

***Agenda Item 2. Receive comments on the revised proposed amendments to the Additional Standards for Qualifying Events Waiver of Premium Benefits and Additional Standards for Qualifying Events Waiver of Monthly Deductions.***

Mary Mealer, Chair of the Product Standards Committee (PSC) reminded attendees the purpose of these amendments is to allow for additional qualifying event triggers, beyond the current permitted total disability trigger. The PSC held its first public call on this proposal in July and since that time, the committee has reviewed and responded to the submitted comments. The PSC received comments on the revised proposed draft from Yvonne Hunter, a representative of the Consumer Advisory Committee.

Ms. Hunter summarized her comments, suggesting that the definition of “Qualifying Event” should include the “diagnosis” of a cognitive impairment and “assessment by qualified professional” of the inability to perform certain activities of daily living. In §3.A Benefit (2) in situations where a waiver benefit form includes an active employment requirement with respect to disability and there are requirements for a homemaker or student, Ms. Hunter suggested that the information for students may need further clarification to reflect situations where the student is disabled and unable to participate in online courses, not just physically show up for a class as the language appears to imply. There were no questions for Ms. Hunter.

The Chair asked if there were any other comments on the proposal. David Bolton, Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, asked why there were not minimum loss ratio requirements included in the draft. It was noted that unlike Oregon, the Insurance Compact does not conduct rate reviews for life insurance products. There were no further comments on the proposed draft.

The Chair asked if there were any other comments regarding the draft Uniform Standards. No further comments were made.

***Agenda Item 3. Receive comments on the proposed amendments to the Group Policyholder Application Uniform Standards.***

The Chair stated that the group policyholder application standards are meant to apply to all group products filed with the Compact. The policyholder application is a fairly simple, generic form without underwriting questions. She noted that when the PSC started working with group annuity insurance companies on the group annuity Uniform Standards, it was determined that there were a couple of items in the existing standards that did not always apply to group annuity products, so minor clarifying changes have been made. The proposed amendments were posted July 23<sup>rd</sup> and no written comments have been received. The Chair asked to hear any oral comments, and none were made.

***Agenda Item 4. Receive comments on PSC feedback on written comments to Management Committee with Respect to the Proposed RNUS 2019-1: Additional Standards for Return of Premium for Individual Disability Income Insurance Policies and RNUS 2019-2: Single Premium Group Fixed Annuity Contract Uniform Standards for Employer Groups.***

The Chair noted that these two sets of standards were proposed for a 60-day public comment period and were the subject of a public hearing of the Management Committee at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> in-person meeting. She stated that a few comments, mostly clarifying in nature, were received and the Management Committee asked the PSC to review those comments to determine if any changes should be made to the proposals. The PSC reviewed the comments and provided its recommendations. For the *Additional Standards for Return of Premium for Individual Disability Income Insurance Policies*, a member state made some suggestions to clarify how the schedule showing the percentage of premium returned at each policy year may be presented, as well as some clarifying drafting notes and technical edits. The PSC agreed with the suggestions. For the *Single Premium Group Fixed Annuity Contract Uniform Standards*, two member states and a consumer representative suggested some revisions. The PSC considered each suggestion and made a few clarifying changes, while explaining the basis for not recommending change on other items.

The Chair stated that summaries of the comments as well as the PSC's response and recommendations were distributed and posted for both proposed Uniform Standards. The PSC has not received any written comments. She asked for any oral comments and none were made.

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

The Chair stated that the PSC would consider the comments received for the *Additional Standards for Qualifying Events Waiver of Premium Benefits* and *Additional Standards for Qualifying Events Waiver of Monthly Deductions*. The PSC would present its recommendations on the *Additional Standards for Return of Premium for Individual Disability Income Insurance Policies* and the *Single Premium Group Fixed Annuity Contract Uniform Standards* to the Management Committee for their September 30<sup>th</sup> teleconference. The PSC would also recommend formal rulemaking for the proposed amendments to the *Group Policyholder Application Uniform Standards* at that time.