

**Texas Department of Insurance****Property and Casualty Section – Personal and Commercial Lines Office**

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Joe Garcia
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Re: Personal Automobile Insurance

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Thank you for meeting with us last week. As we discussed, a personal automobile insurance policy typically excludes coverage for vehicles used in a for-hire situation.

Coverage under a personal automobile insurance policy depends on the form and endorsements used for that particular policy. Insurers may use the previously prescribed Texas policy form, file endorsements amending the previously prescribed Texas policy form, or file their own individual company policy forms. An insurer must file and receive approval from the department before using a policy form or endorsement.

The previously prescribed Texas Personal Auto Policy specifically excludes coverage for vehicles used to carry persons for a fee. While the wording in individual policies may vary, personal auto policies commonly exclude commercial exposures from coverage.

Further, most personal auto policies also void coverage if an insured intentionally conceals or misrepresents any material fact or circumstance, makes false statements or commits fraud relating to the insurance, whether before or after a loss. An insurer might consider commercial use of a personal automobile to be material to the policy.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Julian", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Julian
Personal and Commercial Lines Office

cc: Marilyn Hamilton, Director
Personal and Commercial Lines Office