## <u>Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Request - 457(b) Plans</u>

### Explanation of Unforeseeable Emergency

The Treasury Regulations define "unforeseeable emergency" as "a severe financial hardship of the participant or beneficiary resulting from an illness or accident of the participant or beneficiary, the participant's or beneficiary's spouse, or the participant's or beneficiary's dependent\* (as defined in Code section 152 and illustrated in Rev. Rul. 2010 -27); loss of the participant's or beneficiary's property due to casualty (including the need to rebuild a home following damage to a home not otherwise covered by homeowner's insurance, e.g., as a result of a natural disaster);or other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the participant or beneficiary."

The circumstances that will constitute an Unforeseeable Emergency will depend upon the facts of each case. However, the Unforeseeable Emergency must be the result of:

- 1) Sudden and Unexpected Illness or Accident of the Participant, Spouse, Dependent, Beneficiary resulting in non-elective medical/ dental expenses including non-refundable deductibles, as well as the cost of prescription drug medication not reimbursed or compensated by insurance or otherwise
- 2) Major property loss due to casualty or severe weather
- 3) Imminent foreclosure or eviction from a primary residence,
- 4) Funeral expenses of the participant's spouse, beneficiary or dependent (as defined in IRC § 152 and illustrated in Rev. Rul. 2010 -27).
- 5) Other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the participant or beneficiary (as illustrated in Rev. Rul. 2010-27)

Circumstances that generally do not constitute a qualifying Unforeseeable Emergency include:

- 1) payment for an elective medical or dental procedure;
- 2) payment of educational expenses;
- 3) purchase of a home or automobile;
- 4) automobile or home repairs;
- 5) litigation expenses;
- 6) payment for marriage costs;
- 7) payment for divorce, divorce settlement or child support;
- 8) payment for costs related to bankruptcy (except when bankruptcy is a direct result of an unforeseeable illness or casualty);
- 9) payment of bills that the Participant knowingly incurred but cannot pay such as loans, large credit card debt, vehicle or house payments, even if needed to prevent repossession (except when payment cannot be made as a direct result of an unforeseeable illness or casualty);
- 10) refinancing debt;
- 11) covering a loss not covered by insurance because of failure to retain insurance coverage;
- 12) payment of income tax, property tax back taxes, or fines associated with back taxes.

The Unforeseeable Emergency does not create a severe financial hardship to the Participant to the extent that any such hardship is or may be relieved:

- 1) through reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise;
- 2) by liquidation of the Participant's assets, to the extent the liquidation of such assets would not itself cause severe financial hardship;
- 3) by cessation of deferrals under the plan if required by the plan document;
- 4) if the Participant qualifies for a commercial bank loan, where required by the Plan; or
- 5) if the cessation of deferrals would alleviate the financial need.

In accordance with Treasury regulations, distributions because of an unforeseeable emergency must be limited to the amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need. However, if the above methods relieve only a portion of the financial need, then payment may be made up to the additional amount reasonably needed to satisfy the emergency need. The amount needed may include amounts necessary to pay federal, state, or local taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated and resulting from this distribution. You are liable for payment of income taxes on your withdrawal. You may also be subject to tax penalties under the estimated tax payment penalties rules if your payment of estimated tax and withholding are not adequate. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you are advised to consult with your tax advisor.

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### Definition of "Dependent" as defined by Sections 152 (c) & 152(d) of the Internal Revenue Code shall mean with respect to a participant:

#### A qualifying child: An individual who

- (i) is a child of the participant (or a descendent of such a child), a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister of the participant or any such descendent of any such relative;
- (ii) who has not attained age 19 as of the close of the calendar year in which the taxable year of the participant (taxpayer) begins or is a student who has not attained age 24 as of the close of such calendar year;
- (iii) who has lived with the participant for more than half of the year;
- (iv) who has not provided more than half of his or her own support; and
- (v) who is not filing a joint return for the year with a spouse (other than only for a claim for refund). The age requirement in
- (ii) shall be treated as met in the case of a dependent who is permanently and totally disabled at any time during such calendar year.

### A qualifying relative: An individual

- (i) who is
- (A) a child, stepchild, foster child (or a descendant of a child), brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, father, mother (or ancestor of father or mother), stepfather, stepmother, son or daughter of a brother or sister of the participant, brother or sister of the father or mother of the taxpayer, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or any of the above (without regard to whether each individual lived with the participant for more than half the year); or
- (B) an individual other than a relative mentioned in (A) above, who, for the taxable year of the participant, has the same principal place of the abode as the participant and is a member of the participant's household:
- (ii) with respect to whom the taxpayer provides over one-half of the individual's support for the calendar year taxable year beings; and
- (iii) who is not a qualifying child of such participant or of any other taxpayer for any taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which such taxable year begins.

### Rev. Rul. 2010 -27

The ruling expands on prior regulatory guidance by providing additional examples of situations that may potentially qualify as unforeseeable emergencies along with an example of a situation that would not. In particular, it discusses three situations involving an eligible 457 plan participant who request an unforeseeable emergency distribution to pay:

- 1. For the repair of his/her principal residence after major damage caused by a water leak
- 2. Funeral expenses for an adult son who is not a dependent of the participant
- 3. Credit card debt not incurred due to any extraordinary or unforeseeable circumstances beyond the participant's control.

The ruling generally provides that the distributions may be made under the facts of situations 1 and 2. Regarding situation 1, the IRS states that the distribution may be made because the need arises based on an event (i.e., water leak) that is beyond the control of the participant and is substantially similar to the need to pay for home damages caused by a natural disaster. This is true even though the participant's situation is not the same as any of the specific examples listed in the regulations. For situation 2, the IRS also states that the distribution can be made for basically the same reasons, i.e., even though the regulations explicitly allow only for the payment of "dependent" funeral costs, this need is unforeseeable and substantially similar to those described in the regulations. Under situation 3, the IRS's position is that the unforeseeable emergency distribution cannot be made since the need does not fit within any of the examples in the regulations or occur because of circumstances beyond the participant's control.

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contribution source(s) if no election is made.)

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# Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Request -Part 1

457(b) Plans

Use this form if you want to: Questions? Call • request a distribution for a financial hardship due to an unforeseeable emergency. MassMutual's Customer Service Center Return the completed form to your Plan Administrator for review and approval. 1-800-528-9009 MassMutual will not process this form until it is received in good order. Please see the Important Information Section for 877-526-2531 or information on "Good Order" requirements. 800-678-8645 Online www.massmutual.com/govnp **Section A - Plan Information** Group No. Plan Name Section B - Participant Information SSN Participant Name Date of Birth \* Legal Address City State Zip Code Daytime Phone Number \*We will change your account information to reflect the Legal Address above and all future mailings will be sent to this address unless changed by you or your Plan Administrator as described under "Stale Address" in the Important Information Section. Section C - Amount Requested for Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal The amount you request may be different than the amount of the available distribution paid to you as a result of the documentation provided, the approval process and the interpretation of the IRS rules and regulations governing Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawals on 457(b) Plans. I hereby request a withdrawal from my account due to an unforeseeable emergency. I certify that the amount requested does not exceed the amount required to satisfy the described emergency plus any applicable taxes. I have provided sufficient documentation to my Plan Administrator to support the unforeseeable emergency withdrawal amount indicated below. Gross Net OR Full amount available Withdrawal amount requested\* \$ \*When a balance exists in more than one investment option or contribution source, payment will be made from all options or sources pro-rata based on existing balances. Special Instructions may be provided in Section D below. Roth contribution source(s) will not be included in your payment unless you elect Roth in Section D below or if you request the full amount available. If you participate in a Self Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA), please note only the funds within your core account at MassMutual are eligible for distribution. Section D - Source of Payment (complete if applicable) Your withdrawal will be processed pro-rata across all of your contribution sources (excluding Roth sources, if any) and investments unless Special Instructions are provided below. Note: If your request is processed for the full amount available, your Roth source will be included in the payment. Special Instructions:

 $^{-\infty}$  (whole percentage) of my Roth contribution source(s). I understand that if this percentage does not fulfill

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my withdrawal request, the remaining portion will be taken pro-rata from all other contribution sources. (Default is zero percent (0%) from your Roth

Roth Contribution Source Election: If your account contains Roth contributions/rollovers you may, but are not required to, elect a percentage to be taken from

the Roth source(s) to fulfill your withdrawal request. Note: A separate check or wire will be issued for your Roth contribution source(s).

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Section F - Sta	te Income Tax Withhold	ing (Participan	t completes - optiona	ıl)			
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rules and your election, if a	payment may be subject to state tax withh pplicable, you are responsible for ensuring s income tax withholding rules, then Massl	you satisfy your individual	state income tax liability. If you make	an election that is not in			
contact your tax advisor or sum, periodic, non-periodic	ling rules are subject to change at any time your state income tax department. Also no c, etc.). In addition, some states allow for al all or a portion of your distribution from inc	te, state tax rules may app n exclusion from income di	ly differently depending on your type o stributions from certain retirement plan	of distribution (i.e., lump is - to confirm whether			
If your state's income taxes grossed up accordingly. Yo	s are determined based on wage tables, Ma our request may be delayed if a net amount	assMutual is unable to calc is requested.	ulate a net amount, you will need to e	nsure that you have			
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Your state tax income tax	withholding options are:						
AR, DE, IA, KS, MD, MA, NC, NE, OK, VT, VA	These states require mandatory state inco income taxes based on state law. You may			red to withhold state			
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CA, ME, OR, DC	These states require mandatory state inco state law unless you elect out of withholding			ome taxes based on			
	Note: The District of Columbia only requires mandatory withholding on a "lump sum" distribution that brings your account balance to zero. If you are requesting a "lump sum" distribution, then you may not opt out of withholding.						
AL, AZ, CO, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MS, MO, MT, NJ, NM, NY, ND, OH, PA, RI,	These states permit voluntary state incom- dollar amount or percentage below. If no e withholding.		•				
WV, WI	☐ I voluntarily elect to withhold an amou	nt of \$	(whole dollar amount) or	<u></u> %.			
	Note:  IL only permits voluntary state income tax withholding on periodic payments. Lump sum distributions do not allow for state income tax withholding. If a tax election is requested on a lump sum distribution, MassMutual will not apply any withholding.						
	AZ only permits voluntary state income tap percentages 0.8%, 1.3%, 1.8%, 2.7%, 3.6 MassMutual will not withhold. If a tax elect If additional amount is requested for period	%, 4.2%, 5.1%. If any othe ion is requested on a lump	er percentage or dollar amount is requesum distribution, MassMutual will not	ested above			
GA, MN, SC, UT	These states permit voluntary state income tax withholding. You may voluntarily elect state withholding by selecting the box below If no election is made for these voluntary states identified, then MassMutual will not apply any withholding. Please note only Gross Distribution requests are permitted when applying state tax withholding.  Withhold based on my state's tax table formula, if applicable (MassMutual will apply the default tax allowance.)						
CT, MI	These states require mandatory state inco state law unless you provide an alternate of state specific W-4P withholding certificate your state's mandatory max withholding an	dollar amount or percentag and submitting it with this t	e withholding instruction below along v	with completing your			

% or \$

☐ I elect to withhold an amount of \$

I elect to have an additional

withheld from my payments.

Additional State Income

Tax Withholding

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(whole dollar amount) if state income tax

(whole dollar amount) or

## Section G - Delivery Instructions (complete if applicable)

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We will mail a check to you at the legal address provided in Section B unless you select an alternative mailing address below. Note: Checks will be mailed within seven days after the processing date.

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	Mailing Address						
	City			State	Zip Code		
	may also select other means for receiving yo k account information provided is invalid, a				ot fully complete this section or the		
1.		\$7.00 fee will be deducted from mot available to a PO Box. If a physical street in the street is a possible to a p	y distribution for this sical address is not	service for each provided, your d	istribution will be mailed to you via		
2.	Wire transfer my payment. I understand to contributions; your financial institution mainformation provided below; the ABA rour distribution will be sent in a check made	ay also charge a fee. If MassMutu ting number provided is not wire o	al is unable to proce capable; or the Fina	ess the wire due notal Institution fa	to inaccurate Financial Institution		
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		ne ABA routing numbers are NOT federal wire capable, please be sure to check with your financial institution for proper wire instructions. Wires to Unions may take more time and have more detailed instructions. You may include detailed wire instructions below or attach them to this form.					
	Name on Account (must include participant's name)						
	Additional Crediting Instructions/ participant's account number						
Se	ction H - Participant Certi	ification and Autho	rization (re	equired)			
once	reby instruct the Plan to distribute my account be processed. I certify that all the information I priding false or misleading information on this for	provided in this form is true and ac	curate to the best o	f my knowledge	and belief. I understand that		
	elieve, in good faith, that I qualify for this Unforforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal?	reseeable Emergency Withdrawa	I. I have exhausted	all other resource	es prior to requesting this		
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### Section I - Plan Administrator Certification and Authorization (required) GPROCESS HRDSHIPWD L1

The Plan Administrator certifies that the approved "Unforeseeable Emergency" request for the participant complies with the "Unforeseeable Emergency" provisions under the Plan and is in accordance with Section 457(d)(1)(A)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations as defined in Section 1.457-2(h)(4) & (5) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

As Plan Administrator or an authorized representative of the Plan, I hereby direct MassMutual to distribute from the Plan's group annuity contract or funding agreement as a distribution from the participant's account the amount necessary to pay the benefit in the manner indicated in this form in accordance with the terms of the Plan and participant election. I have verified the Participant Information and certify that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that this form does not constitute a delegation by the Plan Administrator of, and the Plan Administrator has not otherwise delegated, its income tax withholding duties and liabilities under §3405 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the Recordkeeper and that the Recordkeeper is acting as independent contractor of the Plan Administrator or Service Provider in making payments in accordance with these instructions. The Plan Administrator confirms that it is responsible for ensuring that state tax is withheld in accordance with current state law, and hereby directs MassMutual to withhold state tax, as applicable, in the manner provided on this form. The Plan Administrator confirms that it has reviewed its Plan document to confirm that the requested distribution is in fact permitted and assumes all responsibility for any consequences that result from such distribution, including any correction or disqualification that results from an impermissible distribution. I have reviewed the Plan document as well as the Plan's group annuity contract or funding agreement, and I, and not MassMutual, have made the determination that the participant is eligible under the terms of the Plan and contract to receive this distribution. In the event that the distribution is at any time determined to have been impermissible under the terms of the Plan or contract and applicable qualified plan rules, I agree that MassMutual and its affiliates shall have no responsibility, financially or otherwise, for any associated correction, costs, taxes, f

The amount requested above will be withdrawn as a gross withdrawal **before** income tax withholding unless the Net Check Amount box is selected.

Authorized Plan Administrator's Signature	Date
Authorized Plan Administrator's Name (please print	t)
Completed and signed forms in "good order"	may be Faxed to 877-526-2531 or 800-678-8645 or mailed to:
Regular Mail Address:	Overnight Mail Address:
MassMutual	MassMutual
P.O. Box 1583	1 Griffin Road North
Hartford, CT 06144-1583	Windsor, CT 06095-1512

Note: Duplicate requests for a single distribution, such as a fax followed by a mailed original, may result in multiple distributions. MassMutual will not be responsible for any increase or decrease in account value based on investment performance or charges that arise from duplicate requests for a single distribution.

### **Section J - Important Information**

**Good Order -** "Good Order" means that all sections of the form are complete, the participant has provided their signature authorizing the transaction and the Plan Sponsor has provided their signature authorizing MassMutual to process the transaction requested on the form.

Federal and State Tax Withholding - The distributions you receive from the plan are subject to federal income tax withholding unless you elect not to have withholding apply. Withholding will only apply to the portion of your distribution or withdrawal that is included in your income subject to federal income tax. If you elect not to have withholding apply to your distribution, or if you do not have enough federal or state income tax withheld from your distribution, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may incur penalties under the estimated tax rule if your withholding and estimated tax payments are not sufficient.

Stale Address - It is important that you notify us if you change your address. Going forward, your address may change in our records either at your or your employer's direction, or as a result of an address confirmation service provided under our agreement with your employer. Under this service, the addresses in our records are compared against and updated quarterly with addresses received from commercial address update services (e.g., the U.S. Postal Service). If your mail is returned to us or your employer tells us your address is incorrect, we are likely to suspend future mailings until a new address is obtained. Unless preempted by federal law, failure to give us a current address may also result in uncashed distributions from your participant account being considered abandoned property under state law, and remitted to the applicable state. To update your address, contact your Plan Administrator or, if permitted by your Plan, log in to our website at www.massmutual.com/govnp and select the "My Profile" tab at the top of the screen.

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# Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Request - Part 2

If required by your Plan Sponsor, the applicant must provide the following certification and documentation. To be retained by the Plan Sponsor. Do not submit to MassMutual.

# Section A - Certification of Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal Check each box that applies. I certify that the following information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge and agree that any false or misleading information submitted on this form may subject me to tax liability. I certify that the Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawal request is the result of an unforeseeable emergency and a severe financial hardship resulting from: Sudden and Unexpected Illness or Accident of the Participant, Spouse, Dependent, Beneficiary resulting in Non-elective medical/dental expenses including non-refundable deductibles, as well as the cost of prescription drug medication not reimbursed or compensated by insurance or otherwise. Major property loss due to casualty or severe weather (IRS Rev. Ruling 2010-27). Funeral Expenses of a Spouse, Dependent or Beneficiary of the Participant (IRS Rev. Ruling 2010-27) To prevent eviction or foreclosure from the Participant's primary residence. Other similar extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the participant or the beneficiary. Please explain; if more space is needed attach a separate sheet and sign it and include any pertinent documentation; for example copies of nonreimbursable bills. Section B - Certification that the Hardship Cannot Be Relieved by an Alternative Method Initial each of the following statements that are true: \_1. The hardship cannot be relieved through liquidation of assets including assets of my spouse and minor children, if any, that are reasonably available to me (or the liquidation would itself cause a severe financial hardship). $\_2$ . The hardship cannot be relieved by canceling my contributions to the Deferred Compensation Plan. \_3. The hardship cannot be relieved by reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise. 4. The hardship cannot be relieved by borrowing funds from commercial sources on reasonable commercial terms (or the borrowing would itself cause a severe financial hardship). \_5. I applied for and have been denied a commercial loan to meet the financial need. If you have not applied for a commercial loan please explain: Section C - Description of Unforeseeable Emergency Describe the financial hardship and why you consider it to be an unforeseeable emergency. Attach additional pages if needed.

Section D - Contribution Status				GPROCESS HRDSHIPWD L1		
Have you stopped your contributions to the	e Deferred Compensation Plan?	)				
Yes. If Yes, when?						
No. If No, explain why:						
Current Contribution Rate \$	☐ Weekly	☐ Bi-weekly	Semi-monthly	Monthly		
Section E - Credit Appli	ed For					
Have you applied for a loan from your ban	k or credit union to meet your U	nforeseeable Emerger	ncy need?			
No. If No, state reason:						
Yes. If Yes: Where?	Amour	Amount Requested \$		pproved Denied		
If Denied, provide reason:						
Section F - Insurance						
Will any portion of the expenses incurred a	is a result of the situation you cl	laim as an Unforeseea	ble Emergency be cover	red by insurance?		
Yes. If Yes, \$						
No. If No, explain why:						

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## Fraud Warning Statements

Refer to the applicable fraud warnings for your state of residence.

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**Alabama** - Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution, fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

Alaska - A person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive an insurance company files a claim containing false, incomplete, or misleading information may be prosecuted under state law

Arizona - For your protection Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties. Arkansas, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Texas, West Virginia - Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**California** - For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**Colorado** - It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado division of insurance within the department of regulatory agencies.

**Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Oklahoma** - <u>WARNING</u>: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

District of Columbia - WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits, if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the Applicant. Florida - Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**Kentucky** - Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

**Maine** - It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines or a denial of insurance benefits.

**Maryland** - Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**Minnesota** - A person who files a claim with intent to defraud or helps commit a fraud against an insurer is guilty of a crime.

**New Hampshire** - Any person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in RSA 638:20

**New Jersey** - Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

New Mexico - ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

New York - Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousands dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

**Ohio** - Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

**Oregon** - Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that s/ he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may be guilty of insurance fraud.

**Pennsylvania** - Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**Puerto Rico** - Any person who knowingly and with the intention of defrauding presents false information in an insurance application, or presents, helps, or causes the presentation of a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or any other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, shall incur a felony and, upon conviction, shall be sanctioned for each violation with the penalty of a fine of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and not more than ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, or a fixed term of imprisonment for three (3) years, or both penalties. Should aggravating circumstances be present, the penalty thus established may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years, if extenuating circumstances are present, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

**Tennessee** - It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

**Virginia and Washington** - It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

All other states - Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud, deceive, or injure an insurance company, files a claim containing false, incomplete, fraudulent, or misleading information, may be prosecuted under state law and may be subject to fines and/or confinement in prison.