**Life Actuarial (A) Task Force/ Health Actuarial (B) Task Force**

**Amendment Proposal Form\***

1. Identify yourself, your affiliation and a very brief description (title) of the issue.

 Society of Actuaries Valuation Basic Table Team – Chair Larry Bruning

 Revisions to VM-51 to allow for the data experience reporting observation calendar year to be one year prior to the reporting calendar year.

2. Identify the document, including the date if the document is “released for comment,” and the location in the document where the amendment is proposed:

 January 1,2021, version of the Valuation Manual – VM-51 Section 2.D.

3. Show what changes are needed by providing a red-line version of the original verbiage with deletions and identify the verbiage to be deleted, inserted or changed by providing a red-line (turn on “track changes” in Word®) version of the verbiage. (You may do this through an attachment.)

###  Section 2: Statistical Plan for Mortality

D. Process for Submitting Experience Data Under This Statistical Plan

Data for this statistical plan for mortality shall be submitted on an annual basis. Each company required to submit this data shall submit the data using the Regulatory Data Collection (RDC) online software submission application developed by the Experience Reporting Agent. For each data file submitted by a company, the Experience Reporting Agent will perform reasonability and completeness checks, as defined in Section 4 of VM-50, on the data. The Experience Reporting Agent will notify the company within 30 days following the data submission of any possible errors that need to be corrected. The Experience Reporting Agent will compile and send a report listing potential errors that need correction to the company.

Data for this statistical plan for mortality will be compiled using a calendar year method. The reporting calendar year is the calendar year that the company submits the experience data. The observation calendar year is the calendar year of the experience data that is reported. The observation calendar year will be one year prior to the reporting calendar year. For example, if the current calendar year is 2022 and that is the reporting calendar year, the company is to report the experience data that was in-force or issued in calendar year 2021, which is the observation calendar year. For the 2022 reporting calendar year, companies **that** are required to submit data for this statistical plan for mortality will be required to submit two observation calendar years of data, namely observation calendar year 2020 and observation calendar year 2021. For reporting calendar years after 2022, companies **that** are required to submit data for this statistical plan for mortality will be required to submit one observation calendar year of data.

Given an observation calendar year of 20XX, the calendar year method requires reporting of experience data as follows:

1. Report policies in force during or issued during calendar year 20XX.
2. Report terminations that were incurred in calendar year 20XX and reported before July 1, 20XX+1. However, exclude rescinded policies (e.g., 10-day free look exercises) from the data submission.

For any reporting calendar year, the data call will occur **during July** of that reporting calendar year, and data is to be submitted according to the requirements of the Valuation Manual in effect during that calendar year. **For the 2022 reporting calendar year, the requirements of the 2022 Valuation Manual will be used for both the 2020 and 2021 observation years.** Data submissions must be made by Sept. 30 of the reporting calendar year. Corrections of data submissions must be completed by Dec. 31 of the reporting calendar year.

4. State the reason for the proposed amendment? (You may do this through an attachment.)

 This APF is needed for the following reasons:

1. There is a need to shorten the time period between data observation and data collection to facilitate more timely analysis and reporting of mortality experience.
2. Under a Principle Based Reserving methodology, valuation basic tables should reflect recent and current mortality experience.