



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

IN REGARD TO THE NATIONAL )  
ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE )  
COMMISSIONERS' VALUATION ) Case No. 2412050827F  
MANUAL )

### ORDER APPROVING ANNUAL AMENDMENTS TO THE NAIC VALUATION MANUAL

Based on competent and substantial evidence in the administrative record before me, I, Chlora Lindley-Myers, Director of the Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance, determine that there is no need for additional proceedings or a formal hearing on this matter and hereby issue the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 15, 2024, the Executive ("EX") Committee and Plenary of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") met in Chicago, Illinois.

2. During the August 15, 2024, meeting, the EX Committee and Plenary voted to adopt the amendments to the NAIC *Valuation Manual*. A copy of Attachment One VM 2025 Amendments, which is a summary of the amendments adopted, is attached hereto and, by this reference, incorporated herein.

3. The EX Committee and Plenary adopted the amendments to the 2025 *Valuation Manual* by 50 jurisdictions, representing 97.81% of the applicable premiums written.

4. The vote satisfied the NAIC's requirements for amending the *Valuation Manual*.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5. Section 376.380.6(3), RSMo 2016 provides as follows:

(3) Unless a change in the valuation manual specifies a later effective date, changes to the valuation manual shall be effective on January first following the date when all of the following have occurred:

(a) The change to the valuation manual has been adopted by the NAIC by an affirmative vote representing:

a. At least three-fourths of the members of the NAIC voting, but not less than a majority of the total membership; and

b. Members of the NAIC representing jurisdictions totaling greater than seventy-five percent of the direct premiums written as reported in the following annual statements most recently available prior to the vote in subparagraph a. of this paragraph: life, accident, and health annual statements; health annual statements; or fraternal annual statements;

(b) The valuation manual becomes effective under an order of the director.

6. Based on the Findings of Fact set out above, the amendments approved by the NAIC EX Committee and Plenary meet the requirements specified in § 376.380.6(3), RSMo 2016.

**ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the amendments to the *Valuation Manual* adopted by the NAIC EX Committee and Plenary on August 15, 2024, shall become effective pursuant to § 376.380.6(3)(b), RSMo 2016, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office in Jefferson City, Missouri this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.



*Chlora Lindley Myers*

Chlora Lindley-Myers

Director

Missouri Department of Commerce and  
Insurance

Life VM Amendment	Valuation Manual Reference	Valuation Manual Amendment Proposal Descriptions	LATF Adoption Date
2023-08	VM- 20 Section 7.D.7, VM-30 Section 3.B.5	Clarifies the allocation of negative interest maintenance reserves (IMR) for VM-20 and VM-30 and that non-admitted IMR is excluded from the allocation.	8/31/2023
2023-09	VM-20 Section 9.C.2.h	This amendment requires companies to apply historical mortality improvement rates, which may be negative.	10/5/2023
2023-11	VM-20 Section 8.C.17 and VM-21 Section 1.C.3	This amendment proposes removal of references to risk-based capital (RBC) in VM-20 and VM-21 that are inconsistent with the purpose, scope, and intended use of RBC to be consistent with improvements made in related sections of the VM-22 draft.	1/25/2024
2023-12	VM-01 and VM-30 Section 3.B	This amendment clarifies expectations on the reflection of equity return volatility in VM-30 cash-flow testing.	2/29/2024
2024-01	VM-01 "Qualified Actuary"	Model 820 specifically calls out a qualified actuary as a person "who meets the requirements specified in the valuation manual." This amendment adds the requirement that "A qualified actuary must meet the specific qualification standard for providing a NAIC Annual Statement Opinion".	4/25/2024
2024-02	VM-G Governance in PBR Actuarial Report, VM-31 Section 3.C.7 and Sections 3.C.8 - 3.C.11, VM-31 Section 3.B.6	This amendment clarifies that documentation on VM-G applies to all products subject to principle-based reserves (PBR). Currently VM-G documentation is only required in the Life PBR Actuarial Report.	2/29/2024
2024-04	VM-20 Section 9.D.5	This amendment updates the industry lapse experience table used for minimally funded universal life with secondary guarantee (ULSG) policies to the term-to-100 lapse experience table published by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries in December 2021.	4/25/2024
2024-06	VM-22 Section 3.C.3	This amendment permits companies to elect to consistently determine statutory maximum valuation interest rates for non-jumbo contracts as if they were jumbo contracts, with prior approval of the domiciliary commissioner.	6/6/2024
2024-05	Valuation Manual II, Subsection 3: Deposit-Type Contracts	This amendment allows companies to consistently determine statutory maximum valuation interest rates monthly rather than annually for certain simple deposit-type contracts with prior approval of the domiciliary commissioner.	6/6/2024
2024-09	VM-21 Section 3.A and VM-21 Section 4.B.1	This amendment corrects the order of operations for the pre-tax IMR application in VM-21.	6/6/2024
2023-13	VM-M Sections 1 and 2, VM-31 Section 3.D.3, VM-20 Sections 3.C.1.h, 9.C.3.b and 9.C.3.g	This amendment requires the use of non-U.S. mortality tables for blocks of business issued in foreign countries covering insureds who are not residents of the U.S. These tables must be approved by LATF before being used for reserve purposes. This amendment also adds several annuity tables to VM-M.	6/13/2024
2024-07	VM-21 Section 6.C.2, VM-21 Section 6.C.6, VM-21 Section 6.C.9, VM-21 Section 11.B.3	This amendment makes updates to VM-21 standard projection amount maintenance expense, full surrender, and mortality assumptions.	6/13/2024
2024-08	VM-21 Section 4.B.3	This amendment clarifies the calculation of the Net Asset Earned Rate (NAER) on additional assets, providing additional detail on how the initial additional asset portfolio is constructed and how it is reinvested.	6/13/2024

Health VM Amendment	Valuation Manual Reference	Valuation Manual Amendment Proposal Descriptions	HATF Adoption Date
2024-10	VM-26, Section 3.B	Updates the margins for credit disability insurance reserves based on the Society of Actuaries' "2023 Credit Disability Study Report"	5/13/24