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Insurance agent submits false claims, loses license

BOISE ID – The Idaho Department of Insurance has issued an order revoking the Idaho producer license of Meridian resident Erik Astheimer, effective October 25, 2016, and imposing an administrative penalty of \$38,000 for dishonesty and misrepresentation.

The Department found that from December 2014 through June 2015, Astheimer submitted 19 false insurance claims to AFLAC. AFLAC paid Astheimer \$100 for each claim when, in fact, the service was not provided. Astheimer accepted the payments on each of the false claims.

[Idaho Insurance Code](#) prohibits agents from misrepresenting any fact relative to an insurance transaction, and also prohibits using fraudulent or dishonest practices. Astheimer was found to be in violation on both counts for each claim he submitted.

"The insurance-buying public has a right to believe that the agent they are doing business with is honest and trustworthy," says Department Director Dean Cameron. "Our role is to protect consumers from agents who willfully disregard the law."

AFLAC notified the Department of suspected insurance fraud. Department Investigators reviewed the case and obtained medical and other records which proved the claims were fraudulent.

The [order](#) is available on the Department website.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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