

CHAPTER 4
ACTUARIAL SERVICES

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Source and Effective Date

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See: 32 N.J.R. 3546(a), 33 N.J.R. 101(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 4, Actuarial Services, expires on November 30, 2005.

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Subchapter 2, Replacement of Life Insurance Policy, was repealed and Subchapter 2, Replacement of Life Insurance Policy, was adopted as new rules by R.1982 d.16, effective February 1, 1982, operative June 1, 1982.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: 288 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: Source and Effective Date.

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Authority

N.J.S.A. 17:1-8.1; 17:1-15e; and 17B:32B-1 et seq.

Source and Effective Date

R.2001 d.122, effective April 2, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3907(a), 33 N.J.R. 1109(a).

7. A demonstration evidencing that unfair pricing discrimination is not utilized by or incorporated within the policy form's premium table or structure.

i. The demonstration shall show that the loss ratio of any element of any insurance construct will not differ by more than 10 percent from the anticipated loss ratio for the policy.

ii. For the purpose of this paragraph, "construct" means the risk variables which significantly affect the cost of the coverage. For example, age could be a construct wherein its elements would be age 20, age 21 and so forth. The Department of Insurance is particularly concerned with anticipated loss ratios by issue age or issue age groupings;

8. The specific formulas and methodology used in calculating gross premiums; and

9. A certification signed by an actuary who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or Casualty Actuarial Society stating that the assumptions are appropriate to the policy form, reasonably represent the expected experience for the policy form and fully disclose the basis of the calculation of the anticipated loss ratio.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1996 d.180, effective April 1, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3725(a), 28 N.J.R. 1882(a).

Section was "Compliance".

Public Notice: Alternate interest rates for rate submissions.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1642(b).

Public Notice: Alternate interest rates for rate submissions.

See: 32 N.J.R. 2959(a).

11:4-34.14 Loss ratio standards for individual long-term care insurance

(a) Long-term care insurance is subject to the loss ratio requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 11:4-18.5.

(b) When a long-term care policy is funded by a level premium payable over the life of an insured whose issue age is under 65, the anticipated loss ratio cannot be less than:

$$(A-B-C)/A$$

where: A=the present value at policy issue of one dollar of annualized premium;

B=the present value at policy issue of the product of R and one dollar of annualized premium payable for policy years from policy issue to attained age 65;

C=the present value at policy issue of the product of .35 and one dollar of annualized premium payable for policy years after attained age 64;

and where R=the complement of the applicable loss ratio factor for coverage before attained age 65, with complements of .50 for noncancellable insurance and .45 for guaranteed renewable insurance.

New Rule, R.1996 d.180, effective April 1, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3725(a), 28 N.J.R. 1882(a).

11:4-34.15 Spousal discount

(a) A spousal discount is permitted in individual long-term care insurance when the following conditions are met:

1. The objective basis of the rate differential is included in the actuarial memorandum as required by N.J.A.C. 11:4-18.4(a)1iv;

2. All conditions required to be satisfied in order to receive and retain the discount shall be disclosed and shall be related to the objective basis of the rate differential. When improved morbidity is the objective basis for a spousal discount, insurers shall extend the discount to all married individuals regardless of whether the insured's spouse is covered under a long-term care policy; and

3. When a husband and wife both apply for and are issued a long-term care policy offering a spousal discount, both individuals shall receive the discount.

New Rule, R.1996 d.180, effective April 1, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3725(a), 28 N.J.R. 1882(a).

SUBCHAPTERS 35 THROUGH 36. (RESERVED)

SUBCHAPTER 37. SELECTIVE CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS OF INSURERS

11:4-37.1 Purpose and scope

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to set forth standards and procedures whereby a carrier shall obtain approval from the Commissioner of its offering of health benefits plans utilizing selective contracting arrangements that promote health care cost containment while adequately preserving quality of care.

(b) This subchapter applies to all carriers operating pursuant to Title 17B of the New Jersey statutes, and issuing health benefits plans utilizing selective contracting arrangements in this State. This subchapter shall not apply to the following: hospital service corporations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48-1 et seq.; medical service corporations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48A-1 et seq.; hospital and medical service corporations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48B-1 et seq.; dental service corporations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48C-1 et seq.; dental plan organizations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48D-1 et seq.; or health service corporations operating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:48E-1 et seq.

(c) The provisions of these rules shall apply except where in conflict with any policy or contract issued pursuant to the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Act at N.J.S.A. 17B:27A-1 et seq. or the New Jersey Small Employer Health Coverage Act at N.J.S.A. 17B:27A-17 et seq. If such a conflict exists, all remaining provisions of these rules determined not to be in conflict shall remain in effect.

Amended by R.1998 d.302, effective June 15, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 267(a), 30 N.J.R. 2214(a).

Added (c).

Amended by R.2001 d.7, effective January 2, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3546(a), 33 N.J.R. 101(a).

In (b), deleted "or which cover New Jersey residents" following "arrangements in this State".

11:4-37.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Allowable expense" means the usual, customary and reasonable item of expense for a covered service when the item of expense is covered at least in part by the health benefits plan.

"Carrier" means any insurance company operating pursuant to Title 17B of the New Jersey statutes and authorized to issue health benefits plans in this State.

"Coinsurance" means the percentage of the allowable expenses payable by the covered person.

"Coinsurance differential" means the difference in the coinsurance percentage applicable to in-network and out-of-network benefits.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

"Copayment" means a specified dollar amount a covered person must pay for specified covered services.

"Covered person" means a person on whose behalf the carrier is obligated to pay benefits pursuant to the health benefits plan.

"Covered service" means a service provided to a covered person under a health benefits plan for which a carrier is obligated to pay benefits.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

"Emergency care" means covered services that are provided by any health care provider for a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance abuse such that absence of immediate attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, an emergency exists when there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or the transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

"Evidence of coverage" means any certificate, agreement or contract which includes a statement of the essential benefits, limitations, exclusions and services of the health benefits plan, and which is issued to the covered person by the carrier.

"Formulary" means a list of prescription medications that are preferred for use by a health plan.

"Health benefits plan" means a policy, contract or evidence of coverage delivered or issued for delivery in this State that pays benefits and/or arranges for the provision of covered healthcare services and supplies. For purposes of this regulation, health benefits plan shall not include accident only, Medicare supplement coverage, CHAMPUS supplement coverage, coverage for Medicare services provided pursuant to a contract with the United States government, coverage for Medicaid services pursuant to a contract with the State, coverage arising out of a workers' compensation or similar law, automobile medical payment insurance, and personal injury protection issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:6A-1 et seq.

"Health care provider" means any physician, hospital, facility, or other person who is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care services or other benefits in the state or jurisdiction in which they are furnished.

"Preferred provider" means a health care provider or group of health care providers who have entered into selective contracting arrangements with a carrier or a preferred provider organization.

"Preferred provider organization" or "PPO" means an entity other than a carrier that contracts with preferred providers to establish selective contracting arrangements.

"Selective contracting arrangement" or "SCA" means an arrangement for the payment of predetermined fees or reimbursement levels for covered services by the carrier to preferred providers or preferred provider organizations.

Amended by R.1998 d.302, effective June 15, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 267(a), 30 N.J.R. 2214(a).

Rewrote "Emergency care", "Evidence of coverage", "Health benefits plan" and "Health care provider"; and inserted "Formulary".

11:4-37.3 Standards for selective contracting arrangements

(a) For purposes of paying for covered services under a health benefits plan, a selective contracting arrangement entered into by a carrier shall meet the following criteria:

1. The selective contracting arrangement shall include a mechanism for the review or control of utilization of covered services;
2. The selective contracting arrangement shall provide for an adequate number of preferred providers by specialty to render covered services in the geographic service area(s) where it functions;