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COUNTDOWN to Savings: 6 Weeks Left

IN SIX WEEKS Florida consumers will see savings in their pocketbooks and personal responsibility restored on the roads as the no-fault insurance law, mandating that auto policyholders carry personal injury protection (PIP), sunsets on October 1, 2007. Each week until the sunset date, the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) will provide consumers with helpful tips to prepare for the shift to a fault-based system and the multitude of benefits that this will provide.

The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) is dedicated to helping ensure that Floridians are prepared for the shift to a fault-based system on October 1st. The most important aspect of the aftermath of an auto accident is making sure that drivers and passengers are safe and can access immediate treatment if injuries are sustained.

KNOW HOW TO HANDLE AN AUTO ACCIDENT ...

On October 1st Floridians will start operating under a fault-based auto insurance system as the no-fault law expires. This means that the party who is at fault in an accident will be responsible for paying for the damage. Drivers will still have the same access to medical treatment if they are injured. If you are not at fault, your bills will now be paid by the other driver. It is important for consumers to save their receipts to ensure that they are reimbursed for all accident-related expenses.

All drivers are reminded to keep the contact information of their agent or policy writer easily accessible. Your insurer is there to help you and can answer the questions you may have about the claims process. Clarifying the steps you need to take in case of an accident now can help expedite a settlement in the future.

PCI has provided an easy chart to assist Floridians with the shift to the more equitable, consumer-friendly auto insurance system in six weeks. Discuss your insurer's claims process with your family to make certain that you are well-protected and that your costs are covered in case of a tragic event. As always, if someone is injured, seek medical treatment immediately.



PCI's Consumer Tip of the Week:

***Make sure that your family knows how to handle the aftermath of an auto accident
&
Review your insurer's claims process with your agent or policy writer***

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