

CHAPTER 4

ACTUARIAL SERVICES

Authority

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Source and Effective Date

R.2006 d.132, effective March 14, 2006.
See: 37 N.J.R. 4859(a), 38 N.J.R. 1743(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, expires on March 14, 2011.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, was adopted and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

Subchapter 2, Replacement of Life Insurance Policy, was adopted as R.1972 d.21, effective April 1, 1972.

Subchapter 7, Procedure for the Regulation of Consent to Higher Rate Filings, was adopted as R.1973 d.82, effective April 15, 1973. See: 4 N.J.R. 220(a), 5 N.J.R. 113(b).

Subchapter 8, Charitable Annuities, was adopted as R.1974 d.258, effective September 20, 1974. See: 6 N.J.R. 315(a), 6 N.J.R. 399(c).

Subchapter 11, Life Insurance Solicitation, was adopted as R.1976 d.329, effective October 18, 1976. See: 8 N.J.R. 336(a), 8 N.J.R. 517(a).

Subchapter 13, Group Student Health Insurance, was adopted as R.1977 d.309, effective August 22, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 343(c), 9 N.J.R. 438(d).

Subchapter 14, Home Health Care Insurance Coverage, was adopted as R.1977 d.476, effective December 15, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 479(f), 10 N.J.R. 16(d).

Subchapter 15, Alcoholism Benefits, was adopted as R.1978 d.165, effective May 22, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 162(a), 10 N.J.R. 257(a).

Subchapter 20, Blindness; Partial Blindness or other Physical or Mental Impairments; Unfair Discrimination, was adopted as R.1979 d.434, effective December 6, 1979. See: 11 N.J.R. 384(a), 11 N.J.R. 627(f).

Subchapter 16, Minimum Standards for Individual Health Insurance, Subchapter 17, Health Insurance Solicitation, and Subchapter 18, Individual Health Insurance Rate Filings, were adopted as new rules by R.1980 d.176, effective April 21, 1980. See: 11 N.J.R. 348(a), 12 N.J.R. 342(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 16, Minimum Standards for Individual Health Insurance, Subchapter 17, Health Insurance Solicitation, and Subchapter 18, Individual Health Insurance Rate Filings, were readopted as R.1980 d.343, effective August 5, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 420(c), 12 N.J.R. 538(b).

Subchapter 21, Limited Death Benefits Forms, was adopted as R.1980 d.265, effective June 18, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 279(b), 12 N.J.R. 423(c).

Subchapter 2, Replacement of Life Insurance Policy, was repealed and Subchapter 2, Replacement of Life Insurance Policy, was adopted as new rules by R.1982 d.16, effective February 1, 1982, operative June 1, 1982. See: 13 N.J.R. 18(e), 14 N.J.R. 158(d).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 15, Alcoholism Benefits, expired on May 22, 1983.

Subchapter 22, Individual Life Insurance: Use of Gender Blended Mortality Tables, was adopted as R.1984 d.478, effective November 5, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 1452(a), 16 N.J.R. 3040(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 6, Reserve Standards for Individual Health Insurance Policies, was readopted as

R.1984 d.512, effective November 5, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2225(a), 16 N.J.R. 3039(a).

Subchapter 23, Medicare Supplement Policies and Contracts, was adopted as R.1985 d.70, effective February 19, 1985, operative June 19, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 2945(a), 17 N.J.R. 460(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 20, Blindness; Partial Blindness or Other Physical or Mental Impairments; Unfair Discrimination, was readopted as R.1985 d.161, effective April 1, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 168(a), 17 N.J.R. 820(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 16, Minimum Standards for Individual Health Insurance, Subchapter 17, Health Insurance Solicitation, and Subchapter 18, Individual Health Insurance Rate Filings were readopted as R.1985 d.221, effective April 15, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 554(a), 17 N.J.R. 1129(a).

Subchapter 21 was readopted as R.1985 d.325, effective June 3, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 891(a), 17 N.J.R. 1660(a).

Subchapter 24, Smoker and Nonsmoker Mortality Tables, was adopted as R.1985 d.617, effective December 2, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2348(a), 17 N.J.R. 2907(a).

Subchapter 26, Annuity Mortality Tables, was adopted as R.1985 d.616, effective December 2, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2349(a), 17 N.J.R. 290(a).

Subchapter 15, Alcoholism Benefits, was adopted as R.1986 d.228, effective June 16, 1986. See: 18 N.J.R. 607(a), 18 N.J.R. 1302(a).

Subchapter 19, Optional Coverage for Pregnancy and Childbirth Benefits, was adopted as R.1988 d.455, effective September 19, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 43(a), 20 N.J.R. 2377(c).

Subchapter 28, Group Coordination of Benefits, was adopted as new rules by R.1988 d.499, effective October 17, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 1773(b), 20 N.J.R. 2581(a).

Subchapter 29, Homeowners Comparison Survey, was adopted as R.1989 d.50, effective January 17, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2181(a), 21 N.J.R. 164(a).

Subchapter 31, Term Life Insurance Comparison Survey, was adopted as R.1989 d.122, effective February 21, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2990(a), 21 N.J.R. 566(a).

Subchapter 32, Health Service Corporation Notice of Increased Rates, was adopted as R.1989 d.522, effective October 2, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 973(b), 21 N.J.R. 3173(c).

Subchapter 33, Excess Interest Reserve Adjustment, was adopted as R.1989 d.523, effective October 2, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 1308(a), 21 N.J.R. 3175(c).

Subchapter 34, Long-Term Care Insurance, was adopted as R.1989 d.571, effective November 6, 1989. See: 21 N.J.R. 1964(a), 21 N.J.R. 3465(a).

Subchapter 25, Medicare Supplement Interim Standards, was adopted as R.1990 d.214, effective April 16, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 320(a), 22 N.J.R. 1266(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 4 was readopted as R.1991 d.3, effective November 30, 1990, Subchapter 1, Contracts on a Variable Basis, was repealed by R.1991 d.3, effective January 7, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 1689(a), 23 N.J.R. 111(a).

Subchapter 35, Annual Medicare Supplement Policy Survey, was adopted as R.1991 d.122, effective March 4, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 1226(b), 23 N.J.R. 698(a).

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 23 N.J.R. 2546(c), 23 N.J.R. 3827(a).

Subchapter 25, Medicare Supplement Interim Standards, was repealed by R.1993 d.26, effective January 4, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 12(a), 25 N.J.R. 141(a).

Subchapter 37, Selective Contracting Arrangements of Insurers, was adopted as R.1994 d.45, effective January 18, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 4554(b), 26 N.J.R. 381(a).

Subchapter 9, Personal Lines Insurance: Prospective Loss Costs Filing Procedures, was adopted as R.1995 d.406, effective August 7, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 1356(b), 27 N.J.R. 2931(a).

Subchapter 30, Accelerated Death Benefits, was adopted as R.1995 d.521, effective September 18, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2046(a), 27 N.J.R. 3613(c).

Subchapter 40, Life/Health/Annuity Forms, was adopted as R.1995 d.569, effective November 6, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2857(a), 27 N.J.R. 2867(a), 27 N.J.R. 4317(a).

Administrative correction. See: 27 N.J.R. 4728(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, was readopted as R.1996 d.4, effective November 30, 1995, and Subchapter 5, Amendment to Instructions to Life and Accident and Health Annual Statement Blank, Subchapter 10, Expense Experience, Subchapter 32, Health Service Corporation Notice of Increased Rates, Subchapter 35, Annual Medicare Supplement Policy Survey, and Exhibits A and B of the Appendix to Subchapters 16 and 23 were repealed by R.1996 d.4, effective January 2, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3557(a), 28 N.J.R. 165(a).

Subchapter 47, Actuarial Requirements for Flexible-Factor Policy Forms, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.83, effective February 5, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3750(a), 28 N.J.R. 1215(a).

Subchapter 44, Standards for Contracts on a Variable Basis, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.149, effective March 18, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3743(a), 28 N.J.R. 1546(a).

Subchapter 45, Periodic Reports, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.150, effective March 18, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3744(a), 28 N.J.R. 1548(a).

Subchapter 43, Individual Annuity Contract Form Standards, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.181, effective April 1, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3740(a), 28 N.J.R. 1885(a).

Subchapter 48, Unfair Discrimination, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.182, effective April 1, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3756(a), 28 N.J.R. 1887(a).

Subchapter 23A, Medicare Supplement—Under 50 Coverage, and Subchapter 23B, Medicare Supplement—Age 50 through 64 Coverage were adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.195, effective April 15, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3719(a), 28 N.J.R. 1987(a).

Subchapter 42, Group Life, Group Health and Blanket Insurance: General Standards for Contract Provisions, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.196, effective April 15, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3735(a), 28 N.J.R. 2003(a).

Subchapter 41, Standards for Individual Life Insurance Policy Forms, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.197, effective April 15, 1996. See: 27 N.J.R. 3727(a), 28 N.J.R. 1992(a).

Subchapter 25, Funeral Insurance Policies, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.328, effective July 15, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 1656(a), 28 N.J.R. 3671(a).

Subchapter 49, Mandated Diabetes Benefits, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.86, effective February 18, 1997. See: 28 N.J.R. 4340(a), 29 N.J.R. 562(a).

Subchapter 46, Synthetic Guaranteed Investment Contract Forms, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.332, effective August 4, 1997. See: 29 N.J.R. 1472(a), 29 N.J.R. 3452(b).

Subchapter 50, Reimbursement of Inmate Health Care Costs, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.513, effective December 1, 1997. See: 29 N.J.R. 2232(a), 29 N.J.R. 5066(a).

Subchapter 52, Life Insurance Illustrations, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.338, effective July 6, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 47(a), 30 N.J.R. 2495(a).

Subchapter 32, Valuation of Life Insurance Policies, was adopted as new rules by R.1999 d.442, effective December 20, 1999 (operative January 1, 2000, except as provided in N.J.A.C. 11:4-32.6). See: 31 N.J.R. 2845(a), 31 N.J.R. 4268(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, was readopted as R.2001 d.7, effective November 30, 2000. See: 32 N.J.R. 3546(a), 33 N.J.R. 101(a).

Subchapter 1, New Jersey Insolvent Health Maintenance Organization Assistance Association, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.122, effective April 2, 2001. See: 32 N.J.R. 3907(a), 33 N.J.R. 1109(a).

Subchapter 35, Viatical Settlements, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.226, effective July 2, 2001. See: 33 N.J.R. 162(a), 33 N.J.R. 2300(a).

Subchapter 53, Minimum Standards for Specified Disease and Critical Illness Coverages, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.363, effective October 1, 2001. See: 33 N.J.R. 361(a), 33 N.J.R. 3454(c).

Subchapter 6, Reserve Standards for Individual Health Insurance Policies, was repealed and Subchapter 6, Minimum Reserve Standards for Individual and Group Health Insurance Contracts, was adopted as new rules by R.2003 d.38, effective January 21, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 3186(a), 35 N.J.R. 437(a).

Subchapter 40A, "40 States" File and Use Standards Procedures, was adopted as new rules by R.2003 d.140, effective April 7, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 3916(a), 35 N.J.R. 1555(a).

Subchapter 54, Benefit Standards for Infertility Coverage, was adopted as new rules by R.2003 d.160, effective April 21, 2003. See: 34 N.J.R. 2521(a), 35 N.J.R. 1692(b).

Subchapter 56, Self-Funded Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Insured Multiple Employer Arrangements, was adopted as R.2004 d.212, effective June 7, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 3530(a), 36 N.J.R. 2907(a).

Subchapter 27, The 2001 Commissioner's Standard Ordinary (CSO) Mortality Table for Use in Determining Minimum Reserve Liabilities and Nonforfeiture Benefits, was adopted as new rules by R.2004 d.415, effective November 1, 2004. See: 36 N.J.R. 3477(a), 36 N.J.R. 4937(a).

Subchapter 55, Pharmacy Cards, was adopted as R.2004 d.433, effective November 15, 2004. See: 36 N.J.R. 1873(a), 36 N.J.R. 5131(a).

Subchapter 57, Mandated Benefits for Biologically-Based Mental Illness, was adopted as new rules by R.2005 d.141, effective May 2, 2005. See: 36 N.J.R. 5080(a), 37 N.J.R. 1523(a).

Subchapter 34, Long-Term Care Insurance, was repealed and Subchapter 34, Long-Term Care Insurance, was adopted as new rules by R.2005 d.422, effective December 19, 2005. See: 36 N.J.R. 5195(a), 37 N.J.R. 5014(b).

Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, was readopted by R.2006 d.132, effective March 14, 2006. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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3. The most recent financial examination report, whether conducted by the applicant's state of domicile or other state;

4. A statement addressing whether the applicant is planning to modify its method of doing business in any way including, but not limited to, new acquisitions or new restructuring;

5. If the applicant is a member of a holding company system, the following shall be provided:

i. A list of all members of the holding company system;

ii. A list of all intercompany transactions for the period beginning January 1 in the year of the filing to the date of the quarterly statement immediately preceding the date of the filing, in the format set forth in the statutory annual statement filed by the applicant; and

iii. A copy of the applicant's organizational chart;

6. An actuarial opinion attesting to the adequacy of reserves in the format of and satisfying all requirements for the actuarial opinion and memorandum required to be submitted as a part of the annual statement filed by the applicant;

7. A report signed by the attesting actuary referred in (a)6 above, which includes, in summary form if necessary, all data utilized, a complete explanation of methods and assumptions and sufficient additional narrative to account for any features of the data or circumstances necessary for proper interpretation;

8. A copy of the annual statement of the applicant, including all accompanying exhibits, filed with this State immediately preceding the date of the relief filing;

9. Copies of all quarterly statements for the period beginning January 1 in the year of the filing to the quarterly statement immediately preceding the date of the filing;

10. Three-year financial projections beginning with the calendar year of the date of the filing assuming relief is granted and assuming relief is denied. The projections shall include, in summary form if necessary, all data utilized, and a complete explanation of methods and assumptions utilized and relied upon by the applicant in making the projections. The projections shall assume the same rate of assessment as in the first year calculation period for the subsequent two-year calculation period, and shall include projections of the applicant's operating results containing the information and in the balance sheet; and statement of revenue, expenses and net worth of the annual statement filed by the applicant;

11. A description of any relief from obligations imposed by this State or any other state granted or in effect within the preceding 12 months, and the basis upon which such relief was granted; and

12. Any other information the Commissioner may deem relevant to the consideration of the request.

(b) An applicant asserting that the Department's review of its request be evaluated on a particular basis (that is, pre-pooled, post-pooled, consolidated or unconsolidated) shall submit a written statement which sets forth the specific reasons, with supporting documentation, if any, for which it believes evaluation on a particular basis is appropriate to that applicant, and the specific reasons, with supporting documentation, if any, for which evaluation on other bases would be inappropriate.

(c) All filings shall be accompanied by the following certification signed by the chief financial officer of the applicant: "I _____ certify that the attached filing complies with all requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 11:4-1 and that all of the information it contains is true and accurate. I further certify that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the applicant."

11:4-1.7 Confidentiality of request for relief

(a) All data or information contained in the request for relief filed pursuant to this subchapter shall be confidential and shall not be subject to public disclosure or copying pursuant to the "Right to Know" law, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., except for the following items, but only upon written, specified request and following 10 days written notice by the Department to the member/applicant:

1. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)1i and ii—cover letter with name of applicant and describing relief sought;
2. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)1iv—name, title, telephone number and telefax number of person familiar with the filing;
3. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)3—most recent financial examination report;
4. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)5i and ii—list of members of holding company system and intercompany transactions for period preceding date of filing;
5. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)8—annual statement filed immediately preceding date of filing; and
6. N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6(a)12—additional information required by the Commissioner to evaluate a particular filing.

11:4-1.8 Disposition of request for relief

(a) When the Commissioner determines pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:32B-9e that payment of the assessment would endanger the ability of the member organization to fulfill its contractual obligations or, based on indicia that relate to the ability to pay the assessment by the member organization, would place it in an unsafe or unsound financial condition, the Commissioner shall notify the Association of such finding and direct the Association to exempt, abate or defer the obligation of the member organization, as set forth in (b)

below. If the Commissioner decides to defer, in whole or in part, a member organization's obligation to pay assessments, the member shall remain liable to the Association for the amount deferred. The Commissioner shall find that a member is or would be unable to meet its contractual obligations or be placed in an unsafe or unsound financial condition if:

1. The member has been placed in rehabilitation or liquidation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:32-31 et seq. or such similar law of the member's state of domicile;
2. The member has been placed under administrative supervision pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:51A-1 et seq. or such similar law of the member's state of domicile; or
3. The Commissioner finds based solely on indicia of N.J.A.C. 11:2-27 that relate to the ability to pay the assessment that the member is or would be placed in a hazardous financial condition.

(b) If the Commissioner determines that relief should be granted, the member organization's obligation shall be exempted, abated or deferred, as follows:

1. Except as provided at (b)2 below, the Commissioner shall in all cases direct the Association that the member's obligation shall be deferred pending a quarterly review of the member's financial condition. The deferral shall be deemed to be an exemption two years from the date the obligation was originally due, unless the Commissioner, prior to that date, determines that the member's financial condition has improved such that payment of the assessment, or a portion thereof, will not result in the member being or becoming in a hazardous financial condition. If a member is required to pay a portion of its obligation prior to the expiration of the two-year period, the remainder shall be deferred, and shall be deemed exempt at the expiration of the two-year period in the same manner as provided in this paragraph for deferred obligations.

2. The Commissioner shall direct the Association that the member organization's obligation be exempted, and thus no obligation thereafter shall be deemed to exist for the particular obligation for which the exemption was granted, if the member is in liquidation or rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:32-31 et seq., or similar statutes of the member's state of domicile, at the time the request is made. An exemption granted under this paragraph shall be for the entire obligation and no obligation thereafter shall exist for the particular obligation for which the exemption was granted; provided that the determination whether to grant an exemption from a future obligation shall be considered at the time such obligation becomes due based on the member's financial condition at that time.

3. The Commissioner shall direct that the member's obligation to pay the full amount of the assessment be abated if he or she determines that payment of some amount will not result in the member being or becoming in a hazardous financial condition. The amount which is not abated shall be deferred in the same manner provided by (b)1 above.

11:4-1.9 Rates

(a) In determining its schedule of charges or rates filed with the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2J-8b, or filed in accordance with any other law requiring such filing, no member organization shall include the amount paid or to be paid as assessments under N.J.S.A. 17B:32B-1 et seq., or any portion of that amount, unless the Commissioner specifically determines that exclusion of those assessments in determining its schedule of charges or rates will significantly and adversely affect the organization by precluding it from earning a constitutionally adequate rate of return, or as otherwise set forth in (c) below. Each member organization shall annually file a certification to the Commissioner that the member organization has not included any amounts assessed in its schedule of charges or rates, unless permitted to do so pursuant to this section.

(b) No member organization shall be permitted to include the amount paid or to be paid as assessments unless it first requested relief from payment of such assessment, and such request was denied, pursuant to this subchapter. However, a request for relief shall not be required provided the filer files a request to include assessments paid in its schedule of charges or rates that includes the information set forth at N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.6 in the format of N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.5, wherein the filer recognizes that the Department shall review the information filed to determine whether relief is warranted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:4-1.8

(c) The Commissioner shall find that exclusion of assessments in determining the member organization's schedule of charges or rates will significantly and adversely affect the organization if the member organization demonstrates that it is unable to earn a constitutionally adequate rate of return after paying the assessment. Alternatively, the Commissioner may consider in determining whether the exclusion of assessments will significantly and adversely affect the organization if the member organization demonstrates that:

1. Its net worth will be below that required by N.J.A.C. 8:38-11.1 after payment of the assessment; and
2. For the three-year period immediately following payment of the assessment, its net worth will be less than that required by N.J.A.C. 8:38-11.1 if the assessment is not included in the member's schedule of charges or rates.

11:4-1.10 Penalties

Failure to comply with this subchapter may result in the denial of relief requested and imposition of penalties as authorized by law.

SUBCHAPTER 2. REPLACEMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

11:4-2.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is: