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### *Main Street America Suspends Agent Binding Authority in Impacted Coastal Counties in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island Due to Hurricane Jose*

As a result of Tropical Storm Watches issued by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) for several coastal counties in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island, **effective Sept. 17, 2017 at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, binding authority for The Main Street America Group's agent-customers in these five states is suspended for property coverage with all of our underwriting companies in counties where the NHC has declared either a tropical storm watch/warning or hurricane/watch/warning.**

Due to the projected path of this tropical system, watches and warnings could be expanded to other counties in neighboring states within the next 24 hours. As states and counties are identified by the NHC, we will also suspend our binding authority in these areas. **Binding authority will be reinstated when the watch/warning has been lifted by the NHC for the affected counties.** We will conduct business as usual in all counties not included in the watch or warning area.

Main Street America's nine writing companies include NGM Insurance Company, Old Dominion Insurance Company, Austin Mutual Insurance Company, Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Company, Main Street America Assurance Company, Great Lakes Casualty Insurance Company, MSA Insurance Company, Spring Valley Mutual Insurance Company and Main Street America Protection Insurance Company.

If you have any questions regarding our binding authority guidelines, please contact your Main Street America underwriter or field representative. Additionally, please visit our [Storm Information and Resources site](#) on Main Street America's Agents Only portal, accessed via [www.msagroup.com](http://www.msagroup.com), under "Quick Reference." Also, our Agents Only site provides valuable information such as filing claims during named storms and our Immediate Customer Service Program.

As a reminder, the Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1, 2017 through Nov. 30, 2017. However, named storms can occur at any time of the year. A policyholder education flier on preparing for hurricanes is available in [Agency Toolkit/Marketing Materials/Policyholder fliers](#). For additional hurricane preparation information for your customers, please visit the website of the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, [www.DisasterSafety.org](http://www.DisasterSafety.org).