

**Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group
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Issue: Life Reinsurance Disclosure Clarifications

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Description of Issue:

This agenda item is to address questions received from members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) NAIC Task Force regarding the life reinsurance disclosures and the related audited notes that were first effective in December 2020. The disclosures were adopted in *SSAP No. 61R—Life and Health Reinsurance* in agenda item 2017-28: Reinsurance Risk Transfer for Short Duration Contracts. Preparers and auditors have highlighted unclear elements in the disclosures that could use additional clarification. Requested clarifications and responses are detailed in the recommendation section, but they include items regarding whether the disclosures apply to ceding and assuming contracts, the format expected for the audited notes and how broadly to interpret the scope of certain disclosures. In the statutory annual statement filing the disclosures are in Note 23H and are not data captured. The proposed revisions to *SSAP No. 61R* narrow the scope of the disclosures and clarify what is required in the disclosures.

Existing Authoritative Literature:

SSAP No. 61R—Life and Health Reinsurance includes the following disclosures:

78. Disclosures for paragraphs 79-84 are required to be included with the annual audit report financial statements beginning with the period ended December 31, 2020, regarding reinsurance contracts. The disclosures required within paragraphs 79-84 shall be included in accompanying supplemental schedules of the annual audit report beginning in year-end 2020. These disclosures shall be limited to reinsurance contracts entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 1996. This limitation applies to the annual audit report only and does not apply to the statutory annual statement interrogatories and the property and casualty reinsurance summary supplemental filing.

79. Disclose any reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) subject to A-791 that includes a provision, which limits the reinsurer's assumption of significant risks identified as in A-791. Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or similar effect. If true, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts to which such provisions apply. For contracts subject to A-791, indicate if deposit accounting was applied for all contracts, which limit significant risks.

80. Disclose any reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) not subject to A-791, for which reinsurance accounting was applied and includes a provision that limits the reinsurer's assumption of risk. Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or similar effect. If true, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts to which such provisions apply. If affirmative, indicate if the reinsurance credit was reduced for the risk-limiting features.

81. Disclose if any reinsurance contracts contain features (except reinsurance contracts with a federal or state facility) described below which result in delays in payment in form or in fact:

- a. Provisions which permit the reporting of losses, or settlements are made, less frequently than quarterly or payments due from the reinsurer are not made in cash within ninety (90) days of the settlement date (unless there is no activity during the period).

- b. Payment schedule, accumulating retentions from multiple years or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity.
82. Disclose if the reporting entity has reflected reinsurance accounting credit for any contracts not subject to Appendix A-791 and not yearly renewable term, which meet the risk-transfer requirements of SSAP No. 61R and identify the type of contracts and the reinsurance contracts.
- a. Assumption Reinsurance – new for the reporting period.
 - b. Non-proportional reinsurance, which does not result in significant surplus relief. If yes, indicate if the insured event(s) triggering contract coverage has been recognized.
83. Disclose if the reporting entity ceded any risk which is not subject to A-791 and not yearly renewable term reinsurance, under any reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statement, and either:
- a. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under statutory accounting principles (SAP) and as a deposit under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); or
 - b. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under GAAP and as a deposit under SAP.
84. If affirmative disclosure is required for paragraph 83, explain why the contract(s) is treated differently for GAAP and SAP.

The SSAP No. 61R disclosures were developed based on existing SSAP No. 62R—*Property and Casualty Reinsurance* disclosures with modifications for life and health reinsurance guidance. SSAP No. 62R includes the following disclosures:

113. Disclosures for paragraphs 114-119 represent annual statement interrogatories, which are required to be included with the annual audit report beginning with audit reports on financial statements as of and for the period ended December 31, 2006. The disclosures required within paragraphs 114-119 shall be included in accompanying supplemental schedules of the annual audit report beginning in year-end 2006. These disclosures shall be limited to reinsurance contracts entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 1994. This limitation applies to the annual audit report only and does not apply to the statutory annual statement interrogatories and the reinsurance summary supplemental filing.
114. Disclose if any risks are reinsured under a quota share reinsurance contract with any other entity that includes a provision that would limit the reinsurer's losses below the stated quota share percentage (e.g. a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or any similar provisions)? If yes, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts containing such provisions and if the amount of reinsurance credit taken reflects the reduction in quota share coverage caused by any applicable limiting provision(s).
115. Disclose if the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) for which during the period covered by the statement: (i) it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders; (ii) it accounted for that contract as reinsurance and not as a deposit; and (iii) the contract(s) contain one or more of the following features or other features that would have similar results:
- a. A contract term longer than two years and the contract is noncancellable by the reporting entity during the contract term;
 - b. A limited or conditional cancellation provision under which cancellation triggers an obligation by the reporting entity, or an affiliate of the reporting entity, to enter into a new reinsurance contract with the reinsurer, or an affiliate of the reinsurer;
 - c. Aggregate stop loss reinsurance coverage;

- d. A unilateral right by either party (or both parties) to commute the reinsurance contract, whether conditional or not, except for such provisions which are only triggered by a decline in the credit status of the other party;
- e. A provision permitting reporting of losses, or payment of losses, less frequently than on a quarterly basis (unless there is no activity during the period); or
- f. Payment schedule, accumulating retentions from multiple years or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity.

116. Disclose if the reporting entity during the period covered by the statement ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or under multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) for which it recorded a positive or negative underwriting result greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders or it reported calendar year written premium ceded or year-end loss and loss expense reserves ceded greater than 5% of prior year-end surplus as regards policyholders. This disclosure is limited to reinsurance contracts with written premium cessions or loss and loss expense reserve cessions described in this paragraph that meet the criteria of paragraph 116.a. or paragraph 116.b. This disclosure excludes cessions to approved pooling arrangements or to captive insurance companies that are directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with (i) one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity, or (ii) an association of which one or more unaffiliated policyholders of the reporting entity is a member.

- a. The written premium ceded to the reinsurer by the reporting entity or its affiliates represents fifty percent (50%) or more of the entire direct and assumed premium written by the reinsurer based on its most recently available financial statement; or
- b. Twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the written premium ceded to the reinsurer has been retroceded back to the reporting entity or its affiliates in separate reinsurance contract.

117. If affirmative disclosure is required for paragraph 115 or 116, provide the following information:

- a. A summary of the reinsurance contract terms and indicate whether it applies to the contracts meeting paragraph 115 or 116;
- b. A brief discussion of management's principal objectives in entering into the reinsurance contract including the economic purpose to be achieved; and
- c. The aggregate financial statement impact gross of all such ceded reinsurance contracts on the balance sheet and statement of income.

118. Except for transactions meeting the requirements of paragraph 36, disclose if the reporting entity ceded any risk under any reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statement, and either:

- a. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance (either prospective or retroactive) under statutory accounting principles (SAP) and as a deposit under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); or
- b. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under GAAP and as a deposit under SAP.

119. If affirmative disclosure is required for paragraph 118, explain in a supplemental filing why the contract(s) is treated differently for GAAP and SAP.

Activity to Date (issues previously addressed by the Working Group, Emerging Accounting Issues (E) Working Group, SEC, FASB, other State Departments of Insurance or other NAIC groups):

Agenda item 2017-28 adopted the SSAP No. 61R disclosures in paragraphs 78-84. The disclosures were developed at the request of the Financial Analysis (E) Working Group and were based on existing disclosures in *SSAP No. 62R—Property and Casualty Reinsurance* in paragraphs 114-119 that are designed to identify contracts with risk

limiting features or other items that may need additional regulatory review. The disclosures had to be modified to meet the requirements of SSAP No. 61R and *Appendix A-791- Life and Health Reinsurance Agreements*

Information or issues (included in *Description of Issue*) not previously contemplated by the Working Group:
None

Convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS): None

Staff Recommendation:

NAIC staff recommends that the Working Group move this item to the active listing, categorized as nonsubstantive and expose the revisions to SSAP No. 61R disclosures illustrated below. These items are recommended for a shortened comment period to allow for possible adoption in early 2022 with a year-end 2021 effective date. The proposed revisions provide clarifications and, in some cases, narrow the scope of disclosure. No additional disclosures are proposed. Having the disclosure revisions final for year-end 2021 will assist preparers and auditors.

1. Does the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group expect the disclosures to be filed as a supplemental schedule in the audited financial statements even when all answers are not applicable or none? **(This is the most common question that the auditing firms received.)**

Response: If there are no contracts with the applicable features, a narrative note would be sufficient. See suggested edit to paragraph 78 which provides that the information can be in a note or a supplemental schedule. NAIC staff notes that Note 23H is not data captured in the statutory annual statement filing.

2. Is the supplemental schedule specific to ceded reinsurance only?

Response: While some of the disclosures are primarily designed to identify ceding contracts which may require additional scrutiny to verify that too large of a reinsurance credit was taken by the ceding entity, the scope of the disclosures includes all reinsurance contracts unless specifically identified otherwise. See proposed clarifications to limit paragraphs 79 and 80 to ceding contracts. This clarification would be similar to corresponding paragraphs in SSAP No. 62. Also, a clarification also specifies that paragraph 81 is applicable to both assumed and ceding contracts.

3. With regard to paragraph 80, would a stop loss or excess of loss reinsurance agreement with a loss cap or with deductibles (which are common contractual provisions) be required to be disclosed?

Response: Paragraph 80 provides the following:

80. Disclose any reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) not subject to A-791, for which reinsurance accounting was applied and includes a provision that limits the reinsurer's assumption of risk. Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or similar effect. If true, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts to which such provisions apply. If affirmative, indicate if the reinsurance credit was reduced for the risk-limiting features.

Paragraph 80 is a modification of the following SSAP No. 62R disclosure:

114. Disclose if any risks are reinsured under a quota share reinsurance contract with any other entity that includes a provision that would limit the reinsurer's losses below the stated quota share percentage (e.g. a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or any similar provisions)? If yes, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts containing such provisions and if the amount of reinsurance credit taken reflects the reduction in quota share coverage caused by any applicable limiting provision(s).

Response: Paragraph 80 was modified to capture contracts not subject to A-791 and not quota share contracts as shown in SSAP No. 62R, paragraph 114 because the requirements of A-791 do not allow significant risks which are required to be ceded to be limited. As currently drafted, the disclosure is written too broadly in that it may be capturing more nonproportional contracts with “standard” features than what is useful. See proposed clarification to paragraph 80 in the illustration below to remove stop loss or excess of loss reinsurance agreements with deductibles or loss caps that apply to the entire contract and are not adjustable based on other features from the disclosure.

4. Please clarify the intent and what information should be disclosed in subparagraphs 82.a. and 82.b.
 - a. We thought that for paragraph 82.a., the intent related to ceding companies with assumption reinsurance agreements (paragraph 60 of SSAP 61R) entered into during the current year for which indemnity reinsurance is being applied for policyholders who have not yet agreed to the transfer to the new insurer or for which the regulator has not yet approved the novation to the new insurer.

Response: Paragraph 82.a. is intended to reference assumption reinsurance agreements referenced in paragraph 60 of SSAP No. 61R entered into during the current year for which reinsurance credit is reported. It does not make a distinction regarding those that have or have not been approved by the policyholder. A simple reading of the disclosure is intended - to identify new assumption reinsurance agreements. This paragraph does not have a similar paragraph in SSAP No. 62R. See edits to SSAP No. 61R illustrated below which add reference to the contracts in paragraph 60.

- b. With regard to paragraph 82.b., what is the concern related to non-proportionate contracts that do not provide significant surplus relief?

Response: Paragraph 82. b is proposed for deletion, as it does not provide useful information. This is because it would require disclosure of contracts which do not provide significant surplus relief and it is unclear what types of assumption reinsurance would be captured. This paragraph does not have a similar paragraph in SSAP No. 62R. See edits to SSAP No. 61R illustrated below.

5. How should an entity answer paragraphs 83-84 if no GAAP financial statements are prepared?

Response: If the reporting entity and or its holding company group does not prepare GAAP financials this is not an analysis that would be required. See proposed clarification in paragraph 83 below. AICPA representatives noted, and NAIC staff agrees, that because of A-791 differences there may be more life and health contracts reported differently for GAAP.

Recommended Revisions to SSAP No. 61R:

78. Disclosures for paragraphs 79-84 are required to be included with the annual audit report financial statements beginning with the period ended December 31, 2020, regarding reinsurance contracts. The disclosures required within paragraphs 79-84 ~~shall~~can be included in accompanying supplemental schedules or the notes of the annual audit report beginning in year-end 2020. If not applicable, an affirmative statement that no such contracts were identified is acceptable. These disclosures shall be limited to reinsurance contracts entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 1996. This limitation applies to the annual audit report only and does not apply to the statutory annual statement interrogatories and the property and casualty reinsurance summary supplemental filing.

79. Disclose any ceding reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) subject to A-791 that includes a provision, which limits the reinsurer’s assumption of significant risks identified as in A-791. Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or similar effect. If true, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts to which such provisions apply. For contracts subject to A-791, indicate if deposit accounting was applied for all contracts, which limit significant risks.

80. Disclose any ceding reinsurance contracts (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) not subject to A-791, for which reinsurance accounting was applied and includes a provision that limits the reinsurer's assumption of risk. Examples of risk-limiting features include provisions such as a deductible, a loss ratio corridor, a loss cap, an aggregate limit or similar effect. Note that a stop loss or excess of loss reinsurance agreement with deductibles or loss caps which apply to the entire contract and are not adjustable based on other features, do not require disclosure under this paragraph. If true, indicate the number of reinsurance contracts to which such provisions apply. If affirmative, indicate if the reinsurance credit was reduced for the risk-limiting features.

81. Disclose if any assumed or ceded reinsurance contracts contain features (except reinsurance contracts with a federal or state facility) described below which result in delays in payment in form or in fact:

- a. Provisions which permit the reporting of losses, or settlements are made, less frequently than quarterly or payments due from the reinsurer are not made in cash within ninety (90) days of the settlement date (unless there is no activity during the period).
- b. Payment schedule, accumulating retentions from multiple years or any features inherently designed to delay timing of the reimbursement to the ceding entity.

82. Disclose if the reporting entity has reflected reinsurance accounting credit for any contracts not subject to Appendix A-791 and not yearly renewable term, which meet the risk-transfer requirements of SSAP No. 61R and identify the type of contracts and the reinsurance contracts.

- a. Assumption Reinsurance – as discussed in paragraph 60, which are new for the reporting period.
- ~~b. ——— Non-proportional reinsurance, which does not result in significant surplus relief. If yes, indicate if the insured event(s) triggering contract coverage has been recognized.~~

83. Disclose if the reporting entity ceded any risk which is not subject to A-791 and not yearly renewable term reinsurance, under any reinsurance contract (or multiple contracts with the same reinsurer or its affiliates) during the period covered by the financial statement, and either:

- a. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under statutory accounting principles (SAP) and as a deposit under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP); or
- b. Accounted for that contract as reinsurance under U.S. GAAP and as a deposit under SAP.

If the reporting entity does not prepare U.S. GAAP financial statements or its financial statements are not part of upstream U.S. GAAP financial statements, this disclosure can be answered not applicable.

84. If affirmative disclosure is required for paragraph 83, explain why the contract(s) is treated differently for GAAP and SAP

Staff Review Completed by: Robin Marcotte, NAIC Staff - November 2021

Status:

On December 11, 2021, the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group moved this item to the active listing, categorized as nonsubstantive, and exposed revisions to SSAP No. 61R, as illustrated above. These revisions intend to clarify, and in some cases, narrow the scope of certain disclosures. This agenda item has a shortened exposure period, ending Jan. 14, 2022, so that the Working Group may consider adoption for year-end 2021 reporting.

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