

TITLE 13 INSURANCE
CHAPTER 10 HEALTH INSURANCE
PART 14 MINIMUM RESERVE STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL and GROUP HEALTH
INSURANCE CONTRACTS

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13.10.14.2 SCOPE: This rule applies to all individual and group health insurance coverages except credit insurance.
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13.10.14.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 59A-2-8, 59A-2-9, 59A-8-4, 59A-8-6, 59A-8-7, and 59A-8-8 NMSA 1978.
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13.10.14.6 OBJECTIVE: The objective of this rule is to promote solvency by establishing minimum standards for the computation of reserves, which place a sound value on liabilities issued under both individual and group health insurance contracts.
[13.10.14.6 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.6, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.7 DEFINITIONS: As used in this valuation standard, the following terms have the meanings given here.

A. "Annual claim cost." The net annual cost per unit of benefit before the addition of expenses, including claim settlement expenses, and a margin for profit or contingencies. For example, the annual claim cost for a \$100 monthly disability benefit, for a maximum disability benefit period of one year, with an elimination period of one week, with respect to a male at age 35, in a certain occupation might be \$12, while the gross premium for this benefit might be \$18. The additional \$6 would cover expenses and profit or contingencies.

B. "Claims accrued." That portion of claims incurred on or prior to the valuation date which result in liability of the insurer for the payment of benefits for medical services which have been rendered on or prior to the valuation date, and for the payment of benefits for days of hospitalization and days of disability which have occurred on or prior to the valuation date, which the insurer has not paid as of the valuation date, but for which it is liable, and will have to pay after the valuation date. This liability is sometimes referred to as a liability for "accrued" benefits. A claim reserve, which represents an estimate of this accrued claim liability, must be established.

C. "Claims reported." When an insurer has been informed that a claim has been incurred, if the date reported is on or prior to the valuation date, the claim is considered as a reported claim for annual statement purposes.

D. "Claims unaccrued." That portion of claims incurred on or prior to the valuation date which result in liability of the insurer for the payment of benefits for medical services expected to be rendered after the valuation date, and for benefits expected to be payable for days of hospitalization and days of disability occurring after the valuation date. This liability is sometimes referred to as a liability for unaccrued benefits. A claim reserve, which represents an estimate of the unaccrued claim payments expected to be made (which may or may not be discounted with interest), must be established.

E. "Claims unreported." When an insurer has not been informed, on or before the valuation date, concerning a claim that has been incurred on or prior to the valuation date, the claim is considered as an unreported claim for annual statement purposes.

F. "Date of disablement." The earliest date the insured is considered as being disabled under the definition of disability in the contract, based on a doctor's evaluation or other evidence. Normally this date will coincide with the start of any elimination period.

G. "Elimination period." A specified number of days, weeks, or months starting at the beginning of each period of loss, during which no benefits are payable.

H. "Gross premium." The amount of premium charged by the insurer. It includes the net premium (based on claim-cost) for the risk, together with any loading for expenses, profit or contingencies.

I. "Group insurance." The term group insurance includes blanket insurance and franchise insurance and any other forms of group insurance.

J. "Level premium." A premium calculated to remain unchanged throughout either the lifetime of the policy, or for some shorter projected period of years. The premium need not be guaranteed; in which case, although it is calculated to remain level, it may be changed if any of the assumptions on which it was based are revised at a later time. Generally, the annual claim costs are expected to increase each year and the insurer, instead of charging premiums that correspondingly increase each year, charges a premium calculated to remain level for a period of years or for the lifetime of the contract. In this case the benefit portion of the premium is more than needed to provide for the cost of benefits during the earlier years of the policy and less than the actual cost in the later years. The building of a prospective contract reserve is a natural result of level premiums.

K. "Long-term care insurance." Any insurance policy or rider advertised, marketed, offered or designed to provide coverage for not less than twelve consecutive months for each covered person on an expense incurred, indemnity, prepaid or other basis; for one or more necessary or medically necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance or personal care services, provided in a setting other than an acute care unit of a hospital. Such term also includes a policy or rider which provides for payment of benefits based upon cognitive impairment or the loss of functional capacity. Long-term care insurance may be issued by insurers; fraternal benefit societies; nonprofit health, hospital, and medical service corporations; prepaid health plans; health maintenance organizations or any similar organization to the extent they are otherwise authorized to issue life or health insurance. Long-term care insurance shall not include any insurance policy which is offered primarily to provide basic Medicare supplement coverage, basic hospital expense coverage, basic medical-surgical expense coverage, hospital confinement indemnity coverage, major medical expense coverage, disability income or related asset-protection coverage, accident only coverage, specified disease or specified accident coverage, or limited benefit health coverage.

L. "Modal premium." This refers to the premium paid on a contract based on a premium term which could be annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. Thus if the annual premium is \$100 and if, instead, monthly premiums of \$9 are paid then the modal premium is \$9.

M. "Negative reserve." Normally the terminal reserve is a positive value. However, if the values of the benefits are decreasing with advancing age or duration it could be a negative value, called a negative reserve.

N. "Preliminary term reserve method." Under this method of valuation the valuation net premium for each year falling within the preliminary term period is exactly sufficient to cover the expected incurred claims of that year, so that the terminal reserves will be zero at the end of the year. As of the end of the preliminary term period, a new constant valuation net premium (or stream of changing valuation premiums) becomes applicable such that the present value of all such premiums is equal to the present value of all claims expected to be incurred following the end of the preliminary term period.

O. "Present value of amounts not yet due on claims." The reserve for "claims unaccrued" (see definition), which may be discounted at interest.

P. "Reserve." The term "reserve" is used to include all items of benefit liability, whether in the nature of incurred claim liability or in the nature of contract liability relating to future periods of coverage, and whether the liability is accrued or unaccrued. An insurer under its contracts promises benefits which result in:

(1) claims which have been incurred, that is, for which the insurer has become obligated to make payment, on or prior to the valuation date. On these claims, payments expected to be made after the valuation date for accrued and unaccrued benefits are liabilities of the insurer which should be provided for by establishing claim reserves; or

(2) claims which are expected to be incurred after the valuation date. Any present liability of the insurer for these future claims should be provided for by the establishment of contract reserves and unearned premium reserves.

Q. "Terminal reserve." This is the reserve at the end of a contract year, and is defined as the present value of benefits expected to be incurred after that contract year minus the present value of future valuation net premiums.

R. "Unearned premium reserve." This reserve values that portion of the premium paid or due to the insurer which is applicable to the period of coverage extending beyond the valuation date. Thus if an annual

premium of \$120 was paid on November 1, \$20 would be earned as of December 31 and the remaining \$100 would be unearned. The unearned premium reserve could be on a gross basis as in this example, or on a valuation net premium basis.

S. "Valuation net modal premium." This is the modal fraction of the valuation net annual premium that corresponds to the gross modal premium in effect on any contract to which contract reserves apply. Thus if the mode of payment in effect is quarterly, the valuation net modal premium is the quarterly equivalent of the valuation net annual premium.

[13.10.14.7 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.7, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. When an insurer determines that adequacy of its health insurance reserves requires reserves in excess of the minimum standards specified herein, such increased reserves shall be held and shall be considered the minimum reserves for that insurer.

B. With respect to any block of contracts, or with respect to an insurer's health business as a whole, a prospective gross premium valuation is the ultimate test of reserve adequacy as of a given valuation date. Such a gross premium valuation will take into account, for contracts in force, in a claims status, or in a continuation of benefits status on the valuation date, the present value as of the valuation date of: all expected benefits unpaid, all expected expenses unpaid, and all unearned or expected premiums, adjusted for future premium increases reasonably expected to be put into effect.

C. Such a gross premium valuation is to be performed whenever a significant doubt exists as to reserve adequacy with respect to any major block of contracts, or with respect to the insurer's health business as a whole. In the event inadequacy is found to exist, immediate loss recognition shall be made and the reserves restored to adequacy. Adequate reserves (inclusive of claim, premium and contract reserves, if any) shall be held with respect to all contracts, regardless of whether contract reserves are required for such contracts under these standards.

D. Whenever minimum reserves, as defined in these standards, exceed reserve requirements as determined by a prospective gross premium valuation, such minimum reserves remain the minimum requirement under these standards.

E. Adequacy of an insurer's health insurance reserves is to be determined on the basis of claim, premium, and contract reserves combined. However, 13.10.14.9 through 13.10.14.20 NMAC emphasize the importance of determining appropriate reserves for claim, premium, and contract reserves separately.

[13.10.14.8 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.8, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.9 CLAIM RESERVES:

A. Claim reserves are required for all incurred but unpaid claims on all health insurance policies.

B. Appropriate claim expense reserves are required with respect to the estimated expense of settlement of all incurred but unpaid claims.

C. All such reserves for prior valuation years are to be tested for adequacy and reasonableness along the lines of claim runoff schedules in accordance with the statutory financial statement including consideration of any residual unpaid liability.

[13.10.14.9 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.9, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.10 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CLAIM RESERVES FOR DISABILITY INCOME:

A. Interest. The maximum interest rate for claim reserves is specified in 13.10.14.24 NMAC.

B. Morbidity. Minimum standards with respect to morbidity are those specified in 13.10.14.22 and 13.10.14.23 NMAC, except that, at the option of the insurer:

(1) For claims with a duration from date of disablement of less than two years, reserves may be based on the insurer's experience, if such experience is considered credible, or upon other assumptions designed to place a sound value on the liabilities.

(2) For group disability income claims with a duration from date of disablement of more than two years but less than five years, reserves may, with the approval of the superintendent, be based on the insurer's experience for which the insurer maintains underwriting and claim administration control. The request for such approval of a plan of modification to the reserve basis must include:

(a) an analysis of the credibility of the experience;

(b) a description of how all of the insurer's experience is proposed to be used in setting reserves;

- (c) a description and qualification of the margins to be included;
- (d) a summary of the financial impact that the proposed plan of modification would have had on the insurer's last filed annual statement;
- (e) a copy of the approval of the proposed plan of modification by the superintendent of the state of domicile; and
- (f) any other information deemed necessary by the superintendent.

C. Duration of Disablement. For contracts with an elimination period, the duration of disablement should be measured as dating from the time that benefits would have begun to accrue had there been no elimination period.

[13.10.14.10 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.10, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.11 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CLAIM RESERVES FOR ALL OTHER BENEFITS:

- A. Interest.** The maximum interest rate for claim reserves is specified in 13.10.14.24 NMAC.
- B. Morbidity or other contingency.** The reserve should be based on the insurer's experience, if such experience is considered credible, or upon other assumptions designed to place a sound value on the liabilities.

[13.10.14.11 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.11, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.12 CLAIM RESERVE METHODS GENERALLY: A generally accepted actuarial reserving method or other reasonable method, if, after a public hearing, the method is approved by the superintendent prior to the statement date, or a combination of methods may be used to estimate all claim liabilities. The methods used for estimating liabilities generally may be aggregate methods, or various reserve items may be separately valued. Approximations based on groupings and averages may also be employed. Adequacy of the claim reserves, however, shall be determined in the aggregate.

[13.10.14.12 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.12, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.13 PREMIUM RESERVES:

- A.** Unearned premium reserves are required for all contracts with respect to the period of coverage for which premiums, other than premiums paid in advance, have been paid beyond the date of valuation.
- B.** If premiums due and unpaid are carried as an asset, such premiums must be treated as premiums in force, subject to unearned premium reserve determination. The value of unpaid commissions, premium taxes, and the cost of collection associated with due and unpaid premiums must be carried as an offsetting liability.
- C.** The gross premiums paid in advance for a period of coverage commencing after the next premium due date which follows the date of valuation may be appropriately discounted to the valuation date and shall be held either as a separate liability or as an addition to the unearned premium reserve which would otherwise be required as a minimum.

[13.10.14.13 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.13, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.14 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR UNEARNED PREMIUM RESERVES:

- A.** The minimum unearned premium reserve with respect to any contract is the pro rata unearned modal premium that applies to the premium period beyond the valuation date, with such premium determined on the basis of:

- (1) the valuation net modal premium on the contract reserve basis applying to the contract; or
- (2) the gross modal premium for the contract if no contract reserve applies.

- B.** However, in no event may the sum of the unearned premium and contract reserves for all contracts of the insurer subject to contract reserve requirements be less than the gross modal unearned premium reserve on all such contracts, as of the date of valuation. Such reserve shall never be less than the expected claims for the period beyond the valuation date represented by such unearned premium reserve, to the extent not provided for elsewhere.

[13.10.14.14 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.14, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.15 PREMIUM RESERVE METHODS GENERALLY: The insurer may employ suitable approximations and estimates; including, but not limited to groupings, averages and aggregate estimation; in computing premium reserves. Such approximations or estimates should be tested periodically to determine their continuing adequacy and reliability.

[13.10.14.15 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.15, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.16 CONTRACT RESERVES: The contract reserve is in addition to claim reserves and premium reserves.

A. Contract reserves required. Contract reserves are required, unless otherwise specified in Subsection B of 13.10.14.16 NMAC, for:

(1) all individual and group contracts with which level premiums are used; or
(2) all individual and group contracts with respect to which, due to the gross premium pricing structure at issue, the value of the future benefits at any time exceeds the value of any appropriate future valuation net premiums at that time. The values specified in this Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 13.10.14.16 NMAC shall be determined on the basis specified in 13.10.14.17 NMAC.

B. Contracts not requiring a contract reserve:

(1) contracts which cannot be continued after one year from issue; or
(2) contracts already in force on the effective date of these standards for which no contract reserve was required under the immediately preceding standards.

C. Consistent method required. The methods and procedures for contract reserves should be consistent with those for claim reserves for any contract, or else appropriate adjustment must be made when necessary to assure provision for the aggregate liability. The definition of the date of incurral must be the same in both determinations.

[13.10.14.16 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.16, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.17 BASIS FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONTRACT RESERVES:

A. Morbidity or other Contingency. Minimum standards with respect to morbidity are those set forth in 13.10.14.22 and 13.10.14.23 NMAC. Valuation net premiums used under each contract must have a structure consistent with the gross premium structure at issue of the contract as this relates to advancing age of insured, contract duration and period for which gross premiums have been calculated.

B. Unspecified standards. Contracts for which tabular morbidity standards are not specified in 13.10.14.22 and 13.10.14.23 NMAC shall be valued using tables established for reserve purposes by a qualified actuary and acceptable to the superintendent. The morbidity tables shall contain a pattern of incurred claims cost that reflects the underlying morbidity and shall not be constructed for the primary purpose of minimizing reserves.

C. Interest. The maximum interest rate is specified in 13.10.14.24 NMAC.

D. Termination Rates. Termination rates used in the computation of reserves shall be on the basis of a mortality table as specified in 13.10.14.25 NMAC except as noted in Subsection E of 13.10.14.17 NMAC.

E. Exceeding specified rates.

(1) Under contracts for which premium rates are not guaranteed, and where the effects of insurer underwriting are specifically used by policy duration in the valuation morbidity standard or for return of premium or other deferred cash benefits, total termination rates may be used at ages and durations where these exceed specified mortality table rates, but not in excess of the lesser of:

- (a) eighty percent of the total termination rate used in the calculation of the gross premiums, or
- (b) eight percent.

(2) For long-term care individual policies or group certificates issued after January 1, 1997, the contract reserve may be established on a basis of separate:

- (a) mortality, as specified in 13.10.14.25 NMAC; and
- (b) terminations other than mortality, where the terminations are not to exceed (i) for policy years one through four, the lesser of eighty percent of the voluntary lapse rate used in the calculation of gross premiums and eight percent or (ii) for policy years five and later, the lesser of one hundred percent of the voluntary lapse rate used in the calculation of gross premiums and four percent.

F. Aggregate basis. Where a morbidity standard specified in 13.10.14.22 and 13.10.14.23 NMAC is on an aggregate basis, such morbidity standard may be adjusted to reflect the effect of insurer underwriting by policy duration. The adjustments must be appropriate to the underwriting and be acceptable to the superintendent.

G. Reserve Method.

(1) For insurance except long-term care and return of premium or other deferred cash benefits, the minimum reserve is the reserve calculated on the two-year full preliminary term method; that is, under which the terminal reserve is zero at the first and also the second contract anniversary.

(2) For long-term care insurance, the minimum reserve is calculated as follows:

(a) for individual policies and group certificates issued on or before December 31, 1996, reserves calculated on the two-year full preliminary term method;

(b) for individual policies and group certificates issued on or after January 1, 1997, reserves calculated on the one-year full preliminary term method.

(3) For return of premium or other deferred cash benefits, the minimum reserve is the reserve calculated as follows:

(a) on the one year preliminary term method if such benefits are provided at any time before the twentieth anniversary;

(b) on the two year preliminary term method if such benefits are only provided on or after the twentieth anniversary.

H. Preliminary term method. The preliminary term method may be applied only in relation to the date of issue of a contract. Reserve adjustments introduced later, as a result of rate increases, revisions in assumptions (e.g., projected inflation rates) or for other reasons, are to be applied immediately as of the effective date of adoption of the adjusted basis.

I. Negative Reserves. Negative reserves on any benefit may be offset against positive reserves for other benefits in the same contract, but the total contract reserve with respect to all benefits combined may not be less than zero.

J. Nonforfeiture benefits for long-term care insurance. The contract reserve on a policy basis shall not be less than the net single premium for the nonforfeiture benefits at the appropriate policy duration, where the net single premium is computed according to the above specifications.

[13.10.14.17 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.17, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.18 ALTERNATIVE VALUATION METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS GENERALLY:

Provided the contract reserve on all contracts to which an alternative method or basis is applied is not less in the aggregate than the amount determined according to the applicable standards specified above; an insurer may use any reasonable assumptions as to interest rates, termination and/or mortality rates, and rates of morbidity or other contingency. Also, subject to the preceding condition, the insurer may employ methods other than the methods stated above in determining a sound value of its liabilities under such contracts, including, but not limited to the following: the net level premium method; the one-year full preliminary term method; prospective valuation on the basis of actual gross premiums with reasonable allowance for future expenses; the use of approximations such as those involving age groupings, groupings of several years of issue, average amounts of indemnity, grouping of similar contract forms; the computation of the reserve for one contract benefit as a percentage of, or by other relation to, the aggregate contract reserves exclusive of the benefit or benefits so valued; and the use of a composite annual claim cost for all or any combination of the benefits included in the contracts valued.

[13.10.14.18 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.18, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.19 TESTS FOR ADEQUACY AND REASONABLENESS OF CONTRACT RESERVES:

Annually, an appropriate review shall be made of the insurer's prospective contract liabilities on contracts valued by tabular reserves, to determine the continuing adequacy and reasonableness of the tabular reserves giving consideration to future gross premiums. The insurer shall make appropriate increments to such tabular reserves if such tests indicate that the basis of such reserves is no longer adequate; subject, however, to the minimum standards of 13.10.14.17 NMAC.

[13.10.14.19 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.19, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.20 PREMIUM RATE RESTRICTIONS: In the event a company has a contract or a group of related similar contracts, for which future gross premiums will be restricted by contract, insurance department regulations, or for other reasons, such that the future gross premiums reduced by expenses for administration, commissions, and taxes will be insufficient to cover future claims, the company shall establish contract reserves for such shortfall in the aggregate.

[13.10.14.20 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.20, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.21 REINSURANCE: Increases to, or credits against reserves carried, arising because of reinsurance assumed or reinsurance ceded, must be determined in a manner consistent with these minimum reserve standards and with all applicable provisions of the reinsurance contracts which affect the insurer's liabilities.

[13.10.14.21 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.21, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.22 MINIMUM MORBIDITY STANDARDS FOR VALUATION OF SPECIFIED INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS:

A. Disability Income Benefits Due to Accident or Sickness.

(1) Contract Reserves.

(a) For contracts issued on or after January 1, 1997, the 1985 commissioners individual disability tables A (85CIDA); or The 1985 commissioners individual disability tables B (85CIDB). Each insurer shall elect, with respect to all individual contracts issued in any one statement year, whether it will use tables A or tables B as the minimum standard. The insurer may, however, elect to use the other tables with respect to any subsequent statement year.

(b) For contracts issued on or after January 1, 1965 and prior to January 1, 1997, the 1964 commissioners disability table (64 CDT).

(2) Claim Reserves.

(a) For claims incurred on or after July 1, 2003, the 1985 commissioners individual disability table A (85CIDA) with claim termination rates multiplied by the adjustment factors in 13.10.14.26 NMAC. The 85CIDA table so adjusted shall be known as the 1985 commissioners individual disability table C (85CIDC).

(b) For claims incurred prior to July 1, 2003, each insurer may elect which of the following: (i) the minimum morbidity standard in effect for contract reserves on currently issued contracts, as of the date the claim is incurred or (ii) the standard in Subparagraph (a). Once the insurer elects to calculate reserves for all open claims on the latter, all future valuations must be on that basis.

B. Hospital Benefits, Surgical Benefits and Maternity Benefits. (Scheduled benefits or fixed time period benefits only).

(1) Contract Reserves.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1997, the 1974 *medical expense tables, table A, transactions of the society of actuaries, volume 03X*, page 63. Refer to the paper (in the same volume, page 9) to which this table is appended, including its discussions, for methods of adjustment for benefits not directly valued in table A: "development of the 1974 medical expense benefits," Houghton and Wolf.

(2) Claim reserves. No specific standard. See Subsection E of 13.10.14.22 NMAC.

C. Cancer expense benefits. (Scheduled benefits or fixed time period benefits only).

(1) Contract reserves. Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1997, the 1985 NAIC cancer claim cost tables.

(2) Claim reserves. No specific standard. See Subsection E of 13.10.14.22 NMAC.

D. Accidental Death Benefits.

(1) Contract reserve. Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1997, the 1959 accidental death benefits table.

(2) Claim reserves. Actual amount incurred.

E. Other Individual Contract Benefits.

(1) Contract Reserves. For all other individual contract benefits, morbidity assumptions are to be determined as provided in the reserve standards.

(2) Claim Reserves. For all benefits other than disability, claim reserves are to be determined as provided in the standards.

[13.10.14.22 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.22, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.23 MINIMUM MORBIDITY STANDARDS FOR VALUATION OF SPECIFIED GROUP CONTRACT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS:

A. Disability Income Benefits Due to Accident or Sickness.

(1) Contract reserves. Contracts issued on or after January 1, 1997, the 1987 commissioners group disability income table (87CGDT).

(2) Claim reserves.

(a) For claims incurred on or after January 1, 1997, the 1987 commissioners group disability income table (87CGDT).

(b) For claims incurred prior to January 1, 1997, use of the 87CGDT is optional.

B. Other Group Contract Benefits.

(1) **Contract reserves.** For all other group contract benefits, morbidity assumptions are to be determined as provided in the reserve standards.

(2) **Claim reserves.** For all benefits other than disability, claim reserves are to be determined as provided in the standards.

[13.10.14.23 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.23, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.24 SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR INTEREST:

A. For contract reserves the maximum interest rate is the maximum rate permitted by law in the valuation of whole life insurance issued on the same date as the health insurance contract.

B. For claim reserves on policies that require contract reserves, the maximum interest rate is the maximum rate permitted by law in the valuation of whole life insurance issued on the same date as the claim incurral date.

C. For claim reserves on policies not requiring contract reserves, the maximum interest rate is the maximum rate permitted by law in the valuation of single premium immediate annuities issued on the same date as the claim incurral date, reduced by one hundred basis points.

[13.10.14.24 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.24, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.25 SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR MORTALITY:

A. Unless Subsection B of 13.10.14.25 NMAC applies, the mortality basis used for all policies except long-term care individual policies and group certificates and for long-term care individual policies and group certificates issued before January 1, 1997 shall be according to a table (but without use of selection factors) permitted by law for the valuation of whole life insurance issued on the same date as the health insurance contract. For long-term care insurance individual policies or group certificates issued on or after January 1, 1997, the mortality basis used shall be the 1983 group annuity mortality table without projection.

B. Other mortality tables adopted by the NAIC and promulgated by the superintendent may be used in the calculation of the minimum reserves if appropriate for the type of benefits and if approved by the superintendent. The request for such approval must include the proposed mortality table and the reason that the standard specified in Subsection A of 13.10.14.25 NMAC is inappropriate.

[13.10.14.25 NMAC - Rp 13 NMAC 10.14.25, 10-1-03]

13.10.14.26 ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Duration	Adjustment Factor	Adjusted Termination Factor*
Week 1	0.366	0.04831
2	0.366	0.04172
3	0.366	0.04063
4	0.366	0.04355
5	0.365	0.04088
6	0.365	0.04271
7	0.365	0.04380
8	0.365	0.04344
9	0.370	0.04292
10	0.370	0.04107
11	0.370	0.03848
12	0.370	0.03478
13	0.370	0.03034
Month 4	0.391	0.08758
5	0.371	0.07346
6	0.435	0.07531
7	0.500	0.07245
8	0.564	0.06655
9	0.613	0.05520

10	0.663	0.04705
11	0.712	0.04486
12	0.756	0.04309
13	0.800	0.04080
14	0.844	0.03882
15	0.888	0.03730
16	0.932	0.03448
17	0.976	0.03026
18	1.020	0.02856
19	1.049	0.02518
20	1.078	0.02264
21	1.107	0.02104
22	1.136	0.01932
23	1.165	0.01865
24	1.195	0.01792
Year 3	1.369	0.16839
4	1.204	0.10114
5	1.199	0.07434
6 & later	1.000	**

* The adjusted termination rates derived from the application of the adjustment factors to the DTS Valuation Table termination rates shown in exhibits 3a, 3b, 3c, 4, and 5 (*Transactions of the Society of Actuaries* (TSA) XXXVII, pp. 457-463) is displayed. The adjustment factors for age, elimination period, class, sex, and cause displayed in exhibits 3a, 3b, 3c, and 4 should be applied to the adjusted termination rates shown in this table.

** Applicable DTS Valuation Table duration rate from exhibits 3c and 4 (TSA XXXVII, pp. 462-463).

[13.10.14.26 NMAC - N, 10-1-03]

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