

Product Standards Committee (PSC)  
Call Summary  
June 20, 2023

**Agenda Item 2:** Review Comments from the public call on the drafts of application and benefit feature uniform standards for Group Whole Life Insurance for Employers

Andria Seip chaired the meeting. She asked the PSC members for comments on the Compact Office draft response to questions from Massachusetts Mutual about the *Group Whole Life Insurance Uniform Standards for Accelerated Death Benefits*. The Compact Office said that the reference to a single qualifying event in Definitions, A.(3) and the exclusions in section H Qualifying Events are common across all the Compact accelerated death benefit uniform standards. The members agreed that the company can make a request through the annual identification process for amendments to these two provisions. There was a discussion about the request to modify the Termination provision. In response to the request to modify the termination provision, the PSC suggested adding a qualification to (e) to permit a reference to portability. The PSC members discussed the request and had a lengthy discussion about the type of coverage provided under a portability provision. The PSC agreed to the following wording:

(e) The date the group whole life insurance policy ends, **subject to the provisions of the Portability Option section.**

Massachusetts Mutual expressed a concern that the Enrollment Form and Statement of Insurability Form Uniform Standards did not include a specific reference to grandchildren. The Compact Office noted that the definition of child in the Employer Group Whole Life Policy and Certificate Uniform Standard states the term may also include other children in whose lives the employee or the employee's spouse has an insurable interest. PSC members agreed that no change was needed.

Andria Seip asked Pennsylvania to discuss the concern about beneficiary designation in the *Group Whole Life Policy and Certificate Uniform Standard for Employer Groups*. Pennsylvania does not permit an employer to be designated as a beneficiary. After discussion, Pennsylvania was satisfied that the § 4. Policy and Certificate Provisions D. Beneficiary addressed their concerns.

**Agenda Item 3.** Review group term life insurance draft and discuss plan for amending group standards for non-employer groups

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Karen Schutter went over the discussion draft proposal to amend the group term life standard for nonemployer groups. Andria Seip said Iowa is concerned that the group is a real group. She said it would be helpful for the compact to review the product language, but the filer still needs to follow Iowa requirements before offering the coverage in the state. Karen agreed but said the discussion about the process is separate from the PSC reviewing the uniform standard. There will be separate communications with members and filers as the process is developed. The PSC is working on the terminology and policy provisions. Mary Block from Vermont asked about the New York Life letter commenting on changes needed for the group whole life uniform standard. There was a discussion about working on the group term life standard first. Andria Seip asked the members to consider options for reviewing the standards for further discussion on the next call.

#### **Agenda Item 4.** Status report on the Index-Linked Variable Annuity Uniform Standard subgroup

The subgroup is meeting weekly and is reviewing the comments from the public call.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Any Other Matters**

Andria Seip said the next meeting of the PSC will be a regulator-only call on July 11. There were no other matters.