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Speed to Market (D) Working Group
E-Vote
Nov. 8, 2024

The Speed to Market (D) Working Group of the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee conducted an e-vote that concluded Nov. 7, 2024. The following Working Group members participated: Maureen Motter, Vice Chair (OH); Sian Ng-Ashcraft (AK); Jimmy Gunn (AL); Jimmy Harris (AR); Julie Rachford (IL); Craig VanAalst (KS); Tammy Lohmann (MN); Ted Hamby (NC); LuAnne J. King (NH); Kurt Cagle (OK); Tanji J. Northrup (UT); Lichiou Lee (WA); Allan L. McVey (WV); and Lela Ladd (WY).

1. Adopted its July 30 Minutes

The Working Group considered the adoption of its July 30 minutes (*see NAIC Proceedings – Summer 2024, Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee, Attachment Six*). The motion passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the Speed to Market (D) Working Group adjourned.

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Speed to Market (D) Working Group
Virtual Meeting
October 31, 2024

The Speed to Market (D) Working Group of the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee met Oct. 31, 2024. The following Working Group members participated: Rebecca Nichols, Chair (VA); Maureen Motter, Vice Chair (OH); Jimmy Gunn (AL); Stephanie Clayton (ID); Julie Rachford (IL); Craig VanAalst (KS); Tammy Lohmann (MN); Brandi Simmons (MO); LuAnne J. King (NH); Tanji J. Northrup (UT); Lichiou Lee (WA); and Lela Ladd (WY).

1. Discussed its July 30 Minutes

The Working Group met July 30 and took the following action: 1) adopted its Feb. 22 meeting minutes; 2) heard a report on the System for Electronic Rates & Forms Filing (SERFF) modernization project and SERFF Product Steering Committee (PSC); 3) received an update on the release of the 2024 *Product Filing Review Handbook* (Handbook); 4) heard a presentation on using machine learning (ML) for property/casualty (P/C) form review; 5) discussed suggestions received on the product coding matrix (PCM) and uniform transmittal document (UTD); and 6) heard an update on the 2025 PCM on Filing Solutions.

Nichols stated that since there was no quorum, the minutes would be emailed to the Working Group for consideration of adoption.

2. Received an Update on the SERFF Modernization Project and SERFF PSC

Bridget Kieras (NAIC) stated that in July, it was announced that the first release of the modernized SERFF platform would go live Nov. 11; however, the release will be delayed. This was discussed with Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (Compact) leadership. Kieras explained that the release was delayed due to the following reasons: 1) performance and load testing indicated the potential for slow response times in production; 2) industry training and user acceptance testing yielded feedback that needed to be addressed; 3) discovered data migration issues need to be corrected; and 4) production rehearsal revealed work needed on deployment processes.

Kieras explained the next steps for the SERFF modernization project, all of which need to be thoroughly tested, including: 1) obtaining expert guidance to identify and correct causes of slow response times; 2) making minor adjustments to improve functionality and usability; 3) data migration scripts undergoing scrutiny and refinement; and 4) scheduling a second rehearsal and working with the team to find a new release date.

Kieras explained that these steps would further impact the delay. However, the SERFF team still plans to release the project for a "warranty" period of 6–8 weeks to address any issues and continue refinement of the first release's features.

3. Discussed Suggested Changes or Revisions to the 2024 Handbook

Nichols reminded the Working Group that the Working Group adopted an updated Handbook Feb. 22, which the Market Regulation and Consumer Affairs (D) Committee adopted during the Spring National Meeting. The Handbook was released July 18 and posted on the NAIC Publications web page and in NAIC Connect.

Nichols explained that one of the Working Group's charges was facilitating the review and revision of the Handbook. Now that there is an updated edition, the Working Group would like to establish a process to address how often it is reviewed and updated going forward.

Nichols stated that when the Working Group adopted the updated version of the Handbook, it also discussed revisiting the Handbook periodically to be sure that it remains up to date. This would include revisiting the technical content (e.g., links) and the substantive content to ensure it remains accurate, current, and complete.

Nichols stated that she and Motter will speak with NAIC staff about developing a process for updating the Handbook.

4. Received an Update on the 2025 PCM on Filing Solutions

Renee Brownfield (NAIC) stated that the Working Group adopted a new type of insurance (TOI) and five sub-TOIs that will be effective Jan. 1, 2025. Jeremy Chance (NAIC) sent correspondence regarding the setup to all states. The correspondence requested a response to the email with the state's configuration, including filing types and requirements. The goal is to have the states configured before the first of the year. It was asked that any questions be sent to Chance or Alex Rogers (NAIC).

Brownfield stated the new TOI and sub-TOIs are:

- A. A04I Individual Deferred Index-Linked Variable Annuity (ILVA) Contracts
 - i. A04I.0001 Fixed Premium
 - ii. A04I.0002 Flexible Premium
 - iii. A04I.0003 Single Premium
 - iv. A04I.0004 Modified Single Premium
 - v. A04I.0005 Limited Flexible Premium

5. Received an Update on the Compact

Sue Ezalarab (Compact) said the Compact now has 48 members, including 46 states, the District of Columbia (DC), and Puerto Rico. As of July 2024, South Dakota is the newest member. Ezalarab stated that the Compact's 2024 highlights are that: 1) it has adopted Group Whole Life Insurance standards for Employer Groups; 2) there are new uniform standards for ILVAs as of Aug. 12; and 3) it is currently working on amendments for group term and group whole to be expanded to non-employer groups. Ezalarab said these amendments were adopted in October and will be implemented.

Ezalarab stated that other amendments the Compact is working to group are disability income standards. The Compact has exposed those standards for a public comment period, with hopes of adopting them during its November 2024 meeting.

Ezalarab also stated there will be a webinar series in the spring of 2025, and the fall series is going on now. Ezalarab stated these recordings will be available on the Compact website. The Compact is also on NAIC Connect.

Having no further business, the Speed to Market (D) Working Group adjourned.

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