan of Operation for the effective time and date of coverage.

In order to allow insurers time to notify your claims offices and acquaint staff with this new additional TAIPA Binder Form, a copy of the new form is attached.

The Binder Form requires the Certified Producers signature.

Blank EASi applications and Binder Forms are not available for downloading. The time and date of the coverage may also be verified by contacting the customer service department in the TAIPA office at 512-444-4441. Effective date of the policy may be verified through our automated system at 1-800-580-8247.

In September, a copy of the brochure introducing EASi to Certified Producers can be downloaded as a PDF from TAIPA's website, [www.taipa.org](http://www.taipa.org).

If you have any questions, regarding the introduction of EASi, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number or email address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Alsobrook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Margaret Alsobrook  
Operations Manager

Enclosure

**TAIPA INSURANCE BINDER**

Effective Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Number \_\_\_\_\_

THIS BINDER IS A TEMPORARY INSURANCE CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SHOWN BELOW AND THE RULES OF THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION.

**APPLICANT: (INSURED UNDER THIS BINDER)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City in Texas, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCER:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Producer Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

This binder is issued under the authority of the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association to comply with the requirements of the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act as proof of insurance for the future.

**COVERAGES**

- 1.  Motor Vehicle Liability
- 2.  Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist
- 2a.  Bodily Injury Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage ONLY
- 3.  Personal Injury Protection

**LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

Bodily Injury \$20,000 per person / \$40,000 per occurrence  
 Property Damage \$15,000 per occurrence  
 Same as liability  
 Same as Bodily Injury liability  
 \$2,500 per person

**COVERED VEHICLES**

Year                      Make                      Model                      VIN

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

The completed application and the prescribed premium payment must be sent to TAIPA by the producer within one working day from the date of this binder.

PRODUCER (must be manually signed) \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCER/AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

The Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association (TAIPA) was created by the legislature under Article 21.81, Texas Insurance Code. It has authority to assign an eligible applicant for insurance to an authorized insurer which will provide motor vehicle liability insurance that meets the requirements of the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act. If the conditions of this binder are met, the applicant who is identified in this binder will be assigned to an authorized insurer which will issue a policy providing the coverages indicated in this binder. Coverage will be effective from the time of this binder. The premium for the policy to be issued will be based upon rates in effect on the day after the date of the binder.

This binder is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the policy to be issued following assignment by TAIPA. The policy meets the requirements of the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act and provides the minimum limits of liability required by that Act.

This binder will be replaced by another binder to be issued by TAIPA which will identify the assigned company. This binder expires upon the sooner of (1) issuance of a binder by TAIPA or (2) thirty days from the date shown.

The insurance provided by this binder is conditioned upon the receipt of an acceptably completed application signed by the applicant and the producer and the prescribed premium payment in the offices of TAIPA. If not received, this binder is cancelled from the date and time of issue and no insurance will be provided.

TAIPA has the authority to bind this coverage in the name of the company to which the application will be assigned.

TEXAS AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PLAN ASSOCIATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Its Manager

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