



**IIPRC-AB-I-CB**  
**STANDARDS FOR RIDERS, ENDORSEMENTS OR AMENDMENTS USED TO**  
**EFFECT INDIVIDUAL ANNUITY CONTRACT CHANGES**

1. Date Adopted: August 27, 2008
2. Purpose and Scope: The purpose of this rule is to establish reasonable uniform standards for forms filed with the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission (“IIPRC”) that are used to effect contract changes that have been requested for an individual annuity contract by the owner. Such contract change forms may be attached to the individual annuity contract by rider, endorsement or amendment on the contract date of issue or after the contract date of issue.
3. Rules Repealed, Amended or Suspended by the Rule: None
4. Statutory Authority: Among the IIPRC’s primary purposes and powers is to establish reasonable uniform standards for insurance products covered under the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact (“Compact”), specifically pursuant to Article I §2, Article IV § 2 and Article VII § 1 of the Compact, as enacted into law by each IIPRC member state.
5. Required Findings: None
6. Effective Date: December 14, 2008

## **STANDARDS FOR RIDERS, ENDORSEMENTS OR AMENDMENTS USED TO EFFECT INDIVIDUAL ANNUITY CONTRACT CHANGES**

**Scope:** These standards apply to riders, endorsements or amendments that are used to effect contract changes that have been requested for an individual annuity contract by the owner. Such contract change forms may be attached to the individual annuity contract on the contract date of issue or after the contract date of issue.

These standards do not apply to forms used to provide tax qualified plan provisions since separate standards apply to these forms.

The references to “contract” do not preclude Fraternal Benefit Societies from substituting “certificate” in their forms.

### **§ 1 ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. GENERAL**

The following additional submission requirements shall apply:

- (1) Include all forms filed for approval with the filing. Highlight changes to a previously approved form.
- (2) If the filing is being submitted on behalf of a company, include a letter or other document authorizing the firm to file on behalf of the company.
- (3) If the form contains variable items, include the Statement of Variability. The submission shall also include a certification that any change or modification to a variable item shall be administered in accordance with the requirements in the Variability of Information section, including any requirements for prior approval of a change or modification.
- (4) Include a certification signed by a company officer that the form has a minimum Flesch Score of 50. See Appendix A of the respective annuity product standards with which the form will be used for the Flesch methodology.
- (5) Include a listing by filing jurisdiction of the types of contracts with which the form will be used, including the contract form numbers, the corresponding approval date for these contracts and any filing identification number.
- (6) Include a statement whether the form will be made a part of the contract at issue or is intended for use after the date of issue of a contract, or both.

#### **B. VARIABILITY OF INFORMATION**

The company may file a generic contract change form to accommodate all the contract changes required to reflect the underwriting needs of a company. To support the use of such form, the

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submission shall include a Statement of Variability providing information sufficient to identify the potential contract changes that may be made.

The company shall identify items that will be considered variable. The item shall be bracketed or otherwise marked to denote variability. The submission shall include a Statement of Variability that will discuss the conditions under which each variable item may change.

The contract changes to be made shall be consistent with the Statement of Variability filed for such contract change form and the Statement of Variability filed for the individual annuity contract for which the change is being made, as well as the company's underwriting guidelines for such contract.

Items such as officer titles and officer signatures may be denoted as variable and may be changed without notice or prior approval.

## **§ 2 CONTRACT CHANGE FORM REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. GENERAL**

- (1) The full corporate name of the company shall appear on the form.
- (2) At least one signature of a company officer shall appear on the form if it is added after the date of issue of the contract.
- (3) The form shall contain a statement that it is made a part of the contract, and that the form provisions apply in lieu of any contract provisions to the contrary.
- (4) A form identification number shall appear at the bottom of the form in the left hand corner. The form number shall be adequate to distinguish the form from all others used by the company. The form number shall include a prefix of ICCxx (where xx represents the year the form was submitted for filing).
- (5) The form shall include:
  - (a) The contract number;
  - (b) The name of the annuitant or owner for whom the change applies;
  - (c) Any changes to the identifiable charge. In this regard, the identifiable charge is recognized as a separate premium charge or an administrative fee or charge deducted from the account value as defined in the respective individual annuity contract with which the contract change form is used;
  - (d) The effective date of the contract change; and

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- (e) If the contract change has an expiry date or expiry age, the expiry date or expiry age for the contract change.
  
- (6) If the contract change eliminates or reduces benefits or rights under the contract, the form shall require the signature of the owner. A company may eliminate the signature requirement if it has supporting documentation, such as an application signed by the owner or a signed written request from the owner, supporting the contract change.