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Reinsurance

# Reinsurance as a Source of Capital for Group Products

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# Reserve Financing

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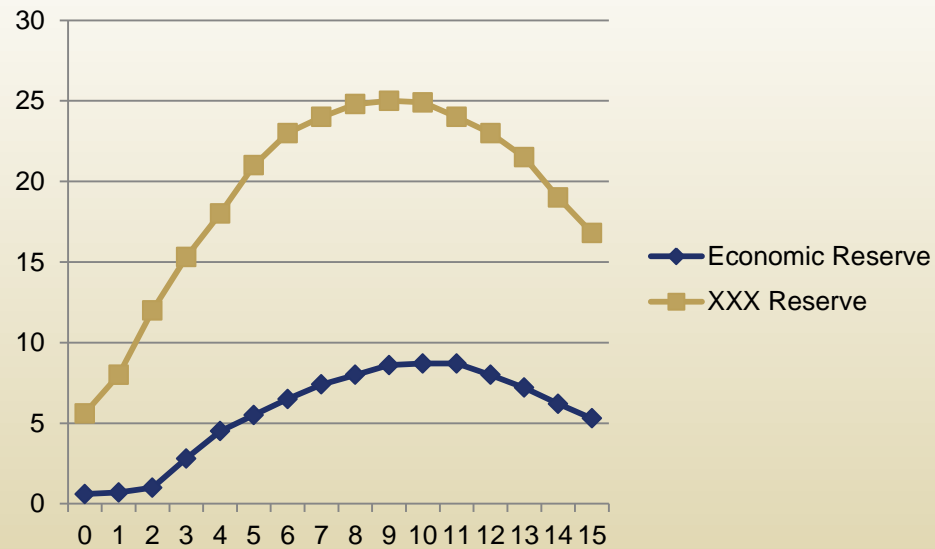
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NOTE EXCHANGE

## Primary Securities

# Term Life Reserve Redundancy



# Group Products RBC

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## Reserves for group insurance products are “economic” based

- Group Life/Group Health/LTD
- IBNR reserve based on experience triangles

## RBC requirements for group insurance products are not

- Formula based
- No adjustments for experience

# Capital

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The four main components of RBC include:

- C1: Asset Default Risk
- C2: Insurance Risk
- C3: Interest Rate Risk
- C4: Business Risk

Main source of RBC for most group products is C2

# RBC Factors

Product	C2 RBC Factors
<u>Health Products</u>	% of Net Premium (>\$25M)
Comprehensive Medical	9.0%
Stop Loss	25.0%
<u>Group Life</u>	Factor applied to NAR (>\$25B)
Group Life	0.08%
<u>LTD</u>	
DLR	7.7%
Premium	4.6% (>\$50M)

# Arguments that RBC for Group Products is Redundant

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- Not related to experience
- Short duration product
- Ability to reprice frequently

# RBC Relief Reinsurance for Group Products

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- If RBC for group products is redundant, why isn't RBC relief reinsurance a hot topic for insurers?
  - A. No racy name like "XXX Relief"
  - B. RBC relief transactions aren't happening on group products
  - C. RBC transactions on group products are straightforward and non-controversial
  - D. B. and C. but not A.
  - E. A. and C. but not B.



# RBC Reinsurance Transactions are Happening

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- At least 7 of top 10 writers of group life have reinsurance programs in place that are capital motivated
- Aetna “Vitality Re” – have announced 7 transactions securitizing capital on health business
- LTD reserve buyouts have often been capital motivated

# Motivation for Capital Relief transactions

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- Improve Capital Efficiency (cost of capital)
- Pricing Competitiveness
- Maintain RBC Ratio for Regulators/Analysts/Rating Agencies
- Raise Capital for M&A activity
- Support Strain from Rapid Growth
- Reduce Liquidity Risk

# How Does Capital Relief Reinsurance Work?

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- Transfer driver of RBC to Reinsurer
  - Group Life – NAAR
  - Group Health – Premiums/Claims
  - LTD – Premium/DLR

Form can be YRT or Coinsurance (usually Modco)

# Common Features

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- Loss Carryforward
  - Ceding Company pays back only if they terminate
  - Otherwise paid back from future profits
- Experience Refund
  - Reinsurer charges a “risk charge”
  - All other profits returned to Ceding Company
  - Reinsurer can eliminate ER after set time
- Termination Rights for Cedant
- Bulk Reporting with minimal Reinsurer oversight

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# Life RBC Reinsurance Structure

# Group Life Capital YRT Structure

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- Quarterly (or monthly) renewable term structure, with quarterly accounting.
- Premiums are set at or near the gross premiums of the ceding company.
- No expense allowance is typically paid.
- Premiums are paid in arrears, therefore minimal reserve transfer.
- Usually claims are net of existing reinsurance

# Group Life Capital YRT Structure

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## Loss Carryforward and Experience Refund

- All profits net of a risk fee are returned to the ceding company through an experience refund.
- Losses to the reinsurer are carried forward and repaid out of future profits, if they emerge.
- Ceding company can terminate on short notice (must repay loss carry-forward if they terminate).

# Group Life Capital YRT Structure

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## Common Risk Reducing Features

- Reinsurer may have a right to increase premiums.
- Reinsurer may have right to increase the risk charge after some period.
- Reinsurer may be able to remove experience refund at a future date.
- May include limits to catastrophe claims.



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# Group Life RBC Reinsurance Example

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- Happy Insurance Company writes only group life
  - \$100B of Net Amount at Risk
  - Average premiums are \$2.5/1000 of NAAR
  - Average claims are \$1.75/1000 of NAAR
  - Total expenses are 20% of premium

NAAR	100,000,000,000
Premium	250,000,000
Claims	175,000,000
Expenses	50,000,000
Profit	25,000,000
CAL RBC	84,300,000
ROC (@200% CAL)	14.8%

- Assumptions: Taxes ignored, static state – no reserve impact, RBC for other than C2 ignored

# Group Life RBC Reinsurance Example

- Happy Insurance Company reinsures 50% of business under a YRT arrangement:
  - Reinsurance rate is \$2.4/1000
  - Risk Charge = \$.01/1000 of NAAR

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Ceded</u>	<u>Net</u>
NAAR	100,000,000,000	50,000,000,000	50,000,000,000
Premium	250,000,000	120,000,000	130,000,000
Claims	175,000,000	87,500,000	87,500,000
Expenses	50,000,000	-	50,000,000
Risk Charge	-	500,000	500,000
ER	-	32,000,000	32,000,000
Profit	25,000,000	500,000	24,500,000
CAL RBC	84,300,000	42,150,000	42,150,000
ROC (@200% CAL)	14.8%		29.1%

- Cost of relief (@200% CAL) = \$500K/\$84.3M = 0.59%

# Impacts to Cost/Benefit of RBC Reinsurance

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- Covariance Adjustment - Companies with large amounts of C1/C3 relative to C2 may not get much benefit from reducing C2
- Target Level of CAL RBC will alter ROC benefit of the RBC relief
- Reinsurer's willingness to cover business and the level of Risk Charge will be affected by:
  - Loss ratio
  - Volatility of the business
  - Catastrophic exposure – considering any existing reinsurance
  - Ceding Company Financials and position in the market

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# Group Life RBC Reinsurance Risk Transfer

# Risk Transfer for YRT Reinsurance

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- Statutory risk transfer is governed by the Credit for Reinsurance Model Regulation, as codified in A-791 of SSAP 61
- Law sets out 11 primary provisions which a contract must follow for a ceding company to “take credit” for reinsurance.
- YRT Reinsurance is exempt from 4 of those provisions:
  - Covering renewal expense allowances
  - Including reinsurance payments other than from profits on the reinsured business
  - A list of significant risks that must be transferred
  - Transfer or segregate assets if investment risk is significant

# Risk Transfer for YRT Reinsurance

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## Significant Risk Transfer Provisions that must be met by YRT:

- Ceding company can't be deprived of assets or surplus at reinsurer's option
- Ceding co. can't be required to reimburse the reinsurer for losses. Loss carry forwards and payment of them for voluntary cancelation by the ceding company is specifically allowed.
- No pre-specified or triggered termination or recapture allowed.
- At least Quarterly settlements of amounts due
- No representations or warranties made by the ceding company not related to the business reinsured, or about the future performance of the business reinsured
- The expected potential liability of the company on the reinsured business must be altered by the reinsurance

# Recap

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- Reinsurance for capital management purposes is a powerful tool. It:
  - Boosts a products return
  - Increases the Cedant's RBC ratio
  - Meets credit for reinsurance requirements
  
- Most importantly, it:
  - Reduces the Cedant's required capital while still allowing the Cedant to
    - 1) retain all of the profits on the business, in excess of the Risk Charge, and
    - 2) Retain all of the assets backing the reinsured business