# NAIC Senior Issues Task Force Long-Term Care Hearing

#### **Long-Term Care Actuarial Implications**

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#### Long-Term Care is a Complex Product

- Pricing is on a lifetime basis (level premium, increasing age curve), and major factors affect the rates:
  - Morbidity made up of: frequency (probability of starting a claim), continuance curves (probability of person staying on claim – determines length of claim), and utilization (average cost per service and number/mix of services)
  - Lapse and mortality determines how many people get to durations when claims are high
  - Investment income determines how much money is made on large reserves that are accumulating
- For all companies lapse, mortality and investment income have been declining in recent years



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#### Is This An Insurable Risk?

- Uninsurable risk where money trades hands and/or risk is completely unpredictable. E.g., Medicare Part B deductible
- LTC is a low frequency, high cost event...the very definition of an insurable event
- Milliman studies indicate that around 50 percent of insureds who qualify for an LTC policy and hold onto their policies will have a claimable event at some point in their lives (percent varies significantly by age, gender, marital status, etc.)
- For someone to self-insure, significant asset build-up would be needed
- LTC is an insurable event, though it's very complex to price

Alternatives?

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#### Top 20 Individual Writers In 2004

Production

		Production
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>(\$millions)</u>
1	Genworth	153
2	John Hancock	114
3	MetLife	86
4	Bankers L&C	62
5	MassMutual	25
6	Allianz	24
7	UNUM	20
8	Lincoln Benefit	19
9	Prudential	19
10	Penn Treaty	18
11	New York Life	18
12	State Farm	15
13	Physicians Mutual	13
14	MedAmerica	11
15	Mutual of Omaha	9
16	Equitable L&C	8
17	State Life	8
18	Knights of Columbus	4
19	Kanawha	4
20	AFLAC	3

Source: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual LTC Insurance Survey, Broker World Magazine



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#### Top 10 Individual Writers in 2011

		Production
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>(\$millions)</u>
1	Genworth	207
2	Northwestern	68
3	John Hancock	52
4	Mutual of Omaha/United	45
5	Prudential	39
6	New York Life	28
7	MassMutual	20
8	Bankers L&C	17
9	Transamerica	14
10	State Farm	13

Source: 14th Annual LTC Insurance Surveys, Broker World Magazine



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#### Out of Market Prior to 2004

Travelers CNA Conseco Fortis IDS

Thrivent (getting back in)

Aegon (got back in under Transamerica)

Source: 7th and 14th Annual LTC Insurance Surveys, Broker World Magazine



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#### Out of Market Between 2004-2011

MetLife Allianz UNUM Lincoln Benefit PennTreaty Physicians Mutual Equitable L&C State Life Kanawha AFLAC

Source: 7th and 14th Annual LTC Insurance Surveys, Broker World Magazine



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#### Out of Market in 2012

Prudential CUNA Mutual AIG American Fidelity Berkshire

Source: 14th Annual LTC Insurance Surveys, Broker World Magazine



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#### What has caused the turmoil?

- Lapse Rates—very low, less than 1%
- Interest Rates—very low, 3 to 4% new money
- Mortality—extremely low
- Morbidity—claims quite close for some, very high for others



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2011 Sales Characteristics from 2012 Broker World Survey

- Estimated 2011 Sales: \$537.3 million premium, 231,100 policies; 1.4% increase over 2010
- Top 10 insurers wrote 93.6% of the business
- Significant rate increases and discontinuance of some features/options
- Average premium was \$2,322
- Comprehensive Coverage (96.1%)
- Tax-Qualified (99.1%)

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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# 2011 Sales Characteristics from 2012 Broker World Survey, cont.

- Average Issue Age 58.1 (vs. 61.3 in 2004)
- 57.3% compound inflation protection, 9.7% simple inflation,12.8% future purchase option, 11.0% other, 9.2% no inflation
- 12.7% lifetime benefit period (down from 33.2% in 2004)
- 91.0% 84+ day elimination periods on NH (up from 70.5% in 2004)
- 21.7% of new premium in multi-life situations

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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# **Risky Characteristics**

- Lifetime benefit period
- Short elimination periods
- Cash benefits
- Compound inflation, due to greater build-up of reserves and therefore susceptibility to investment income and low lapses



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# **Economics of LTCI**

Lifetime Loss Ratio Target of 55 percent –

#### 60 percent:

- Level issue-age premium
- Steep morbidity curve similar to mortality
- Deferred benefit very low loss ratios for many years

# Heaped Commissions

First year cash flow drain

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#### Economics of LTCI, cont.

- Low lapse rates
- Conservative statutory reserve standards (revised in 2004)
- Significant Risk-Based Capital requirements (RBC)
- Commissions, reserves and RBC all lead to early duration statutory surplus strain



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#### ABC Life Insurance Company Base Assumptions - Expected Durational Profits 20 Percent Profit Premiums – All Ages Combined

Item	No Inflation – Policy Year					
	1	2	3	4	10	Lifetime @ 5.25%
Premiums	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0%
<b>Investment Income</b>	<u>(0.9)</u>	<u>    4.1</u>	7.1	10.2	<u> </u>	<u>29.0</u>
TOTAL	99.1	104.1	107.1	110.2	130.4	129.0
<b>Claims Incurred</b>	5.1	9.2	12.6	15.8	42.9	46.0*
$\Delta$ Additional	0.0	52.0	49.8	48.7	38.4	23.7
Reserves						
Commissions	104.3	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.5	21.9
Expenses	24.5	<u> </u>	<u>11.9</u>	12.4	<u>    15.6</u>	<u>    17.4</u>
TOTAL	133.9	87.7	89.2	91.7	111.3	109.0
Pre-Tax Profit	-34.7	16.4	17.9	18.5	19.1	20.0%

\* 51.3% discounted at 4.0%.



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Premiums Investment Income	100.0 (0.5) 99.5	$     100.0 \\     \underline{4.1} \\     104.1   $	100.0 <u>8.8</u> 108.8	100.0 <u>13.6</u> 113.6	100.0 <u>48.6</u> 148.6	100.0% <u>73.6</u> 173.6
Claims Incurred $\Delta$ Additional Reserves Commissions	1.0 0.0 104.9 17.5	2.0 83.5 15.0 8.9	2.9 84.0 15.0 9.0	3.8 86.2 15.0 9.2	13.2 109.9 14.9 10.3	53.8 67.2 19.5 13.1
Expenses TOTAL Pre-Tax Profit	$\frac{17.5}{123.4}$ -23.9	<u>-5.2</u>	<u>-2.1</u>	<u> </u>	$\frac{10.3}{148.4}$	$\frac{13.1}{153.6}$ 20.0%

#### \* 67.2% discounted at 4.0%.



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#### **Importance of Lapse Rates**



Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### Lapse Rate Trends Pricing Assumptions – Age 65-69

#### Early Policy Generations

Policy Year	Company A	Company B	Company C
1	18%	20%	40%
2	14	15	20
3	10	10	8
4	7	8	8
5+	7	6	8

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### **Recent Lapse Experience**

Policy	Company	Company	Company	Company
Year	D	E	F	G
1	2.0%	4.0%	7.0%	6.5%
2	1.5	2.5	4.2	4.5
3	1.0	2.0	2.7	3.5
4	1.0	1.5	2.1	2.5
5	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.5
6+	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
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Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### Effect of Termination Rates on Number of Insureds Inforce

Beginning of Policy Year	Original Pricing*	Revised**				
0	1000	1000				
6	498	865				
11	365	822				
16	268	782				
21	197	744				
Original total terminations = 20%, 15%, 10%, 8%, 6% * Revised total terminations = 5%, 3.2%, 2.2%, 1.6%, 1.3%, 1.0%						

Source: Internal Milliman Study

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\*

#### ABC Life Insurance Company Effect of Lower Lapse Rates

		Priced Lapses	Revised Lapses
Yea	ar 1	8.0%	5.0%
Yea	ar 2	5.0	3.2
Yea	ar 3	3.5	2.2
Yea	ar 4	2.5	1.6
Yea	ar 5	2.0	1.3
Year	rs 6+	1.5	1.0

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### ABC Life Insurance Company Effect of Lower Lapse Rates

Item (as a percent of premium)	Age 52	Age 62	Age 72	Total	
Pre-Tax Profit (No Inflation)	17.5	18.3	19.5	18.5%	
Premium Change Needed	4.2	3.1	1.1	2.8%	
Pre-Tax Profit (With Inflation)	15.3	17.2	19.0	15.4%	
Premium Change Needed	8.0	5.0	2.0	7.8%	
Source: Internal Milliman Study					
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#### ABC Life Insurance Company Effect of Change in Investment Income

Revised Investment	Item (as a percent of premium)	Age 52	Age 62	Age 72	Total
Income Rate = 4.25%	Pre-Tax Profit (No Inflation)	13.7	15.3	17.6	15.6%
(Down 100bp)	Premium Change Needed	10.8	8.5	5.0	8.1%
	<b>Pre-Tax Profit</b> (With Inflation)	9.2	13.2	16.8	9.6%
	Premium Change Needed	18.3	12.3	6.7	18.0%

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### ABC Life Insurance Company Effect of Loose Underwriting\*

Item (as percent of premium)	Age 52	Age 62	Age 72	Total
Pre-Tax Profit (No Inflation)	5.8	4.5	5.8	5.7%
Premium Change Needed	24.4	28.3	30.3	27.2%
<b>Pre-Tax Profit</b> (With Inflation)	4.9	5.3	7.8	5.1%
Premium Change Needed	25.9	26.8	26.1	25.9%

\* Assuming "moderate" was priced for

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### Example of Lifetime Pricing Effect for Sample Company

- Original pricing done 15 years ago (1997)
- Original investment earnings rate = 6.9 percent
- Current investment earnings rate = 4.5 percent
- Original ultimate lapse rate = 4.75 percent
- Current ultimate lapse rate = 1.0 percent
- Morbidity 10 percent higher than originally assumed

Source: Internal Milliman Study



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#### Effect of Revised Assumptions on Lifetime Profits

Age Band	Original Pre-tax Profit % of Premium @ 6.9%	Original Statutory IRR	Revised Pre-tax Profit % of Premium @ 4.5%	Revised Statutory IRR
55-59	31.8%	15.2%	-32.3%	-0.5%
65-69	21.2%	15.0%	-20.5%	-2.3%
75-79	13.2%	14.4%	-7.0%	-1.6%
All	25.1%	15.1%	-24.8%	-0.9%
Cumulative loss ratio through 15 durations, at ii rate	24.9%		33.2%	
Lifetime loss ratio at 4.0%	62.3%		104.6%	
	Source	e: Internal Milliman Study		
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# **ABC Life Insurance Company Other Factors Affecting Profits**

- Male/female split assumed/where it's applied
- Age distribution
- Distribution by BP/EP
- Percent of insureds that are married
- Spouse/preferred risk discounts
- Average policy size
- Expenses varying by age
- Reserve assumptions
- Margins for adverse deviation
- Salvage on maximum benefits

Source: Internal Milliman Study

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# Why the Turmoil?

#### Companies Leaving the Market:

- Lapse rates, interest rates, & mortality: low
- Morbidity claims quite close to pricing for some, very far off for others (depending on aggressiveness of original pricing and on underwriting)
- Concerns about profitability and being able to get rate increases
- Felt that capital was better invested elsewhere (would yield more immediate results)



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#### Why the Turmoil?, cont.

#### Producer Concerns:

- Rate increases & fewer company choices
- Product complexity
- Rates on new products 40%+ above levels available five years ago



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# LIMRA 2012 LTC Opinion Survey:

- 47% out of 83 people expect strong to moderate growth going forward
- 75% projected strong to moderate growth for life combos and 66% for annuity combos
- Demographics, greater consumer awareness and need for the product are biggest reasons for optimism
- Industry stability and the economy (interest rates) are biggest reasons for pessimism
- 75% believe Medicare and Medicaid will NOT offer more benefits in next 20 years
- To increase the market, the products need to be made more affordable and simplified



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#### Society of Actuaries LTC Work Group

- Exploring various ideas that could make the product more attractive to companies, consumers, agents and regulators
- Examples shorter benefit periods, longer elimination periods, "universal" LTC, mandatory agent training, varying premiums with interest rates, removing the requirements for 5% compound offer and non-forfeiture offer, etc.
- Most ideas presented would require some regulatory change, and few would be "enough" to entice the companies who've exited to come back in



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# Summary

- Premiums have increased, due to updated lapse assumptions and interest
- Rates have stabilized, but there are still significant differences in market premiums
- Product is capital intensive and still somewhat risky
- But...demographics are hard to ignore, and probability for healthy profit is higher than ever
- So is there a better way to address the need?



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