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**NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE
AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.**

AGENCY: Insurance Commissioner TITLE NUMBER: 114

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 31

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Guaranteed Loss Ratios as Applied to Individual Sickness and
Accident Insurance Policies

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

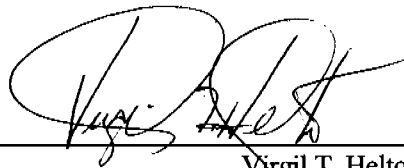
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THE ABOVE RULE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AUTHORIZATION IS CITED IN (house or senate bill number) S.B. 417

SECTION 64-7-2(a), PASSED ON March 8, 2008

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE
FOLLOWING DATE: April 29, 2008



Virgil T. Helton
Cabinet Secretary
West Virginia Department of Revenue

PROMULGATION HISTORY

WEST VIRGINIA INSURANCE COMMISSION

GUARANTEED LOS RATIOS AS APPLIED TO INDIVIDUAL
SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICIES

TITLE 114, SERIES 31

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Section

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§114-31-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule implements the provisions of Article 6C, Chapter thirty-three of the West Virginia Code. That article permits, but does not require, an insurer offering individual sickness and accident insurance policies to operate on the basis of a guaranteed loss ratio established by the Insurance Commissioner. Any insurer that is approved to operate on a guaranteed loss ratio basis is exempt from filing rate increase applications as would otherwise be required by the Commissioner.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§33-2-10 and 33-6C-3.

1.3. Filing Date. -- April 29, 2008.

1.4. Effective Date. -- April 29, 2008.

§114-31-2. Application to Operate on a Guaranteed Loss Ratio Basis.

2.1. In order to implement a guaranteed loss ratio as established by the Commissioner, an insurer offering individual sickness and accident insurance policies must make application to the Commissioner on the form described in subsection 2.2 of this rule. The Commissioner shall have the discretion to approve or reject any such application after reviewing the same. The application form is set forth in Appendix A to this rule.

2.2. Each application filed with the Commissioner pursuant to this rule must include a written loss ratio guarantee that at minimum contains the following information:

- a. Policy form number;
- b. The anticipated lifetime and durational target loss ratios contained in the original actuarial memorandum filed with the policy form when it was originally approved;
- c. A designation of the first calendar year in which the loss ratio guarantee is to be effective;
- d. A guarantee that the actual West Virginia or, if applicable, national loss ratios for each experience period shall meet or exceed the anticipated lifetime and durational target loss

ratios contained in the original actuarial memorandum described in subdivision b of this subsection;

e. The source and dates of data used by the insurer in determining lifetime and durational target loss ratios and credibility data;

f. A guarantee that the actual West Virginia, or, if applicable, national, loss ratio results for the experience period at issue will be independently audited as described more fully in Section 4 of this rule;

g. The name and qualifications of the independent auditor who will perform the annual audit described in Section 4 of this rule;

h. A guarantee that if the actual loss ratio during an experience period is less than the anticipated loss ratio for that period, then West Virginia policyholders shall receive proportional refunds based on premium earned, which refunds shall be calculated and paid pursuant to W. Va. Code §33-6C-5;

i. A sample calculation and illustration of the refund methodology used to comply with this rule;

j. A non-discrimination guarantee as required by W. Va. Code §33-6C-4(c)(5);
and

k. The signature of an officer of the insurer.

2.3. The Commissioner shall notify an insurer of the acceptance or rejection of an application to operate on a guaranteed loss ratio basis within sixty (60) days of the date that such an application is received.

§114-31-3. Guaranteed Loss Ratio Filings.

3.1. The initial filing of a loss ratio guarantee must include the policy form, schedule of rates and an actuarial memorandum which shall include information prescribed in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' rate filing guidelines, durational and lifetime target loss ratios, and a projection of the actual loss ratio which shall include interest and lapse rates.

3.2. All rate increase filings shall include information prescribed in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' rate filing guidelines, as well as the following:

a. An outline of coverage;

b. Any change in rate relationships;

c. The cumulative, to-date loss ratios; and

- d. The projected lifetime loss ratios.

§114-31-4. Annual Audit.

4.1. An independent audit of the actual West Virginia, or, if applicable, national, loss ratio results for the experience period at issue shall be conducted and filed with the Commissioner on an annual basis. The audit must be conducted during the second quarter of the year following the end of the experience period and be filed with the Commissioner no later than June 30 of that year.

4.2. The audit must include at minimum:

- a. A statement of the durational and lifetime loss ratio guarantees;
- b. A statement of the earned premium and incurred claims for the audited experience period;
- c. A statement of the experience by duration of the most recent calendar year;
- d. A statement of claim reserves included in incurred claims;
- e. A statement that no active life reserves are included in the calculation of the actual loss ratio;
- f. A statement that no reinsurance premiums are included in the calculation of the actual loss ratio;
- g. A statement of refunds paid during any previous years; and
- h. A statement of any refunds due for the current experience period and the calculation of the refunds due.

§114-31-5. Rejection or Cancellation of Loss Ratio Guarantee.

5.1. The Commissioner may reject a loss ratio guarantee or cancel an existing loss ratio guarantee for any of the following reasons which shall be a non-exclusive list:

- a. The insurer has demonstrated an inability to adequately monitor its loss ratios;
- b. The insurer has failed to take timely rate increases in accordance with sound actuarial principles during the three-year period prior to filing the loss ratio guarantee;
- c. The insurer has not complied with the terms of a previously filed loss ratio guarantee;

d. The insurer has submitted false, misleading or fraudulent material or information to the Commissioner.

e. The insurer is impaired, insolvent, in hazardous financial condition or such other similar financial condition as defined in W. Va. Code §§33-10-1 et seq., 33-24-1 et seq., 33-34A-1 et seq., or any other article of this chapter;

f. The Commissioner determines that the insurer has not complied with the provisions of the guarantee or this article.

g. The insurer's data reflects a guaranteed loss ratio of less than sixty percent (60%);

h. The insurer has failed to comply with W. Va. Code §33-6-34, form and rate filing fee requirement or other department filing procedure;

i. The insurer fails to provide information, data, or documentation reasonably requested by the Commissioner;

j. The insurer violates any provision of W. Va. Code §33-1-1 et seq. or the rules promulgated thereunder;

k. The insurer refuses to permit the Commissioner to examine and copy such records as the Commissioner deems necessary to determine compliance with W. Va. Code §33-6C-1 et seq.

l. The insurer fails or refuses to pay the reasonable costs of the Commissioner arising out of the Commissioner's examination of the insurer's records to determine compliance with W. Va. Code §33-6C-1 et seq.

APPENDIX A

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**GUARANTEED LOSS RATIOS
INDIVIDUAL SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICIES**

INSTRUCTIONS: All questions must be answered; if no answer is applicable, enter the reason for such determination.

I. Policy form number: _____

II. Anticipated lifetime and durational target loss ratios contained in the original actuarial memorandum filed with the policy form when it was originally approved:

III. First calendar year in which the loss ratio guarantee is to be effective:

IV. Source and dates of data used in determining lifetime and durational target loss ratios and credibility data:

V. Name and qualifications of the independent auditor who will perform the annual audit:

VI. Attach a sample calculation and illustration of the refund methodology used to comply with the Insurance Commissioner's rule (Title 114, Series 31) entitled "Guaranteed Loss Ratios as Applied to Individual Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies."

VII. Guarantees:

(A) The actual West Virginia loss ratios for the experience period in which the new rates take effect, and for each experience period thereafter until new rates are filed, will meet or exceed the anticipated lifetime and durational target loss ratios contained in the original actuarial memorandum noted above.

(B) The actual West Virginia, or, if applicable, national, loss ratio results for the experience period at issue will be independently audited, at this company's expense, as described more fully in section 4 of this rule.

(C) If the actual loss ratio during an experience period is less than the anticipated loss ratio for that period, West Virginia policyholders shall receive proportional refunds based on premium earned, which refunds shall be calculated and paid pursuant to W. Va. Code §33-6C-5.

(D) This company does not engage in any discriminatory practices prohibited by W. Va. Code §33-11-4 [part of the West Virginia Unfair Trade Practices Act], or any such practice which discriminates against any individual on the basis of his or her legal occupation, race, religion or residence.

I hereby certify that the information and guarantees contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Company Officer's Signature: _____

(TITLE): _____

(DATE): _____