



PBR Update

A principled approach

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The VM-20 Life Reserve is the maximum of the three following building blocks:

Net Premium Reserve (NPR)

- Formulaic reserve introduced to ensure that a “minimum reserve” existed.

Deterministic Reserve (DR)

- Modeled reserve calculated as the present value of product cash flows
- “Prudent estimate” assumptions underlying cash flows based on own company experience where relevant and credible, plus margin for uncertainty

Stochastic Reserve (SR)

- Modeled reserve calculated as the CTE(70) of results generated using up to 10,000 stochastic interest rate and equity scenarios
- Stochastic Exclusion Test identifies interest-insensitive products that do not require an SR

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What's happened since the last meeting

Forty-six states have adopted PBR as Standard Valuation Law effective 1/1/2017

- NAIC concluded that new SVL terms and provisions are “substantially similar” by state

Substantive amendments to VM-20 in 2016

- Minimum reserves must be calculated on a standalone basis for Term and ULSG
 - No benefits from aggregation
- Deterministic Reserve exclusion test cannot be used for Term products
- Elimination of post-LTP profits in the deterministic reserve calculation

In July, the New York DFS shifted its position and stated its plans to adopt PBR in 2018

- “The department will seek input on establishing appropriate safeguards.”

15 out of **72** companies surveyed
will implement PBR in **2017**

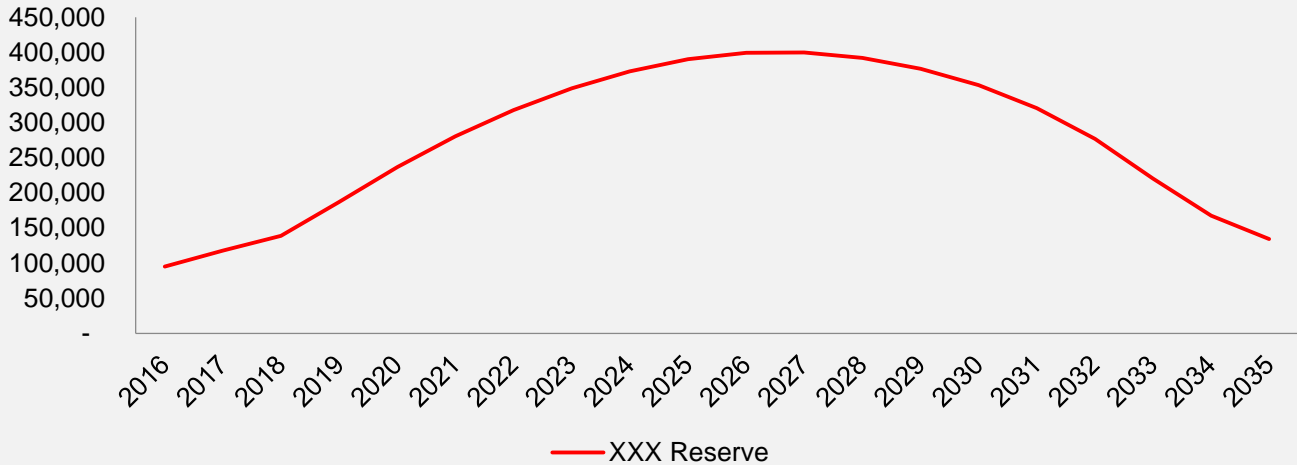
NAIC Summer Meeting

Do all life insurance companies share the same risk profile?



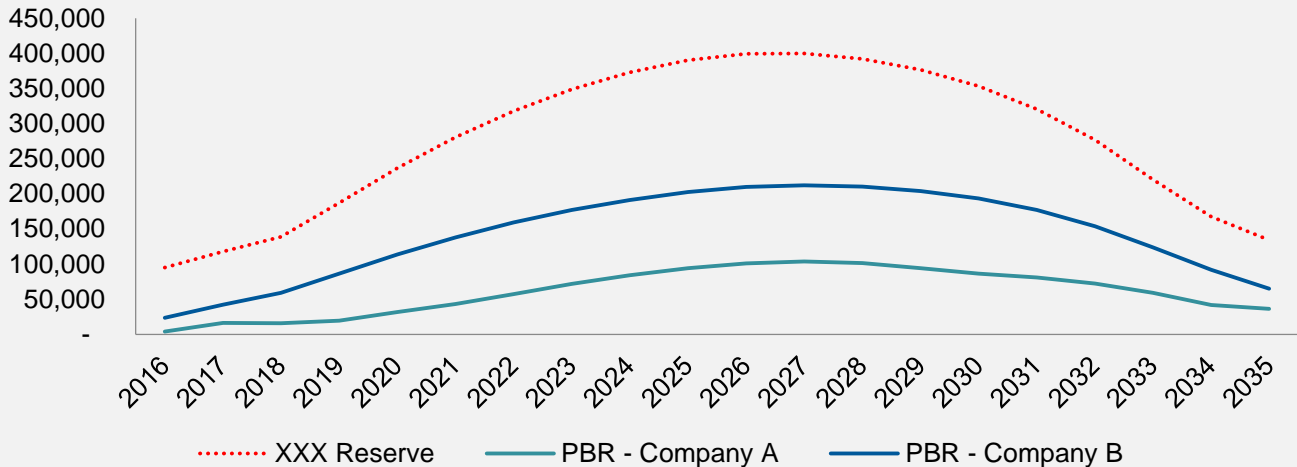
Reserve comparison: Company A vs Company B

Formulaic reserve (XXX)



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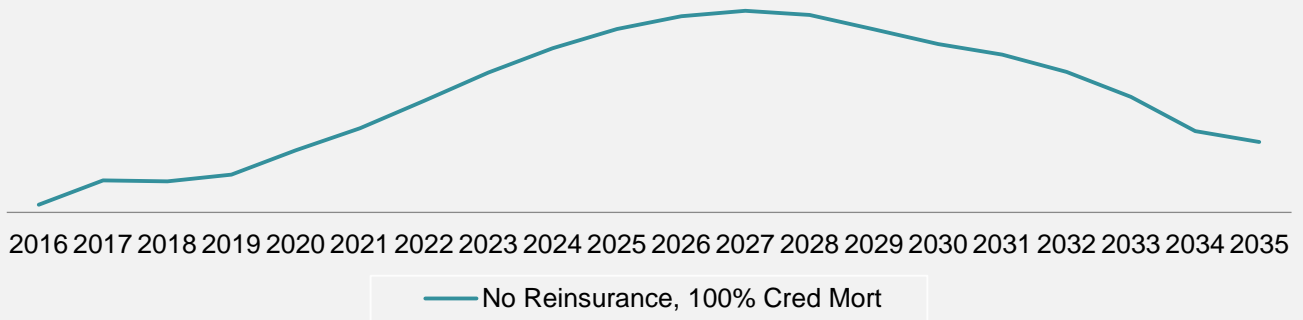
Principle-based reserve



▶ To the extent the existing regime was thought to be overly conservative, most companies anticipate a reductive in their gross reserves under the new principle-based framework

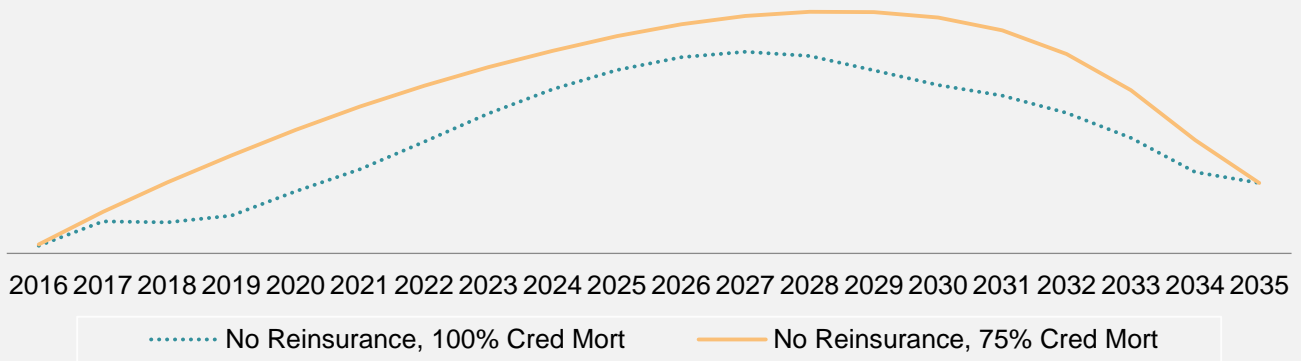
PBR reserve comparison

Impact of increasing uncertainty (100% credibility)



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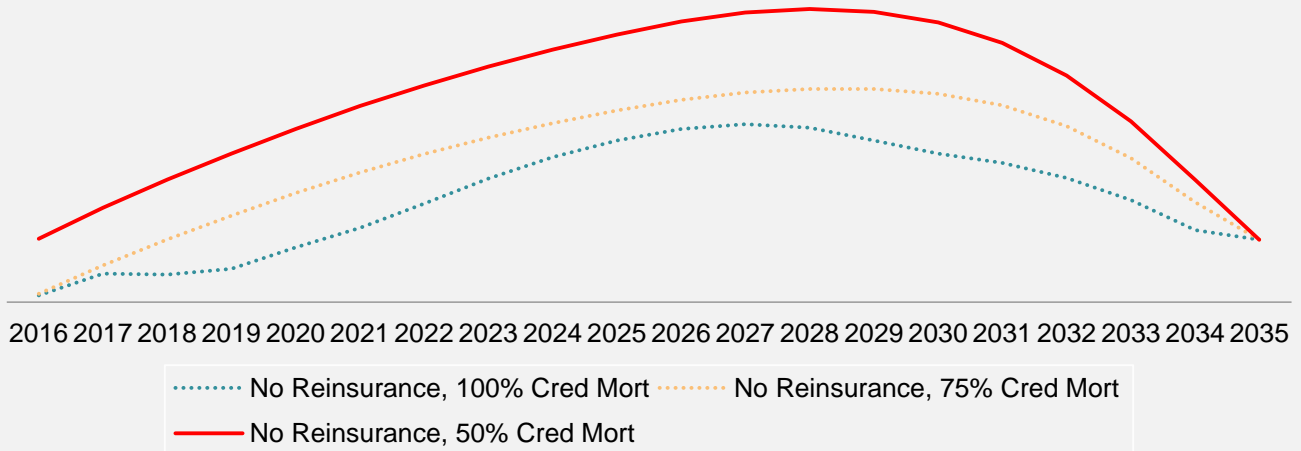
Impact of increasing uncertainty (75% credibility)



▶ Increased uncertainty in the company's own experience results in heavier margins for adverse deviation, leading to higher reserves

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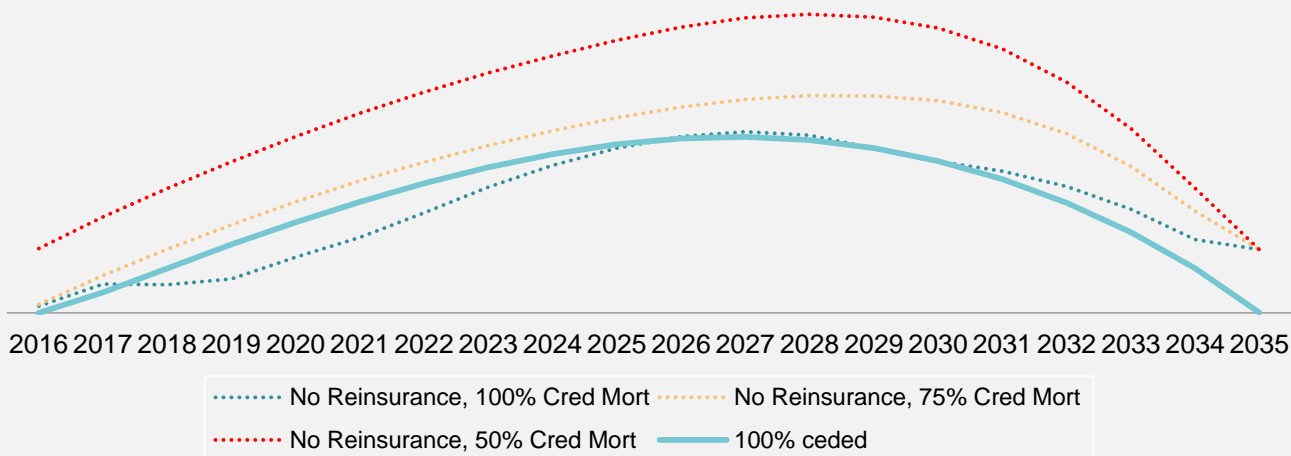
Impact of increasing uncertainty (50% credibility)



As credibility continues to drop, the reserve increase becomes more pronounced.

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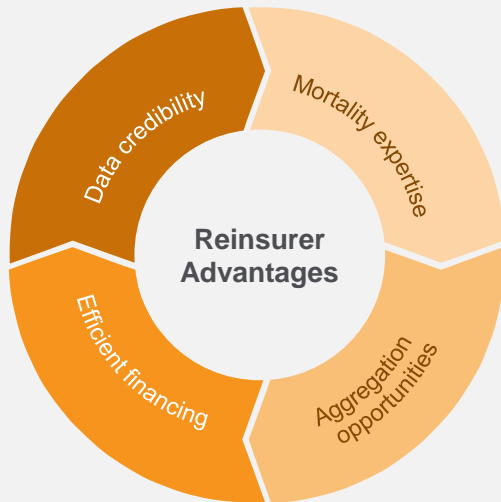
Reinsurance reserve credit is also principle-based



▶ Through reinsurance, a company replaces “expected” claims with reinsurance costs – the value of reinsurance increases in proportion to the amount of uncertainty it removes

Reinsurance reserves are also principle-based

No need to mirror client reserves!



What does this mean?

- A reinsurer's view of the incremental risk posed by a block of business can be different than the direct company's view of that same block
- A reduction in a ceding company's liability does not have to be matched with an equal increase on our books
- Section 8.C.1 of VM-20:
"The company shall use assumptions and margins that are appropriate for each company pursuant to a reinsurance agreement. In such instance, **the ceding and assuming companies are not required to use the same assumptions and margins for the reinsured policies**"

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Case Study #1: YRT reinsurance

Question¹

To what extent, if any, should increases in the non-guaranteed YRT premium rate scale due to higher than expected mortality in the prudent assumption be reflected in the deterministic and stochastic projections?

Options:

- 1) Use current scale throughout
- 2) Adjust current scale immediately to:
 - a. Achieve breakeven
 - b. Maintain profit margin
- 3) Adjust current scale after a few years

¹ Actual question under discussion by the AAA's Life Reinsurance Working Group

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Case Study #2: Predictive modeling results

Summarized Result

NET MORTALITY IMPACT

(5 Yr. Duration)

MN MT FN FT

14.8% **16.1%** **17.9%** **17.0%**

Issue Age Distribution

25	35	45	55	65
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Detailed Result

Durations 1 to 5

IA	MN	MT	FN	FT
25	11.3%	12.2%	11.9%	12.1%
35	12.3%	13.1%	12.7%	12.7%
45	16.6%	17.3%	24.0%	22.2%
55	16.7%	17.9%	23.3%	19.7%
65	17.2%	19.8%	17.3%	18.3%

