

TO: MONTANA CAPTIVE PREMIUM TAX FILERS

RE: OPT*ins*

FROM: THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE, MONTANA STATE AUDITOR (MONTANA CSI)

The Montana CSI requires that OPT*ins* (Online Premium Tax for Insurance) be utilized by captive insurers filing and paying the Montana Captive Premium Tax.

OPT*ins* is a product of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and was developed to facilitate insurance premium tax forms and payments. OPT*ins* is available for your Montana Captive Premium Tax filings, which have a statutory filing deadline of March 1st each year.

The steps to submit your tax filing are very simple and require no formal training. Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in, complete your tax form, and submit your payment online. No more paper checks – everything is electronic and tax forms and payments are received at the Montana CSI immediately upon submission by the captive insurer or captive manager.

Using OPT*ins* allows you to save time and ensure that both the form and payment are received together and on time. To implement OPT*ins*, contact the OPT*ins* Marketing Team at <u>optinsmktg@naic.org</u> or call (816) 783-8787. Setup of a new account takes 7-10 business days. If you already use OPT*ins*, you do not have to contact OPT*ins* Marketing.

For general questions about Montana captive premium taxes, please call our **Captive Division at** (406) 444-3513, or email csi.captives@mt.gov

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