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Life, Deposit-Type and Accident and Health Reinsurance

SCOPE OF STATEMENT

1. This statement establishes statutory accounting principles for life, deposit-type and accident and health reinsurance. This statement applies to life, deposit-type and accident and health contracts as defined in *SSAP No. 50—Classifications ~~and Definitions~~ of Insurance or Managed Care Contracts ~~In Force~~* (SSAP No. 50).

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

Indemnity Reinsurance

2. Reinsurance is an agreement by which a reporting entity transfers all or part of its risk under a contract to another reporting entity. The entity that issued the policy is called the primary insurer, direct writer, or ceding entity and the entity to which the risk is transferred is called the reinsurer or assuming entity. The process of transferring the risk from the ceding entity to the reinsurer is known as a cession. If an assuming entity, in turn, transfers a portion of this risk, the process is called a retrocession. A retrocession is customarily made when the amount assumed is beyond the reinsurer's limits of retention.

3. There is no direct relationship between the reinsurer or the retrocessionaire and the ceding entity's policyholder unless there is a "cut-through endorsement." In the event of the ceding entity's insolvency, except in the case of a "cut-through endorsement," the policyholder or beneficiary under a contract that is reinsured has the same status as a policyholder or beneficiary of a policy that was not reinsured. An entity may not need to be licensed, have accredited reinsurer status or other means of authorization in a state in order to act as a reinsurer of a domestic entity. However, the domestic entity is not permitted to take reserve credits on the business ceded to any unauthorized reinsurers or certified reinsurers to the extent that they are not properly securitized by means of a trust, letter of credit or funds withheld or other acceptable forms of collateral.

4. Fronting arrangements, pools and association business are often accomplished using reinsurance contracts.[INT 03-02] The guidance included in this statement also applies to these types of contracts except as specifically exempted.

Retention

5. In formulating its rules for accepting applications for insurance, an entity must decide upon three areas of action—retaining, reinsuring, or declining the risks presented. Entities of various sizes have different desired capacities to write insurance on a single life and/or entire blocks of business or portfolios. An entity determines the amount of risk exposure it is able to accept and retain as its own insurance business. Having made this determination, the entity then decides what to do with any risks presented that exceed the maximum amount it is willing to retain. It has two choices—accept the additional risk and reinsure it, or decline the extra risk.

6. Business to be written is expected to be profitable, so the direct writing entity will generally want to retain as much of the risk as possible, consistent with its overall objectives. The entity also will want to avoid exposure to large losses that could jeopardize its financial condition and the policy values of its policyholders. Consequently, a common practice in the life insurance industry is for a reporting entity to establish a schedule for maximum amounts of insurance, called retention limits, which it will retain at its own risk on individual lives in various categories of insurance. By adopting a suitably chosen schedule of retention, the reporting entity eliminates exposure to large losses and reduces fluctuations in the cost of death claims from year to year, which could adversely affect the reporting entity's surplus position. In addition, the reporting entity can utilize aggregate stop loss reinsurance to protect it from aggregate claims exceeding a specific threshold.

7. There are also reasons why a reporting entity might retain less than its defined maximum. One is to transfer from the ceding entity to the reinsurer the part of the surplus strain that results from writing new life insurance. The ceding entity may wish to limit the risk of loss on substandard business. Testing new coverages or new classes of lives may lead to reinsurance.

Reinsurance Arrangements

8. Reinsurance can be on a facultative or an automatic basis. For facultative, each risk is handled separately at the time it is written. When the direct writing entity receives an application for a policy and it wishes to reinsure some or all of the risk, it negotiates with another entity for a transfer of all or a portion of that risk. For purely facultative cessions, the assuming entity is not obligated to assume any of the risk until its offer to reinsure is accepted. For facultative obligatory reinsurance, the assuming entity is obligated to reinsure the risk subject to its having sufficient available capacity.

9. For automatic reinsurance, the ceding entity agrees to reinsure with the reinsurance entity all cases which meet certain defined conditions for amounts as defined in the reinsurance agreement. The reinsurance entity is bound to accept all such amounts, up to a predetermined maximum. Amounts in excess of automatic limits set out in the reinsurance agreement may be handled as facultative cessions. When the amount lies within the automatic maximum limit, called the binding authority, the ceding entity issues its policy upon completion of its underwriting procedures and without securing the prior approval of the reinsurance entity. Notification of automatic reinsurance is sent to the reinsurer within a specified period after the ceding entity issues its policy.

10. By agreeing to accept all business automatically ceded to it, the reinsurer is relying on the underwriting judgment of the ceding entity and is bound to accept the case even when it, the reinsurer, may not agree with the underwriting action. The reinsurer is protected by the requirement that the ceding entity retains at its own risk its defined retention limit for the class of business that is involved and by the maximum which may be ceded automatically.

Types of Reinsurance Arrangements

11. Once an entity has decided to reinsure amounts in excess of its desired retention, it may proceed in one of several basic arrangements—coinsurance, modified coinsurance, yearly renewable term or non-proportional. Such contracts may have funds withheld.

Coinsurance

12. In this arrangement, the risks are reinsured on the same plan as that of the original policy. The direct writer and the reinsurer share in the risk in the same manner. The ceding entity pays the reinsurer a proportional part of the premiums collected from the insured. In return, the reinsurer reimburses the ceding entity for the proportional part of the death or accident and health claim payments and other benefits provided by the policy, including nonforfeiture values, policy dividends, experience rating refunds, commissions, premium taxes, and other direct expenses agreed to in the contract. The reinsurer must also establish the required reserves for the portion of the policy it has assumed. A single policy can be coinsured with more than one entity or under more than one reinsurance contract with the same entity as long as the combined total of reinsurance and the retention of the ceding entity is not more than 100% of the risk.

13. In coinsurance of participating policies, the reinsurer may reimburse the ceding entity for its portion of the dividends paid to the policyholder. In determining its schedule of dividends, the ceding entity takes into account the experience on the business as written. If the reinsurer reimburses dividends it will typically accept the ceding entity's schedule but may require input into the schedule. Changes to the schedule may have to be agreed to by the reinsurer. Coinsurance of all or a portion of a block of business also is used in situations where a severe strain is placed on the direct writing entity's surplus in the first

policy year. For example, the premium received by the direct writer during the first policy year usually is insufficient to pay the high first-year commissions and other costs of issue and to establish the initial reserve. In such an example, coinsurance relieves some of the surplus strain of adding large amounts of new insurance.

Modified Coinsurance

14. The "modified coinsurance" or "modco" arrangement is a variation of coinsurance. The ceding entity has transferred all or a portion of the net policy liabilities on the reinsured policies to the reinsurer, and the reinsurer is required to indemnify the ceding entity for the same amount. The assets necessary to support the reserves for the original policies are maintained by the ceding entity instead of the reinsurer. This is accomplished by designating in the contract the transfer of the net policy liabilities to the assuming entity and an immediate transfer back to the extent of the modco deposit. Under modified coinsurance, the assuming entity shall transfer to the ceding entity the increase in the reserve on the reinsured portion. This transaction reflects the reinsurer's risk with respect to the reinsured business and its obligation to maintain the reserves supporting such obligation. In some cases, a policy may be reinsured partially on a coinsurance arrangement and partially on a modified coinsurance arrangement. This may be accomplished through the use of two contracts or in a single contract.

Yearly Renewable Term (YRT)

15. Under this arrangement of reinsurance, the ceding entity transfers the net amount at risk on the portion reinsured to the reinsurer and pays a one-year term premium. The "net amount at risk"—as defined in the contract—is usually the amount of insurance provided by the policy in excess of the ceding entity's reserve on it.

Non-Proportional

16. Other forms of reinsurance are also available, such as catastrophe and stop loss coverage. These arrangements provide for financial protection to the ceding entity for aggregate losses rather than providing indemnification for an individual policy basis as described in the preceding three reinsurance arrangements. Catastrophic and stop loss reinsurance are written on an annual basis to protect the ceding entity from excessive aggregate losses. Usually, the coverage does not extend over the life of the underlying policy nor is there any requirement on the ceding entity to renew the arrangement.

Transfer of Risk

17. Reinsurance agreements must transfer risk from the ceding entity to the reinsurer in order to receive the reinsurance accounting treatment discussed in this statement. If the terms of the agreement violate the risk transfer criteria contained herein, (i.e., limits or diminishes the transfer of risk by the ceding entity to the reinsurer), the agreement shall follow the guidance for Deposit Accounting. In addition, any contractual feature that delays timely reimbursement violates the conditions of reinsurance accounting.

18. This paragraph applies to all life, deposit-type and accident and health reinsurance agreements except for yearly renewable term reinsurance agreements and non-proportional reinsurance agreements such as stop loss and catastrophe reinsurance. All reinsurance agreements covering products that transfer significant risk shall follow the guidance for reinsurance accounting contained in this statement. All reinsurance contracts covering products that do not provide for sufficient transfer of risk shall follow the guidance for Deposit Accounting.

19. Yearly renewable term (YRT) reinsurance agreements that transfer a proportionate share of mortality or morbidity risk inherent in the business being reinsured and do not contain any of the conditions described in Appendix A-791, paragraphs 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., 2.h., 2.i., 2.j. or 2.k., shall follow the

guidance for reinsurance accounting, including paragraphs 55-57 that apply to indemnity reinsurance. Contracts that fail to meet the requirements for reinsurance accounting shall follow the guidance for Deposit Accounting. For all treaties entered into on or after January 1, 2003, the deferral guidance in paragraph 3 of A-791 shall also apply to YRT agreements. Since YRT agreements only transfer the mortality or morbidity risks to the reinsurer, the recognition of income shall be reflected on a net of tax basis, as gains emerge based on the mortality or morbidity experience.

20. For non-proportional reinsurance agreements such as stop loss and catastrophe reinsurance agreements, contract terms shall be evaluated to assess whether they transfer significant risk to the reinsurer. For example, prepayment schedules and accumulating retentions from multiple years are contractual features inherently designed to delay the timing of reimbursement to the ceding entity limits the risk to the reinsurer. Regardless of what a particular feature might be called, any feature that can delay timely reimbursement violates the conditions for reinsurance accounting. Transfer of insurance risk requires that the reinsurer's payment to the ceding entity depend on and directly vary with the amount and timing of claims settled under the reinsured contracts. Contractual features that can delay timely reimbursement prevent this condition from being met. Reinsurance accounting shall apply to all non-proportional agreements that transfer significant risk and do not contain any provisions that protect the reinsurer from incurring a loss. Contracts that fail to meet the requirements for reinsurance accounting shall follow the guidance for Deposit Accounting.

Accounting and Reporting of Reinsurance

21. The obligation of reporting reinsurance in force and of determining unpaid premiums and incurred claims and other balances is generally on the ceding entity because it knows the current status of the policies it has written directly and reinsured. A lag will develop between the time of the entry of the underlying policy transaction on the books of the ceding entity and the transmittal of information and its entry on the books of the assuming entity. The assuming entity shall estimate any material unreported premiums and related costs.

22. The ceding entity must report these items in its balance sheet:

a. Credits (deductions) to its policy and claim reserves and unpaid claims;

b. Premiums or other amounts payable on reinsured risks;

c. Amounts recoverable on claims, surrender values, dividends, experience rating refunds, taxes, commissions, and other expenses;

d. Modified coinsurance reserves; and,

e. Amounts receivable or payable for funds withheld.

23. Similarly, in its balance sheet, the assuming entity must report:

a. Reserves for reinsurance assumed reduced by any modified coinsurance reserves;

b. Reinsurance premiums receivable or other amounts receivable;

c. Amounts payable for claims, surrender values, dividends, experience rating refunds, taxes, commissions, and other expenses; and,

d. Amounts receivable or payable for funds withheld by the ceding entity.

24. While the premiums, commissions, expense allowances, reserves, claims, etc. will result in a net amount, the proper way to report them is in their separate classifications on the balance sheet. Each

reinsurance agreement must be accounted for separately. Certain assets and liabilities are created by entities when they engage in reinsurance contracts. Reinsurance assets meet the definition of assets as defined by *SSAP No. 4—Assets and Nonadmitted Assets* and are admitted to the extent they conform to the requirements of this statement.

Reinsurance Premiums

25. For all reinsurance arrangements, the assuming entity must report premiums under the terms of the reinsurance contract as income and establish any asset or liability consistent with the methods and assumptions used to establish its policy reserves and guidance contained in *SSAP No. 51—Life Contracts*, *SSAP No. 54—Individual and Group Accident and Health Contracts*, and *SSAP No. 59—Credit Life and Accident and Health Insurance Contracts*. The ceding entity shall reduce premium income by the amounts paid or payable to the reinsurers. The ceding entity shall reduce its deferred and uncollected premiums reported as an asset by the corresponding proportionate amount of any deferred and uncollected premium attributable to those insurance policies reinsured. When the ceding entity has collected the premium but has not remitted the proportionate share to the reinsurer, the ceding entity shall establish a liability for the amount due the reinsurer. The assuming entity shall record an asset for premiums receivable from the ceding entity.

26. If the assuming entity receives reinsurance premium prior to the due date, consistent with SSAP No. 51 paragraph 7 and SSAP No. 54, paragraph 6, advance premiums are reported as a liability for the reinsurer in the statutory financial statement and not considered income until due. Such amounts are not included in premium or the unearned premium reserve (if applicable) until the due date. If the ceding entity pays reinsurance premium prior to the due date, the amount of the prepaid item shall be reflected as a write-in admitted asset and it should not be recognized in the income statement until due. Such amounts are not included in ceded premiums or ceded unearned premium but should be subject to impairment analysis.

Reinsurance Benefit Payments

27. Policy benefit payments paid or payable by the reinsurer shall be reported in the summary of operations and reduces the ceding entity’s reported benefit payments. The reinsurer shall establish a liability for its share of any unpaid claim payments and the ceding entity shall reduce any policy and contract claim liability with respect to the reinsured policies or establish a receivable for the amount due from the reinsurer for claims paid.

Reinsurance of Deposit-Type Contracts

28. At the outset of a reinsurance contract covering deposit-type contracts as defined in *SSAP No. 52—Deposit-Type Contracts*, the net consideration exchanged between the parties shall be recorded as a contra-liability (reduction of reserve) by the payer of the net considerations and as a liability (reserve) by the receiver. Throughout the life of the contract, receipts and disbursements shall be recorded through the asset/liability accounts.

Expenses

29. It is common for the assuming entity to provide an expense allowance to cover expenses of the ceding entity. The allowance is frequently nonspecific with respect to premium taxes and other general expenses of the ceding entity and it is usually combined with and accounted for as part of the commissions on reinsurance assumed or ceded.

30. Commissions on direct business, commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance assumed, and commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded are each accounted for separately in the summary of operations and on the balance sheet. Accordingly, for entities reporting on the Life, Accident

and Health Annual Statement, commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded are reported as income in the summary of operations and the balance sheet provision for due and accrued amounts is reported as an asset. For entities reporting on the Health Annual Statement commissions and expense allowance on reinsurance ceded are reported as an offset to administrative expenses.

31. The taxes, commissions, and other expenses that will be paid by the assuming entity to the ceding entity are agreed upon when the reinsurance agreement is negotiated. These items are calculated in accordance with the reinsurance agreement and usually relate to premiums or claims or both. At the statement date, the amount of unpaid expenses is generally based upon the amount of premiums and claims unpaid at that date.

32. Some coinsurance contracts provide that the assuming entity pay to the ceding entity a commission that exceeds the first-year premium. In the absence of any guarantees for payment of future premiums, or other similar persistency guarantees, these commissions are accounted for on the cash basis. If, however, the contract contains a persistency guarantee which provides for return of the excess commission, the ceding entity must record the excess commission as a liability. This liability is then released as future premiums are paid to the assuming entity or the persistency guarantee otherwise expires. The rate of release is determined in accordance with the anticipated experience and reasonable commission rate for first-year and renewal premiums. Excess commissions such as these are a means of financing for the ceding entity.

33. If renewal expense allowances in any accounting period are not sufficient to cover anticipated allocable renewal expenses of the ceding entity on the portion of the business reinsured, a liability is to be established by the ceding entity for the present value of the shortfall. In establishing this liability, assumptions are to be used equal to the applicable statutory reserve basis on the business reinsured. Anticipated allocable expenses include commissions, premium taxes and direct expenses including, but not limited to, billing, valuation, claims and maintenance expected by the entity at the time the business is reinsured.

Experience Refunds

34. Some reinsurance contracts, generally proportional reinsurance, provide that the reinsurer will refund an agreed upon portion of its profit to the ceding entity. The reinsurance contract will provide the calculation and the factors to be included.

35. If the contract provides for experience refunds, the ceding entity must record, as an asset, the amount of the refund receivable as of the statement date, but reduced by any amount that is contingent upon future experience. The assuming entity is also required to record, as a liability, the amount of the refund calculated at the statement date, but without regard to any effects that future experience might have.

Credits for Ceded Reinsurance

36. The credit taken by the ceding entity under the coinsurance arrangement is calculated using the same methodology and assumptions used in determining its policy and claim reserves. It is, of course, only for the percentage of the risk that was reinsured. Under modified coinsurance, the reserve credit is reduced by the modco deposit retained by the ceding entity. If the entity reinsures on a yearly renewable term basis, it is itself buying insurance for the portion of the ceded amount at risk. The amount of yearly renewable term reinsurance that is required on a given policy generally decreases each year as the entity’s reserve increases. The net amount at risk may increase, however, on interest sensitive products such as universal life. The amount at risk on accident and health yearly renewal term reinsurance will remain level and the reinsurance premium will increase each year.

37. The reserve credit taken by the ceding entity is reported as a reduction to the reserves and not as an asset of the entity. The ceding entity's reserve credit and assuming entity's reserve for yearly renewable term reinsurance shall be computed as the one year term mean reserve on the amount of insurance ceded. The ceding entity must use the same mortality and interest bases which were used for valuing the original policy before reinsurance. The credit may also be computed on a pro rata basis if the result is not materially different from the credit computed on the mean reserve basis. For all types of reinsurance, the ceding entity also takes credit for other amounts due from the reinsurer such as unpaid claims and claims incurred but not reported. If contemplated by the reinsurance contract, recognition of related assets and liabilities must occur (policy loans, due and deferred premiums, etc.).

38. Non-proportional reinsurance is entered into on an annual basis to limit the claims experience of the ceding entity and thereby protect its financial integrity. When the period of the arrangement exceeds one year, the contract must be carefully reviewed to determine if the end result more closely follows proportional reinsurance. No reserve credit is taken for non-proportional reinsurance unless the aggregate attachment point has in fact been penetrated. In order for an entity to reflect reserve credits on a prospective basis, the entity will need to demonstrate that the present value of expected recoveries using realistic assumptions, to be realized from the reinsurer are in excess of the present value of the reinsurance premiums guaranteed to be paid by the ceding entity under the terms of the contract. Because non-proportional reinsurance aggregates experience, and does not indemnify the ceding entity for each policy loss, the use of statutory assumptions underlying the insured policies is inappropriate for determining any reserve credit to be taken by the ceding entity. Historical experience, pricing assumptions and asset shares shall be considered in determining if the reinsurer may be reasonably expected to pay any claims. The reserve credit taken shall only reflect these reasonable expectations. This treatment of non-proportional reinsurance is similar to the way property and casualty (P&C) reinsurance is considered. This is because these modes of reinsurance more closely follow P&C indemnification principles than life insurance formula basis, and because these coverages are very similar to excess insurance on P&C products. In determining the appropriate reserve credit, the probability of a loss penetrating to the reinsurer's level of coverage (using reasonable assumptions) must be multiplied by the expected amount of recovery. This is the same as reserve credits on coinsurance where the probability of a claim (i.e., mortality) is multiplied by the expected return (i.e., death benefit). In that the coverage is for aggregate experience, the mortality assumptions underlying any one policy risk are inappropriate to analyze the appropriate credits for non-proportional coverage.

Reserves for Reinsurance Assumed

39. In assuming any insurance risks, the assuming entity is required to establish policy reserves that are consistent with its obligations. The reserves it must establish, therefore, are also dependent upon the arrangement of reinsurance that is used. For risks transferred under the reinsurance arrangement, policy and claim reserves must be at least equal to the required reserves calculated using the same methodology and assumptions that would be used if the reinsurer had written the risk directly.

Accounting for Modified Coinsurance Arrangements

40. The following accounting applies to modified coinsurance arrangements:

a. Ceding Entity—In a modified coinsurance arrangement, the ceding entity retains the assets equal to the modified coinsurance reserve. This reserve represents a prepayment of the reinsurer's future obligation. Premiums paid or payable to the reinsurer net of any experience refunds shall result in the reduction of premium income. Policy benefit payments paid by the reinsurer shall reduce the ceding entity's reported policy benefits. Expense allowances paid by the reinsurer shall be reported separately in the summary of operations as they are earned. The modified coinsurance reserve is included in the category of policy reserves. The modified coinsurance reserve adjustment from period-to-period shall be reported separately in the summary of operations;

b. Assuming Entity (Reinsurer)—Premiums received or receivable by the reinsurer shall increase premium income net of any experience refunds and policy benefit payments paid by the reinsurer shall increase the reported policy benefits. Expense allowances paid by the reinsurer shall be reported separately in the summary of operations when payable. The statutory policy reserves exclude the modified coinsurance reserve. The modified coinsurance reserve adjustment from period-to-period shall be reported separately in the summary of operations. The reinsurer's accounting of its obligations shall be consistent with the ceding entity's accounting for the transfer of the obligations.

For separate accounts: The assuming reinsurer should account for the CRVM/CARVM expense allowances belonging to the assuming company when the ceding company holds the assets supporting the full account balance (prior to modification for CRVM/CARVM expense allowances) in its separate accounts as follows:

i. The assuming company records the CRVM/CARVM expense allowances in the Liabilities line, "Transfers to Separate Accounts due or accrued (net)" and includes them in the caption disclosure: "Including $_______, accrued for expense allowances recognized in reserves net of reinsurance"

ii. Period changes are recorded in the Summary of Operations Line, "Net transfers to or (from) Separate Accounts"

Accounting for Coinsurance With Funds Withheld Arrangements

41. The following accounting applies to coinsurance arrangements with funds withheld:

a. Ceding Entity—Premiums paid or payable to the reinsurer net of any experience refunds shall reduce premium income. Policy benefit payments paid by the reinsurer shall reduce the ceding entity's reported policy benefits. Expense allowances paid by the reinsurer shall be reported separately in the summary of operations as they are earned. A net reduction to policy reserves shall be taken for the portion of the obligation assumed by the reinsurer. Any amounts withheld by the ceding entity shall be recorded as a separate liability. Reporting entities filing the annual statement for life and accident and health insurers shall record any interest due or payable on the amounts withheld as a component of aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous deductions. Reporting entities filing the health annual statement shall record any interest due or payable on the amounts withheld as a component of aggregate write-ins for other income or expense.

b. Assuming Entity (Reinsurer)—Premiums received or receivable by the reinsurer net of any experience refunds shall increase premium income and policy benefit payments paid by the reinsurer shall increase the reported policy benefits. Expense allowances paid by the reinsurer shall be reported separately in the summary of operations when payable. The reinsurer shall record its share of the statutory policy reserves attributable to the business identified in the contract. Any funds withheld by the ceding entity shall be recorded as an accounts receivable. For reporting entities filing the annual statement for life and accident and health insurers shall record any interest earned or receivable on the funds withheld as a component of aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income. Reporting entities filing the health annual statement shall record any interest earned or receivable on the funds withheld as a component of aggregate write-ins for other income or expense.

Uncollectible Reinsurance

42. The ceding and assuming companies must determine if reinsurance recoverables are collectible. If it is probable that reinsurance recoverables on paid or unpaid claim or benefit payments will be uncollectible, consistent with *SSAP No. 5R—Liabilities, Contingencies and Impairments of Assets*, these amounts shall be written off through a charge to the Statement of Operations utilizing the same accounts which established the reinsurance recoverables.

Reinsurance Ceded to a Certified Reinsurer

43. A certified reinsurer is an assuming insurance entity that does not meet the requirements to be considered an authorized reinsurer in the domestic state of the ceding insurance entity, but has been certified by such state and is required to provide collateral as security for its reinsurance obligations incurred under contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of certification.

44. Credit for reinsurance ceded to a certified reinsurer is permitted if security is held by or on behalf of the ceding entity in accordance with the certified reinsurer's rating assigned by the domestic state of the ceding insurance entity, and in accordance with requirements of *Appendix A-785* of this manual. Such deposits are to be held under the control of the ceding entity. Additionally, any securities held under such an arrangement must be investments that the ceding entity is allowed to make under the provision of the investment sections of the insurance statutes of its domiciliary state. Other permissible arrangements include irrevocable trusts or "clean" letters of credit.

45. An upgrade in a certified reinsurer's assigned rating applies on a prospective basis, i.e., the revised collateral requirement applies only to contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the new rating (see A-785). A downgrade in a certified reinsurer's rating applies on a retroactive basis, i.e., the revised collateral requirement applies to all reinsurance obligations incurred by the assuming insurer under its certified reinsurer status. Notwithstanding a change in a certified reinsurer's rating or revocation of its certification, a reporting entity that has ceded reinsurance to such certified reinsurer is allowed a three (3)-month grace period before recording a provision for reinsurance due to collateral deficiency associated with such rating downgrade and increased collateral requirement for all reinsurance ceded to such assuming insurer under its certified reinsurer status, unless the reinsurance is found by the commissioner of the reporting entity's domestic state to be at high risk of uncollectibility.

46. With respect to reinsurance contracts involving a certified reinsurer, the contract must include a proper funding clause, which requires the certified reinsurer to provide and maintain security in an amount sufficient to avoid the imposition of any financial statement penalty on the ceding insurance entity for reinsurance ceded to the certified reinsurer. However, this does not preclude negotiation for higher contractual collateral amounts.

47. A liability is established by the ceding entity to offset credit taken in various balance sheet accounts for reinsurance ceded to a certified reinsurer in an amount proportionate to any deficiency in the amount of acceptable security that is provided by the certified reinsurer as compared to the amount of security that is required to be provided in accordance with the certified reinsurer's rating. In determining the amount of this liability, the ceding insurance entity must first determine the net obligations subject to collateral from the certified reinsurer, which is equal to the following:

a. Reserve credits taken including any Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR) liability adjustment; plus

b. Claim liability credits taken on paid and unpaid (in course of settlement) claims recoverable; plus

c. Other asset increases or liability reductions resulting from amounts recoverable from the assuming entity including commissions, expense allowances, modified coinsurance reserve adjustments, experience rating refunds, and estimated incurred but not reported claim liabilities; less

d. Amounts contractually due the assuming entity.

48. The liability for reinsurance with certified reinsurers due to collateral deficiency is then determined as follows:

a. The net obligations subject to collateral from the certified reinsurer as calculated in paragraph 47; less

b. The net obligations subject to collateral from the certified reinsurer as calculated in paragraph 47 multiplied by the ratio of the amount of collateral provided by the certified reinsurer to the amount of collateral required to be provided by the certified reinsurer in accordance with its rating assigned by the domestic state of the ceding entity.

49. The net liability defined in paragraphs 47 and 48 shall never be less than zero for any particular certified reinsurer. The change in liability for reinsurance with certified reinsurers is a direct charge or credit to surplus.

Unauthorized Reinsurance

50. If the reinsurer is not authorized, otherwise approved or certified to do business, the reinsurance is considered to be unauthorized. A liability is established to offset credit taken in various balance sheet accounts for reinsurance ceded to unauthorized reinsurers. Credit for reinsurance with unauthorized companies shall be permitted if the ceding entity holds securities or cash of the assuming entity equal to the reserve credit taken. Such deposits are to be held under the control of the ceding entity. Additionally, any securities held under such an arrangement must be investments that the ceding entity is allowed to make under the provision of the investment sections of the insurance statutes. Other permissible arrangements include irrevocable trusts or "clean" letters of credit. If the assuming entity is not licensed or is not an authorized reinsurer in the domiciliary state of the ceding entity or if the reinsurance does not meet required standards, the ceding entity must set up a net liability equal to the following:

a. Reserve credits taken including any Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR) liability adjustment; plus

b. Claim liability credits taken on paid and unpaid (in course of settlement) claims recoverable; plus

c. Other asset increases or liability reductions resulting from amounts recoverable from the assuming entity including commissions, expense allowances, modified coinsurance reserve adjustments, experience rating refunds, and estimated incurred but not reported claim liabilities; less

d. Deposits by or funds withheld from the reinsurer, as provided for in the reinsurance treaty and in compliance with the security requirements of Appendix A-785, pledged as security for the payment of reinsurance obligations. Such deposits or funds are typically held by the ceding entity or are placed in a trust or custodial account. Amounts placed in trust or custodial accounts are held subject to withdrawal by, and under the control of, the ceding entity; less

e. Amounts of reinsurance recoverables covered by a clean, irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified U.S. financial institution as defined in Appendix A-785; less

f. Amounts contractually due the assuming entity.

51. The net liability defined in paragraph 50 shall never be less than zero for any particular reinsurer. The change in liability for unauthorized reinsurance is a direct charge or credit to surplus.

Syndicated Letters of Credit

52. With a Syndicated Letter of Credit (Syndicated LC), the reinsurer enters into an agreement with a group of banks (the "Issuing Banks") and an agent bank (the "Agent"). Each Issuing Bank and the Agent is an NAIC-approved bank and a "qualified bank". This agreement requires the Agent to issue, on behalf of the each of the Issuing Banks, letters of credit in favor of the ceding insurer. The credit is issued (as an administrative matter) only through the Agent's letter of credit department. Each issuing bank signs the Syndicated LC through the Agent, as its attorney-in-fact. Syndicated LCs are consistent with A-785, in that the Syndicated LC is the legal equivalent of multiple letters of credit separately issued by each of the issuing banks. Reporting entities shall take a reduction in the liability on account of reinsurance recoverables secured by the Syndicated LC if all of the following conditions are met:

a. All listed banks on the letter of credit are qualified and meet the criteria of the NAIC SVO approved bank listing;

b. Banks are severally and not jointly liable; and

c. Specific percentages for each assuming bank are listed in the letter of credit.

Funds Held Under Reinsurance Treaties with Unauthorized Reinsurers or Certified Reinsurers

53. This liability is established for funds deposited by or contractually withheld from unauthorized reinsurers or certified reinsurers.

Accounting for Interest Maintenance Reserve (IMR)

54. The interest-related gain or loss (net of taxes) associated with the sale, transfer or reinsurance of a block of liabilities must be credited or charged to the IMR in accordance with the IMR instructions contained in the NAIC Annual Statement Instructions for Life and Accident and Health Insurance Companies.

Gains and Losses on Indemnity Reinsurance

55. Under an indemnity reinsurance arrangement the ceding entity continues to be liable to the policyholders and the reinsurer has no obligations to them except in the case of cut-through agreements. Typically the ceding entity will continue to perform all functions in connection with claims and other policyholder services. Gains and losses on indemnity reinsurance are defined as the net experience under the reinsurance contract within a calendar year. Net experience (underwriting gains or loss) includes ceded premiums, claims, expense allowances, reserve adjustments, any IMR liability adjustment, and experience refunds and dividends.

56. Losses that occur in any year of an indemnity reinsurance contract are immediately recognized. For reinsurance of in-force blocks of business, gains that occur in the initial calendar year are accounted for in accordance with Appendix A-791, paragraph 3. If a retrocession of all or a portion of an in-force block of assumed business occurs contemporaneously with assuming the in-force block of business, any resulting net gain from assuming the in-force block of business and the retrocession shall be accounted for in accordance with Appendix A-791. Any resulting net loss shall be recognized immediately in earnings.

57. For indemnity reinsurance agreements entered into for other than in-force blocks of business, the gains and losses are immediately recognized by the ceding and assuming entity.

Recaptures and Commutations

58. A recapture or a commutation of a reinsurance agreement is a transaction which results in the complete and final settlement and discharge of all present and future obligations between the parties arising out of the agreement or a portion of the agreement. Commuted and recaptured balances shall be accounted for by writing them off through the accounts, exhibits and schedules in which they were originally recorded. The assumed reserves and reserve credits taken are eliminated by the reinsurer and ceding entity, respectively. The reinsurer and ceding entity must also make any required IMR liability adjustment changes. Any net gain or loss is reported in the summary of operations.

Deposit Accounting

59. To the extent that a reinsurance contract does not, despite its form, provide for sufficient transfer of risk amounts exchanged between the parties are to be accounted for and reported as follows:

a. At the outset of the reinsurance contract, the net consideration exchanged between the parties shall be recorded as an asset by the payer of the net considerations and as a liability by the receiver. The amount to be admitted as an asset is subject to the limitations for transactions with unauthorized reinsurers described in Appendix A-785. Throughout the life of the contract, receipts and disbursements shall be recorded through the asset/liability accounts. Income and losses shall be recognized by a party when, according to the terms of the contract, it has earned the amount and the other party has no recourse to repayment of such amount in future periods. When the contract is completed, or when there is a loss payment in excess of the deposit, any difference between consideration and recoveries shall be recorded as other miscellaneous insurance income or miscellaneous insurance loss;

b. No deduction shall be made from the policy or claim reserves on the balance sheet, schedules and exhibits.

Assumption Reinsurance

60. An entity may sell all or part of a block of insurance business through an assumption reinsurance agreement. Typically, under an assumption reinsurance arrangement, the reinsurance contract is intended to effect a novation, thereby to extinguish the ceding entity's liability to the policyholder. Assumption reinsurance requires that the reinsurer issue assumption certificates to the existing policyholders and take over responsibility for policyholder services. On occasion, the reinsurer will contract with the original entity to continue to provide such services on a fee basis or may contract with a third party. Regulatory approval of assumption reinsurance arrangements is usually required. Approval is also usually required from the policyholders, who have a predetermined time period in which to accept or reject the reinsurance transfer. After the deadline has passed, approval is considered implied for all outstanding responses. For those policyholders that reject the transfer, the reinsurance agreement typically converts to an indemnity arrangement. Under this circumstance, reinsurance accounting, as defined earlier in this statement, is to be followed.

Accounting for Assumption Reinsurance Transactions

61. Accounting for assumption reinsurance transactions involves all existing assets and liabilities with respect to the assumed policies. This involves policy reserves, policy loans, net due and deferred premiums, dividend accumulations, dividend liability, policy claims, advance premiums, unearned

interest on policy loans, etc. The total effect of all of these assets and liabilities is collectively referred to as net policy liabilities.

62. Typically, because a block of in-force business has value, the sale transaction will result in a gain to the ceding entity. If the policies are somewhat mature and have reasonably large net policy liabilities, the transaction probably will result in a transfer of cash or other assets by the ceding entity. In this case, the net policy liabilities released by the ceding entity will be greater than the value of the assets transferred. If the policies are young and have very small net policy liabilities, the assuming entity may pay some amount in the purchase. The ceding entity is to follow accounting for indemnity reinsurance for the policies sold until it has been formally relieved of the legal liability by either consent from the policyholders or when the expiration period for objecting to the transfer has expired. Upon release of the liability or risk, the ceding entity shall recognize any gain or loss immediately. The gain or loss shall be the difference between the book value of the assets and liabilities including any unamortized IMR allocated or related to the block of business transferred. Direct and ceded balances are to be eliminated and gains are to be taken into income proportionally as the policyholders approve the transfer or at the end of the response period.

63. The assuming entity is to value the assets acquired at the date of acquisition at their fair values, and the reserves are to be established according to statutory requirements based on the benefits in the individual policies reinsured. If the liabilities exceed the assets, the difference represents goodwill that must be amortized into operations using the interest method over the life of the policies, but for a period not to exceed 10 years. Goodwill resulting from assumption reinsurance transactions shall be included in the total goodwill of an entity when calculating the amount of goodwill that is a nonadmitted asset pursuant to *SSAP No. 68—Business Combinations and Goodwill*. If the assets exceed the liabilities, the assuming entity shall record a deferred liability and amortize the amount into operations using the interest method over the expected life of the business but not to exceed ten years.

64. Upon initiation of the assumption reinsurance contract, the ceding and assuming companies are to report all balances reinsured as direct adjustments to the balance sheet. Any net gain or loss is reported as miscellaneous income when recognized.

Accounting for Non-Economic Assumption Reinsurance Transactions

65. When the sale, transfer, or reinsurance of an in-force block of business occurs between affiliated companies that is not an economic transaction, the ceding and assuming entity shall not recognize any gain or loss. The statutory liabilities and any unamortized IMR shall be transferred from the ceding entity to the assuming entity without adjustment. The assuming entity shall amortize any transferred IMR at the same rate or amount that would have occurred for the ceding entity. To the extent that the value of the assets transferred by the ceding entity or the net asset value recorded by the assuming entity differs from the liabilities including any unamortized IMR, the ceding and assuming entity shall defer and amortize their respective differences consistent with the interest method described for non-affiliated transactions.

Disclosures

66. For life and annuity reserves the financial statements shall disclose the following:

a. A description of reserve practices concerning the following:

i. Waiver of deduction of deferred fractional premiums upon death of insured;

ii. Return of portion of final premium for periods beyond the date of death;

iii. Amount of any surrender value promised in excess of the reserve as legally computed;

b. The methods employed in the valuation of substandard policies;

c. The amount of insurance, if any, for which the gross premiums are less than the net premiums according to the valuation standards;

d. The method used to determine tabular interest, tabular less actual reserves released, and tabular cost (by formula or from the basic data for such items);

e. The method of determination of tabular interest on funds not involving life contingencies; and

f. The nature of significant other reserve changes.

67. For reinsurance of variable annuity contracts with an affiliated captive reinsurer[1], the reporting entity shall disclose the following for each transaction in the 2015 annual financial statements only:

a. The type of benefits being reinsured (e.g., GMDB, GLIB and other guaranteed benefits);

b. A description of the purpose[2] of the transaction and significant terms of the reinsurance agreement that fully convey the purpose of the transaction;

c. A description of any risks retroceded to a third party as well as the ultimate risks retained by the reporting entity and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates;

d. Whether the reporting entity reinsures variable annuities in a stand-alone captive arrangement, or a multi-product captive arrangement;

[1] For purposes of this disclosure, an affiliated captive reinsurer shall be based upon the following definition:

This disclosure is intended to capture cessions to affiliated insurance/reinsurance entities that are subject to a financial solvency regulatory system separate from that generally applicable to traditional insurers and/or reinsurers in the ceding entity's domestic jurisdiction. The definition of "affiliate" is established in the NAIC Model Holding Company Act. An affiliated non-traditional insurer/reinsurer is an insurance or reinsurance company that reinsures risks only from its parent or affiliates, and is subject to a financial solvency regulatory system separate from that generally applicable to traditional insurers and/or reinsurers in the ceding entity's domestic jurisdiction. For the purpose of annual statement reporting, this definition shall be presumed to include the following, subject to the cedant's rebuttal to its domicile:

1. An affiliated insurance or reinsurance company licensed, authorized or otherwise granted the authority to operate in a single United States jurisdiction under any captive insurer law, special purpose insurer law, or other similar law separate from those applicable to traditional insurers and/or reinsurers.

2. An affiliated insurance or reinsurance company licensed, authorized or otherwise granted the authority to operate in any jurisdiction outside the United States under any captive insurer law, special purpose insurer law, or other similar law separate from those applicable to traditional insurers and/or reinsurers in that non-United States jurisdiction.

3. Any other affiliated insurance or reinsurance company that by law, regulation, or order, or contract is authorized to insure or reinsure only risks from its parent or affiliate.

[2] For purposes of this disclosure, "purpose" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Backing some/all of the reserves with non-admitted assets.

2. Reducing the C3-Phase II charge by ignoring the impact of the standard scenario.

e. The amount of reserves held by a captive reinsurer, the reserve methodologies utilized within that captive reinsurer and how those differ from the requirements of *Actuarial Guideline XLIII—CARVM For Variable Annuities* (AG 43).

68. For each reinsurance agreement with an affiliated captive reinsurer (same definition as paragraph 67), provide the following information in the 2015 annual financial statements only:

a. Reserve credit taken by the reporting entity for variable annuities.

b. The total amount of collateral supporting any reserve credit taken, if applicable.

c. A description of the nature of the collateral (funds withheld by the reporting entity, assets placed in trust for the benefit of the captive, Letters of Credit, etc.), if applicable as well as a tabular presentation[3] of the value[4] of all assets held by or on behalf of the captive reinsurer that back the variable annuities liabilities (including capital).

~~67.~~69. Disclose the amount of annuity actuarial reserves and deposit liabilities by withdrawal characteristics for the categories of general account, separate account with guarantees, separate account nonguaranteed and the total as follows:

a. Subject to discretionary withdrawal:

i. With market value adjustment, where withdrawal of funds is payable at all times, or prior to specified maturity dates where such dates are more than one year after the statement date and;

(a) In a lump sum with adjustments to reflect general changes in interest rates, or asset values since receipt of funds by the entity;

(b) In installments over five years or more, with or without a reduction in the interest rate during the installment period.

ii. At book value less current surrender charge, where the withdrawal of funds is payable at all times, or at any time within one year from the statement date in a lump sum subject to a current fixed surrender charge of 5% or more and it does not contain a meaningful bail out rate as described in 67.v.(d) below;

iii. At fair value, where the withdrawal of funds is payable at current market value of the assets supporting the liabilities, the assets are stated at current fair value, and the liabilities are stated at the current fair value or per unit value of the assets supporting the liabilities. These liabilities are for contracts where the customer bears the entire investment risk;

iv. Total with adjustment or at fair value;

v. At book value without adjustment (minimal or no charge or adjustment), where the withdrawal of funds is either payable at all times, or at any time (including a

[3] List the major asset classes, such as bonds, unconditional LOC's, conditional LOC's and LOC-like instruments, parental guarantees, etc. Note which assets would not normally meet the definition of an admitted asset under SSAP No. 4.

[4] Indicate the basis of the valuation of the assets (carrying value, fair value, statutory, etc.).

withdrawal on a scheduled payment date) within one year from the statement date and:

(a) In a lump sum without adjustment;

(b) In installments over less than five years, with or without a reduction in interest rate during the installment period;

(c) In a lump sum subject to a fixed surrender charge of less than 5%;

(d) In a lump sum subject to surrender charge, but such charge is waived if the credited rate falls below a specified "bail out" rate and the "bail out" rate is more than the maximum statutory valuation rate for life insurance policies for more than 20 years for new issues.

b. Not subject to discretionary withdrawal;

c. Total gross;

d. Reinsurance ceded; and

e. Total net.

~~68.~~70. Reconcile the total annuity reserves and deposit fund liabilities amount disclosed to the appropriate sections of the Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts Exhibit and the Deposit Funds and Other Liabilities without Life or Disability Contingencies Exhibit, of the Life, Accident & Health Annual Statement and the corresponding lines in the Separate Accounts Statement.

~~69.~~71. Disclosures shall be made consistent with the interrogatories made under the "Ceded Reinsurance Report" detailed in the NAIC *Annual Statement Instructions For Life, Accident and Health Insurance Companies* in the Notes to the Financial Statements section.

~~70.~~72. Describe uncollectible reinsurance written off during the year reported in the following annual statement classifications, including the name or names of the reinsurer(s):

a. Claims incurred;

b. Claim adjustment expenses incurred;

c. Premiums earned; and

d. Other.

~~71.~~73. Describe commutation of ceded reinsurance during the year reported in the following annual statement classifications, including the name or names of the reinsurer(s):

a. Claims incurred;

b. Claim adjustment expenses incurred;

c. Premiums earned; and

d. Other.

~~72.~~74. The financial statements shall disclose the impact on any reporting period in which a certified reinsurer's rating has been downgraded or its certified reinsurer status is subject to revocation and additional collateral has not been received as of the filing date. The disclosure should include the following:

a. Name of certified reinsurer downgraded or subject to revocation of certified reinsurer status and relationship to the reporting entity;

b. Date of downgrade or revocation and jurisdiction of action;

c. Collateral percentage requirements pre and post downgrade or revocation;

d. Net obligation subject to collateral;

e. As of the end of the current quarter, the estimated impact of the collateral deficiency to the reporting entity as a result of the assuming entity's downgrade or revocation of certified reinsurer status, (At year-end the actual impact of the collateral deficiency on the provision for reinsurance shall be disclosed).

f. U.S. domiciled reinsurers are eligible for certified reinsurer status. If the reporting entity is a certified reinsurer, the financial statements shall disclose the impact on any reporting period in which its certified reinsurer rating is downgraded or status as a certified reinsurer is subject to revocation. Such disclosure shall include information similar to paragraphs ~~72~~74.b., ~~72~~74.c. and ~~72~~74.d. and the expectation of its ability to meet the increased requirements.

75. The annual audited financial statements shall:

a. Identify the applicable standard for the disclosure requirement set forth in paragraph 75.b. The applicable standard shall be (1) the NAIC Term Life and Universal Life with Secondary Guarantees (XXX/AXXX) Credit for Reinsurance Model Regulation[5], if such regulation has been adopted and is effective for the reporting period in the reporting entity's state of domicile; or (2) in all other cases, *Actuarial Guideline XLVIII—Actuarial Opinion and Memorandum Requirements for the Reinsurance of Policies Required to be Valued Under Sections 6 and 7 of the NAIC Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Model Regulation* (AG 48). Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the applicable standard. The disclosures in paragraph 75.b. apply to all XXX/AXXX risks ceded under Covered Policies unless an exemption set forth in the applicable standard exempts the insurer or transaction from its scope. For example, if no exemption is available under the terms of the applicable standard for XXX/AXXX risks ceded under Covered Policies, but a state nevertheless determines that the insurer or transaction will not be required to comply in full with all aspects of the applicable standard, then the disclosures in paragraph 75.b. will still apply.

b. Disclose the number of reinsurance contracts in which risks under Covered Policies have been ceded by the reporting entity and the following details for each such contract:

i. Whether funds consisting of Primary Security, in an amount at least equal to the Required Level of Primary Security, are held by or on behalf of the reporting entity as security under the reinsurance contract within the meaning of paragraph 18 of *Appendix A-785 – Credit for Reinsurance* on a funds withheld, Trust, or modified coinsurance basis, and, if not, the amount of the shortfall;

[5] The model regulation was still under development as of December 31, 2015.

ii. Whether funds consisting of Other Security, in an amount at least equal to any portion of the statutory reserves as to which Primary Security is not held pursuant to paragraph 75.b.i., are held by or on behalf of the reporting entity as security under the reinsurance contract within the meaning of paragraph 18 of Appendix *A-785 - Credit for Reinsurance*, and, if not, the amount of the shortfall;

iii. For any contract as to which a shortfall exists and is required to be disclosed under paragraphs 75.b.i. and 75.b.ii., identify all of the following:

(a) The assuming insurer by name and NAIC code (if any);

(b) The name and effective date of the contract;

(c) The total amount of XXX/AXXX statutory reserves ceded under the contract;

(d) The Required Level of Primary Security;

(e) The actual amount of Primary Security;

(f) The actual amount of Other Security; and

(g) The amount of the shortfall(s) in Primary Security and/or Other Security required to be disclosed under paragraphs 75.b.i. and 75.b.ii.

76. The disclosures in this paragraph are for ceding entities that utilize captives to assume reserves subject to the XXX/AXXX Captive framework and should be disclosed in the annual financial statements.

a. For each captive in which a risk-based capital shortfall exists per the XXX/AXXX Captive Reinsurance Consolidated Exhibit:

i. List the name of the captive and the dollar amount of the risk-based capital shortfall.

ii. List the total adjusted capital (TAC) for the current year as reported in the Five-Year Historical Data page of the annual statement, along with the quantity of the sum of the total adjusted capital (TAC) and the total of the risk-based capital shortfalls shown in paragraph 76.a.i.

b. For each reinsurer for which a non-zero primary security shortfall is shown on the XXX/AXXX Reinsurance Primary Security Shortfall by Cession exhibit, list the name of the reinsurer and the amount of primary security shortfall. Also show the total shortfall from that exhibit across all reinsurers.

~~73.~~77. Refer to the Preamble for further discussion regarding disclosure requirements.

Relevant Literature

~~74.~~78. This statement adopts with modification *FASB Statement No. 113, Accounting and Reporting for Reinsurance of Short-Duration and Long-Duration Contracts*. The statutory accounting principles established by this statement differ substantially from GAAP, reflecting much more detailed guidance, as follows:

a. Reserve credits taken by ceding companies as a result of reinsurance contracts are netted against the ceding entity's policy and claim reserves and unpaid claims;

b. First year and renewal ceding commissions on indemnity reinsurance of new business are recognized as income. Ceding commissions on ceded in-force business are included in the calculation of initial gain or loss;

c. As discussed in SSAP No. 50, statutory accounting defines deposit-type contracts as those contracts which do not include any mortality or morbidity risk. GAAP defines investment contracts as those that do not subject the insurance enterprise to significant policyholder mortality or morbidity risk. (The distinction is any mortality or morbidity risk for statutory purposes vs. significant mortality or morbidity risk for GAAP purposes.) Therefore, a contract may be considered an investment contract for GAAP purposes, and that same contract may be considered other than deposit-type for statutory purposes. A reinsurance treaty covering contracts that have insignificant mortality or morbidity risk (i.e., contracts classified as other than deposit-type contracts for statutory purposes, but investment contracts for GAAP purposes) that does not transfer that mortality or morbidity risk, but does transfer all of the significant risk inherent in the business being reinsured (e.g., lapse, credit quality, reinvestment or disintermediation risk) qualifies for reinsurance accounting for statutory reporting purposes, but would not qualify for reinsurance accounting treatment for GAAP purposes;

d. Initial gains on indemnity reinsurance of in-force blocks of business have unique accounting treatment. A portion of the initial gain (equal to the tax effect of the initial gain in surplus) is reported as commissions and expense allowances on reinsurance ceded in the statement of operations. The remainder of the initial gain is reported on a net-of-tax basis as a write-in for gain or loss in surplus in the Capital and Surplus Account. In subsequent years, the ceding entity recognizes income on the reinsurance ceded line for the net-of-tax profits that emerged on the reinsured block of business with a corresponding decrease in the write-in for gain or loss in surplus;

e. This statement prohibits recognition of a gain or loss in connection with the sale, transfer or reinsurance of an in-force block of business between affiliated entities in a non-economic transaction. Any difference between the assets transferred by the ceding entity and the liabilities, including unamortized IMR, shall be deferred and amortized under the interest method;

f. This statement requires that a liability be established through a provision reducing surplus for unsecured reinsurance recoverables from unauthorized reinsurers;

g. This statement prescribes offsetting certain reinsurance premiums.

~~75.~~79. This statement incorporates ~~Appendices~~ A-785 and A-791.

Effective Date and Transition

~~76.~~80. This statement is effective for years beginning January 1, 2001, and, except as noted in paragraphs 81-84~~77-80~~, applies to all reinsurance contracts entered into or amended subsequent to January 1, 1996. Changes resulting from the adoption of this statement shall be accounted for as a change in accounting principle in accordance with *SSAP No. 3—Accounting Changes and Corrections of Errors* (SSAP No. 3).

~~77.~~81. The accounting and reporting practices revised by this statement shall not apply to reinsurance agreements in force on January 1, 1996.

~~78.~~82. The requirements of paragraph 18 relating to reinsurance of deposit-type contracts shall be effective for all accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2001. The guidance in paragraph 19 pertaining to applying deferral guidance to YRT treaties was originally contained within *INT 02-08: Application of A-791 to YRT Reinsurance of a Block of Business* and was effective January 1, 2003. The guidance in paragraph 40 related to separate accounts was originally contained within *INT 02-04: Recognition of CARVM and CRVM Expense Allowances by the Assuming Reinsurer in a Modified Coinsurance Agreement* and was effective March 18, 2002. The guidance in paragraph 52 was originally contained within *INT 02-09: A-785 and Syndicated Letters of Credit* and was effective September 12, 2004.

~~79.~~83. Agreements which were: a) entered into on or after January 1, 1996, and which do not transfer risk shall be accounted for as deposits; b) amended on or after January 1, 1996, and which do not transfer risk shall be accounted for prospectively as deposits with the appropriate reclassification of outstanding reinsurance balances as deposits with no surplus impact. For arrangements which were amended on or after January 1, 1996, a change in accounting principle associated with the revised accounting in this statement shall be applied prospectively with no adjustment to surplus as required by SSAP No. 3.

~~80.~~84. The guidance related to certified reinsurers is applicable only to cedants domiciled in states that have enacted/promulgated the certified reinsurer collateral framework, and only for their cessions to reinsurers certified under that domestic law/rule, and shall be effective for all reporting periods beginning on or after December 31, 2012.

85. The disclosure for compliance with the NAIC XXX/AXXX Credit for Reinsurance Model Regulation or AG 48 shall be effective for reporting periods ending on or after December 31, 2015.

REFERENCES

Relevant Issue Papers

- *Issue Paper No. 74—Life, Deposit-Type and Accident and Health Reinsurance*

GLOSSARY[6]

Assume

To accept or take over an insurance risk; the reverse of cede.

Assumption Reinsurance

The form of reinsurance that extinguishes the ceding entity’s liability to the policyholder. The reinsurer directly assumes all the service and financial obligations of the original entity on the block of business being assumed. Unlike indemnity reinsurance, assumption reinsurance makes the assuming entity (reinsurer) directly liable to the policyholders. In some instances, the original entity may continue to administer and service the business but, if it does so, it does it as the agent of the reinsurer.

Automatic Maximum Limit

The amount of risk which can be automatically ceded if all other conditions are met. Also called the binding authority.

Authorized Reinsurer

An assuming entity is considered an authorized reinsurer if either: 1) it is licensed in the domiciliary state of the ceding entity; 2) it is an accredited reinsurer in the domiciliary state of the ceding entity; 3) it is domiciled and licensed in a state which employs standards regarding credit for reinsurance substantially similar to those of the domiciliary state of the ceding entity and maintains surplus of at least $20 million; 4) it maintains a trust for the benefit of all its U.S. policyholders and ceding entities equal to its U.S. liabilities plus a level of surplus prescribed in the NAIC model law on credit for reinsurance; or 5) it is a reinsurer accepting risks located in jurisdictions where the laws require reinsurance to be ceded to such entity.

Automatic Reinsurance

A reinsurance agreement under which the reinsurer is obligated to accept or assume risks which meet certain specific criteria based on the ceding entity’s underwriting. The reinsurance is ceded on the underwriting judgment of the ceding entity without a case by case concurrence of the reinsurer, up to a specified amount, the automatic maximum limit. The ceding entity normally is required to keep its full stipulated retention for the class of business involved on any case ceded automatically. Often certain defined types of cases are not eligible for automatic treatment. Cases in excess of the automatic maximum limits or otherwise ineligible for automatic cover can usually be submitted for facultative consideration.

Binding Authority

The amount of risk over the ceding entity’s retention which can be automatically ceded if all other conditions are met. Also called the automatic maximum limit.

Catastrophe Reinsurance

A form of non-proportional reinsurance offering the ceding entity protection against excess losses from multiple claims arising out of a single event or a single large loss. Typically, reinsurance benefits will be

[6] Definitions in this glossary are adapted from the Society of Actuaries’ Reinsurance Section Treaty Committee paper, “Discussion of Reinsurance Provisions in a Life Reinsurance Agreements,” dated August 1, 1994, and the glossary contained in *Life, Health, and Annuity Reinsurance*, by John E. Tiller, Jr., FSA, and Denise Fagerbert, FSA (ACTEX Publications, Inc.).

paid if at least a specified minimum number of claims exceeding a minimum threshold amount of benefits arises out of a single event. When these conditions are met, the ceding entity is reimbursed for a percentage (often 100%) of the claims over the threshold attachment point up to the maximum reinsurance benefit specified in the treaty.

Cede

To transfer an insurance risk from the entity originally issuing the policy to another insurance entity known as the reinsurer; the reverse of assume.

Certified Reinsurer

A certified reinsurer is an assuming insurance entity that does not meet the requirements to be considered authorized in the domestic state of the ceding insurer, but has been certified by such state and is required to provide collateral as security for its reinsurance obligations incurred under contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of certification. The amount of security required to be provided by the certified reinsurer in order for a domestic ceding insurer to be eligible to receive financial statement credit for the reinsurance ceded is determined by an evaluation and rating that is assigned to the certified reinsurer by the domestic state of the ceding insurance entity.

Cession

The process of transferring risk from the ceding entity to the reinsurer.

Coinsurance

Indemnity life reinsurance in which the reinsurer participates in the risks and rewards of the policy provisions; the ceding entity retains its liability to the contractual relationship with the insured. The reinsurer is liable not only for its portion of the death benefit, but also all the nonforfeiture values. The reinsurer receives its proportionate share of the ceding entity’s gross premium less a coinsurance allowance for commissions and other expenses. The reinsurer holds the reserve on its portion of the policy and usually retains any excess investment earnings.

Commutation

The termination of all obligations between the parties to a reinsurance agreement, normally accompanied by a final cash settlement. Commutation may be required by the reinsurance agreement or may be effected by mutual agreement.

Credit for Reinsurance

Negative entries (i.e., reductions) to the ceding entity’s policy reserves and positive entries (i.e., increases) to the ceding entity’s assets (amounts recoverable from reinsurers). In the context of reinsurance, the term “credit” is the opposite of its meaning in pure accounting terminology. In balance sheet accounting, a credit is a positive entry to a liability (reserve).

Cut Through Endorsement

An endorsement to a policy and referred to in a reinsurance agreement which requires that, in the event of the ceding entity’s insolvency, any loss covered under the reinsurance agreement will be paid by the reinsurer directly to the insured (or a third party beneficiary).

Experience Rating Refund

A part of the profits under a reinsurance agreement which is returned to the ceding entity, allowing the ceding entity to share in a portion of profits realized on the reinsurance.

Facultative Reinsurance

Reinsurance under which the ceding entity has the option (faculty) of submitting and the reinsurer has the option of accepting or declining individual risks. Thus it is reinsurance that the ceding entity chooses to submit to a reinsurer for its consideration and which may be ceded to the reinsurer only if the reinsurer makes an offer to reinsure. The underwriting classification assigned to the risk for purposes of the reinsurance is determined by the reinsurer. Facultative reinsurance may be ceded under the facultative terms of an automatic treaty for risks that the ceding entity cannot or does not wish to cede automatically, or it may be ceded under a purely facultative treaty.

Facultative Obligatory Reinsurance

A form of reinsurance that shares aspects of both facultative and automatic reinsurance. As with facultative reinsurance, the ceding entity has no obligation to offer specific cases to the reinsurer. However, once a case is offered to the facultative obligatory reinsurer, the case is treated largely as if it were automatic. The reinsurer receives no underwriting information and is offered the case at the ceding entity's rating with the option to accept or reject the case. While not always stated in the treaty, it is usually understood that the case will be rejected by the reinsurer only if the reinsurer does not have available capacity (i.e., its own retention and automatic retrocession facilities).

Fronting Arrangement

A situation where one insurance entity issues policies to specified applicants and reinsures all or substantially all of the risks on the insurance to another insurance entity for a fee or portion of the profits. Fronting typically is used in jurisdictions where the reinsuring entity is not licensed to do business.

Funds Withheld

Assets that would normally be paid over to a reinsurer but are withheld by the ceding entity to permit statutory credit for nonadmitted reinsurance, to reduce a potential credit risk, or to retain control over investments. Under certain conditions, the reinsurer may withhold funds from the ceding entity.

Indemnity Reinsurance

The form of reinsurance under which the ceding entity secures reinsurance as a partial or total reimbursement on the risks assumed on policies it has issued or reinsured. Under indemnity reinsurance, the reinsurer has no relationship with the original policyholders; the ceding entity continues to administer and service the insurance on which it has secured reinsurance and remains fully responsible for all the interests of the policyholders. If the reinsurer cannot or does not honor its obligations to the ceding entity, the ceding entity would still be fully liable to its policyholders.

Indemnity reinsurance may be employed, not only between a direct writing entity and a reinsurer, but also between two reinsurers when retrocession of risks is being implemented.

Mod-Co Reserve Adjustment

The net of two modified coinsurance items: the interest on reserves (payable by the ceding entity to the reinsurer) and the increase in the reserve (payable by the reinsurer to the ceding entity) or decrease in the reserve (payable by the ceding entity to the reinsurer).

Modified Coinsurance

Indemnity life insurance that differs from coinsurance only in that the reserves are retained by the ceding entity, which represents a prepayment of all or a portion of the reinsurer's future obligation. Periodically an adjustment is made to the mean reserve on deposit with the ceding entity. This is usually done quarterly but may be done more frequently. If the reserve increases, the increase in mean reserve less interest on the mean reserve held at the end of the previous accounting period is paid by the reinsurer to the ceding entity. If the mean reserve decreases, the decrease and interest are paid by the ceding entity to the reinsurer. The appropriate interest rate is defined in the treaty.

Net Amount at Risk

The excess of the death benefit of a policy over the policy reserve. It is the amount which must come from surplus in the event of a death claim.

Non-Proportional Reinsurance

Reinsurance that is not secured on individual lives for specific individual amounts of reinsurance, but rather reinsurance that protects the ceding entity's overall experience on its entire portfolio of business, or at least a broad segment of it. The most common forms of non-proportional reinsurance are stop loss reinsurance and catastrophe reinsurance.

Non-proportional reinsurance is a form of casualty insurance. Usually neither the premium nor continuance of coverage is guaranteed beyond a specified term.

Pool

A method of allocating reinsurance among several reinsurers. Using this method, each reinsurer receives a specified percentage of risk ceded into the pool. Percentages may vary by reinsurer.

Proportional Reinsurance

Reinsurance on a particular life for a specified amount or share generally, though not necessarily, secured at the time the policy is issued to the insured. The continuation of coverage guarantees for the reinsurance generally parallel those in the life insurance coverage reinsured. Most life reinsurance conducted in the United States is done so on a proportional basis.

Recapture

The process by which the ceding entity recovers the liabilities transferred to a reinsurer. Reinsurance treaties often provide that if a ceding entity increases its retention, the ceding entity can, under previously agreed upon terms, take back (recapture) amounts of insurance previously ceded to fill up its new retention.

Reinsurer

An insurance entity to which another insurance entity can transfer, through the mechanism of reinsurance, part or all of its risk under a policy or policies it has issued or reinsured. If the transfer of risk is secured through indemnity reinsurance, the reinsurer becomes liable to the ceding entity for the reinsured benefits while the original entity, the ceding entity, remains fully liable to its insured policyholders. If the transfer of risk is secured through assumption reinsurance, the original entity steps out of the picture and transfers all of its liabilities and responsibilities to the reinsurer, who then is henceforth directly responsible to the original policyholders.

Retention

The portion of a policy which the ceding entity retains for its own liability on life insurance. It is normally expressed in terms of face amount of insurance, especially if more than the mortality risk is reinsured. It is sometimes expressed in terms of risk amount, particularly with single premium products.

An entity's retention is often graded by age and/or underwriting classification. Less frequently, special reduced retentions apply to specified risks, such as those engaging in aviation activities or with histories of coronary artery disease.

Retrocession

A form of reinsurance under which a reinsurer cedes to another insurer (the retrocessionaire) part or all of the reinsurance it has assumed from another entity. The original ceding entity has no relationship or recourse to the retrocessionaire and the original reinsurer remains fully liable to its client, the original ceding entity.

Retrocession provides a reinsurer with a method of accommodating its clients with respect to larger risks while still managing its own risk exposure.

Stop Loss Reinsurance

A form of non-proportional reinsurance under which the reinsurer pays some or all of a ceding entity's aggregate retained losses in excess of a predetermined dollar amount or in excess of a percentage of premium. Stop loss coverage provides protection against an excessive number or amount of claims in any given contract period.

Unauthorized Reinsurer

A reinsurer that is neither authorized, certified nor accredited (see "Authorized Reinsurer" and "Certified Reinsurer"). The ceding entity still may be able to take credit in its financial statements for reinsurance ceded to an unauthorized reinsurer if the reinsurer provides sufficient security for amounts due under the reinsurance treaty. This can usually be accomplished by permitting the ceding entity to withhold funds due the reinsurer (funds withheld approach) or by the reinsurer providing the ceding entity with a letter of credit, in a form acceptable to the state in question, or by the reinsurer establishing a trust agreement for the benefit of the ceding entity.

Yearly Renewable Term (YRT)

A form of life reinsurance under which the mortality or morbidity risks, but not the permanent plan reserves, are transferred to the reinsurer for a premium that varies each year with the amount at risk and the ages of the insureds. The amount of reinsurance, which may change annually, is generally the amount of insurance provided by the policy in excess of the primary insurer's reserve.

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