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ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Circular Letter No. 18-1736

RE: NCCI Item E-1405 — Revisions to Experience Rating Plan Manual Rules and the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has approved the above filing to become effective, 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2019, for new and renewal policies.

The purpose of this item is to revise the title and language of the current Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14) in the *Minnesota Forms Manual*. Because of the change, references to this endorsement in the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* and the *Minnesota Forms Manual-Index* must also be revised.

Certain NCCI exhibits included in NCCI's filing memorandum are not applicable in Minnesota.

Note: NCCI's proposed change to Rule 3-E-3 of the **NCCI Experience Rating Plan Manual** recommends to apply experience rating modifications, due to a change of ownership and/or combinability status, retroactively to the date of the change. This recommendation is consistent with the current language and rules established in the **Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual**, requiring no further action.

The only exhibits included in this filing applicable in Minnesota are Exhibits 4 and 7.

The attached exhibits illustrate necessary changes to the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* and to the *Minnesota Forms Manual*. As in past filings, strikethroughs indicate deleted text while underlining indicates new or added text. A copy of National Council's original filing memorandum is also included to provide additional background information regarding Item E-1405.

For your convenience, a summary of the Minnesota Exhibits MWCIA staff recommends to adopt are as follows:

Exhibits 4A and 4B propose to update the rules in the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* to correctly reference the new endorsement title and form version.

MWCIA staff recommends to adopt Exhibit 4A through 4B.

Exhibits 7A through 7C propose to revise the *Minnesota Forms Manual* to update the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14) and the *Minnesota Forms Manual – Index* to reference the new endorsement title and form version.

MWCIA staff recommends to adopt Exhibit 7A through 7B.

Please direct any questions you may have concerning this item to MWCIA's Underwriting staff at 952.897.1737 (Option 1) or via email at underwriting@mwcia.org.

A NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP:

MWCIA would like to remind our membership who have filed a Limited Power of Attorney with the Minnesota Department of Commerce that no materials referenced in this Circular Letter regarding changes to the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual* are required to be independently filed with the Department.

Pursuant to Minnesota Administrative Rule Part 2705.3200, the Manual forms and/or endorsements included in this filing do **not** require independent filing by our members.

Exhibit 4A

Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual

Rule 3 – Ownership Changes & Combination of Entities

Effective January 1, 2019

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE		
RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES & COMBINATION OF ENTITIES	SAME		
A. REPORTING REQUIREMENT	SAME		
The Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14) provides that changes in ownership and/ or combinability status must be reported by the employer to its carrier(s) within 90 days of the date of the change. This shall be accomplished by submitting: • A completed Confidential Request for Information Form (see the ERM-14 Form in Appendix), or	The 90-Day Reporting Requirement-Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14 A) provides that changes in ownership and/ or combinability status must be reported by the employer to its carrier(s) within 90 days of the date of the change. This shall be accomplished by submitting: • A completed Confidential Request for Information Form (see the		
The information in narrative form on the letterhead of the employer, signed by an officer of the insured entity Failure to report changes in ownership according to Endorsement WC 00 04 14 may be considered modification evasion. Refer to Rule 3-F.	 ERM-14 Form in Appendix), or The information in narrative form on the letterhead of the employer, signed by an officer of the insured entity Failure to report changes in ownership according to Endorsement WC 00 04 14 A may be considered modification evasion. Refer to Rule 3-F. 		

Exhibit 4B

Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual

Rule 3 – Ownership Changes & Combination of Entities

Effective January 1, 2019

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE		
RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES & COMBINATION OF ENTITIES	SAME		
F. EVASION OF EXPERIENCE RATING MODIFICATION	SAME		
1. Actions	1. Actions		
Some employers may take actions for the purpose of avoiding an experience rating modification. Other employers may take actions for otherwise legitimate business reasons that nonetheless result in the improper application of an experience rating modification. Regardless of intent, any action that results in the miscalculation or misapplication of an experience rating modification determined in accordance with this Plan is prohibited. These actions include, but are not limited to: • Failure to report changes in ownership according to Endorsement WC 00 04 14 • A change in ownership • A change in combinability status • Creation of a new entity • Transfer of operations from one entity to another entity that is not combinable according to Rule 3-D • Misrepresentation on audits or failure to cooperate with an audit	Some employers may take actions for the purpose of avoiding an experience rating modification. Other employers may take actions for otherwise legitimate business reasons that nonetheless result in the improper application of an experience rating modification. Regardless of intent, any action that results in the miscalculation or misapplication of an experience rating modification determined in accordance with this Plan is prohibited. These actions include, but are not limited to: • Failure to report changes in ownership according to Endorsement WC 00 04 14 A • A change in ownership • A change in combinability status • Creation of a new entity • Transfer of operations from one entity to another entity that is not combinable according to Rule 3-D • Misrepresentation on audits or failure to cooperate with an audit		

Exhibit 7A.1

Minnesota Forms Manual

WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

WC 00 04 14 A

First Reprint

Effective January 1, 2019

Standard

90-DAY REPORTING REQUIREMENT NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT

You must report any change in ownership to us in writing within 90 days of the date of the change. Change in ownership includes sales, purchases, other transfers, mergers, consolidations, dissolutions, formations of a new entity, and other changes provided for in the applicable experience rating plan. Experience rating is mandatory for all eligible insureds. The experience rating modification factor, if any, applicable to this policy, may change if there is a change in your ownership or in that of one or more of the entities eligible to be combined with you for experience rating purposes. Change in ownership includes sales, purchases, other transfers, mergers, consolidations, dissolutions, formations of a new entity and other changes provided for in the applicable experience rating plan manual.

You must report any change in ownership to us in writing within 90 days of such change. Failure to report such changes within this period any change in ownership, regardless of whether the change is reported within 90 days of such change, may result in revision of the experience rating modification factor used to determine your premium.

This reporting requirement applies regardless of whether an experience rating modification is currently applicable to this policy.

Note:

Use this endorsement on all policies to notify the insured that changes in ownership, as defined in the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual*, must be reported to the insurer within 90 days of the change.

Exhibit 7A.2

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WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

First Reprint Effective January 1, 2019 Standard

90-DAY REPORTING REQUIREMENT-NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT

You must report any change in ownership to us in writing within 90 days of the date of the change. Change in ownership includes sales, purchases, other transfers, mergers, consolidations, dissolutions, formations of a new entity, and other changes provided for in the applicable experience rating plan. Experience rating is mandatory for all eligible insureds. The experience rating modification factor, if any, applicable to this policy, may change if there is a change in your ownership or in that of one or more of the entities eligible to be combined with you for experience rating purposes.

Failure to report any change in ownership, regardless of whether the change is reported within 90 days of such change, may result in revision of the experience rating modification factor used to determine your premium.

This reporting requirement applies regardless of whether an experience rating modification is currently applicable to this policy.

Note:

Use this endorsement on all policies to notify the insured that changes in ownership, as defined in the *Minnesota Experience Rating Plan Manual*, must be reported to the insurer within 90 days of the change.

WC 00 04 14 A

Exhibit 7B

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The following forms and endorsements in this Minnesota Forms Manual have been approved by the Minnesota Commerce Department and are available for use in Minnesota.

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Re: ITEM E-1405—REVISIONS TO EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL RULES AND THE

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT

Dear Brandon,

We are filing the above captioned item filing in a number of NCCI jurisdictions. The attached filing memorandum describes the proposed changes.

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Sincerely,

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State Relations Executive

c: Kathleen Peterson, MWCIA Michelle Smith, NCCI

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ITEM E-1405—REVISIONS TO EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL RULES AND THE NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT

PURPOSE

This item revises NCCI's Experience Rating Plan Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Experience Rating Plan Manual) rules to:

- · Address the electronic reporting of separate experience rating data
- Update the experience rating modification recalculation rules related to changes in ownership and/or combinability status

This item also revises the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14) in NCCI's *Forms Manual of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Forms Manual)*. In response to this change, references to this endorsement in NCCI's *Experience Rating Plan Manual* must be revised to reflect the new endorsement title.

BACKGROUND

Separate Data Reporting

When Unit Statistical data is reported for a policy that covers multiple entities, separate payroll and loss data for an individual entity may be needed for experience rating purposes. The Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting method was established to provide an electronic solution to the current hard copy data submission process. The new electronic reporting method is used to report individual payroll and loss data needed for experience rating purposes for ownership and/or combinability status changes and for clients that terminate their agreements with a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) and were covered under the PEO master policy. This new reporting method requires that data is reported in accordance with the **Statistical Plan for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** and is an alternative to the hard copy submission of the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form (NC2745 Form), along with state-specific forms under various titles (FL1372 Form, NV-361 Form, and VA1271 Form).

In July 2016, NCCI's *Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide* was made available on **ncci.com**. This guide contains the conditions, requirements, and examples for reporting separate experience rating data electronically or on hard copy. It also includes the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form, along with the state-specific forms that are used for submitting payroll and loss data for individual entities.

Because separate experience rating data can now be reported electronically, *Experience Rating Plan Manual* rules need to be revised to:

- Remove language stating that the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form is the only acceptable format for reporting separate experience rating data
- Remove language stating that data must be resubmitted prior to each renewal rating effective date
- Add references to the Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide

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In addition, the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form and the state-specific forms will be removed from the *Experience Rating Plan Manual* because they are now in the *Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide*.

Ownership Changes

Experience Rating Plan Manual Rule 3-E-3 provides for the recalculation and application of experience rating modifications when a change in ownership and/or combinability status has occurred. Currently, recalculation and application of experience rating modifications are based on whether the change in ownership and/or combinability status is reported within 90 days of the change or more than 90 days after the change:

- If the change is reported *within 90 days of* the date of the change, then the recalculation and application of the revised experience rating modification(s) will be as of the date of the change
- If the change is reported *more than 90 days after* the date of the change, then the recalculation and application of the revised experience rating modification(s) will be as of *the next rating effective date* following the earliest notice of the change

Knowing that a revised experience rating modification would be applied as of *the next rating effective date* could result in delayed reporting of ownership and/or combinability status changes by those wanting to avoid a change to a current experience rating modification. This could happen, for example, if a purchaser knowingly bought a business with poor experience.

NCCI conducted a review of the current recalculation and application of experience rating modification rules and determined that it is fair and reasonable for the impact of an ownership and/or combinability status change to be reflected in the purchaser's and seller's experience rating modifications as quickly as possible. This ensures that the correct premium for the exposure is charged regardless of whether the experience rating modification increases or decreases as a result of the change.

As a result of the review, several rules related to the recalculation and application of experience rating modifications due to an ownership and/or combinability status change must be revised to:

- Use the date of the change to determine the recalculation of the revised experience rating modifications
- Specify that recalculation of the revised experience rating modifications may impact the current and two
 preceding experience rating modifications; the current experience rating modification is the experience
 rating modification in effect on the date that the notification of the change is received by the rating
 organization
- Apply the revised experience rating modification (whether an increase or a decrease) retroactively to the date of the change

PROPOSAL

This item proposes the following national and state-specific changes to NCCI's **Experience Rating Plan Manual**:

1. Separate Data Reporting

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- Rule 3-E-1—Add a reference to NCCl's Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide
- Rule 5-A—Remove language stating that the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form is the only acceptable format for reporting separate experience rating data and add a reference to NCCI's Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide
- Appendix—Remove the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Former Clients of Labor Contractors form (NC2745 Form)

2. Ownership Changes

- Rule 3-A—Update the title of the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement and add language stating that the reporting requirement applies regardless of whether an experience rating modification is currently applied
- Rule 3-E-3-a—Revise the recalculation and application requirements related to changes in ownership and/or combinability status
- Rule 4-E—Add a note clarifying that decreases in experience rating modifications due to a change in ownership and/or combinability status are applied retroactively to the date of the change

Maine-specific: Add language for the application of an experience rating modification when a change occurs more than 90 days after the policy effective date.

Tennessee-specific: Revise the language provided for application of an experience rating modification when an increase occurs after the policy effective date.

- 3. This item proposes that the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement in NCCI's *Forms Manual* be revised to add:
 - The 90-day reporting requirement language to the title
 - Language stating that the reporting requirement applies regardless of whether the policyholder is currently experience rated
- 4. This item includes state-specific updates to correlate with the national changes
- 5. This item also includes various formatting and grammatical changes

IMPACT

Separate Data Reporting

There will be no statewide premium impact as a result of the changes related to reporting of experience rating data proposed in this item.

Ownership Changes

It is possible that some risks may experience a change in premium as a result of the revisions proposed to in this item. It is proposed that the date of the ownership and/or combinability status change determines when the revised experience rating modification is applied; therefore, a change reported more than 90 days after the date of the change would be applied to the appropriate rating effective date(s) instead of applied at the next rating effective date. The revised experience rating modification applied to the appropriate policy(ies)

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could be an increase, a decrease, or no change. As long as changes are reported in a timely manner, the proposed revisions should have only limited premium impact.

As a result of the revisions proposed in this item that relate to ownership and/or combinability status changes, the premium impact to individual risks will vary based on (a) whether the change to the risk's experience rating modification is an increase or a decrease and (b) the date of the ownership and/or combinability status change.

EXHIBIT COMMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

In all states except Hawaii:

- All exhibits except for Exhibit 5—To become effective for new and renewal policies effective on and after 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2019
- Exhibit 5—To become effective for ownership and/or combinability status information received by the rating organization on and after January 1, 2019

In Hawaii, the effective date is determined upon regulatory approval of the individual carrier's election to adopt this change.

Exhibit	Exhibit Comments		
National Exhibits			
1-Rule Separate Data Reporting	 Details the revisions to Rule 3-E-1 in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to Rule 3-E-1 do not apply in ME Refer to state exhibits for ME and OR 		
2-Rule Separate Data Reporting	 Details the revisions to Rule 5-A-2-b in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to Rule 5-A-2-b do not apply in AZ, CT, FL, HI, IL, KS, MA, ME, MO, MT, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, TX, UT, VA, and WV The revisions to Rule 5-A-2-b(1) do not apply in GA and KY The revisions to PEO Table 2 in Rule 5-A-2-b(1) do not apply in IN Refer to state exhibits for FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, NE, NM, NV, VA, and WV 		
3-Rule Separate Data Reporting	 Details the revisions to the Appendix in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to the Appendix do not apply in CT, FL, HI, KS, MA, ME, MO, NV, OK, TX, and VA Refer to state exhibits for FL, NV, and VA 		

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Exhibit	Exhibit Comments		
4-Rule Ownership Changes	 Details the revisions to Rule 3-A in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to Rule 3-A do not apply in NC Refer to state exhibit for NC 		
5-Rule Ownership Changes	 Details the revisions to Rule 3-E-3-a in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to Rule 3-E-3-a do not apply in OR 		
6-Rule Ownership Changes	 Details the revisions to Rule 4-E in NCCI's <i>Experience Rating Plan Manual</i> The revisions to Rule 4-E do not apply in AK, FL, IL, KS, ME, MO, NE, OR, TN, and TX Refer to state exhibits for AK, FL, IL, KS, ME, MO, NE, OR, TN, and TX 		
7-Form Ownership Changes	 Details the revisions to the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WC 00 04 14) in NCCl's <i>Forms Manual</i> The revisions to the Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement do not apply in IN, MA, and NC 		
State Exhibits in NCCI's Experience Rating Plan Manual			
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Alaska's exception to Rule 4-E.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting 9-Rule Separate Data Reporting 10-Rule Ownership Changes Details the revisions to Florida's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b. Details the revisions to Florida's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b. Details the revisions to Florida's exception to Rule 4-E.			
		8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Georgia's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1).
		8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Illinois's exceptions to Rules 5-A-2-b(1) and 5-A-2-c.
9-Rule Details the revisions to Illinois's exception to Rule 4-E. Ownership Changes			

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Exhibit	Exhibit Comments		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Indiana's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1)—PEO Table 2.		
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Kansas's exception to Rule 4-E.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Kentucky's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1).		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Maine's exception to Rule 3-E-1.		
9-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Maine's exception to Rule 4-E.		
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Missouri's exception to Rule 4-E—Changes in Experience Rating Modifications Table.		
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to North Carolina's exception to Rule 3-A.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Nebraska's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1).		
9-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Nebraska's exception to Rule 4-E.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to New Mexico's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1).		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Nevada's exceptions to Rules 5-A-2-b(1) and 5-A-2-c.		
9-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the elimination of Nevada's Appendix and NV-361 Form.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Oregon's exception to Rule 3-E-1.		

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Exhibit	Exhibit Comments		
9-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Oregon's exception to Rule 4-E—Changes in Experience Rating Modification Table.		
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Tennessee's exception to Rule 4-E.		
8-Rule Ownership Changes	Details the revisions to Texas's exception to Rule 4-E—Changes in Experience Rating Modification Table.		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to Virginia's exceptions to Rule 5-A (includes the elimination of VA1271 Form).		
8-Rule Separate Data Reporting	Details the revisions to West Virginia's exception to Rule 5-A-2-b(1).		

Some states require that form and rule filings be filed separately. For filing purposes in those states, this memorandum is being provided for both the rule and form exhibits. The rule exhibits are filed with the regulatory authority as Item E-1405-R. The form exhibit is filed with the regulatory authority as Item E-1405-F.

EXHIBIT 1-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES AND COMBINATION OF ENTITIES E. TREATMENT OF EXPERIENCE

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV)

1. Transfer of Experience

Changes in ownership <u>and/or combination combinability</u> status may or may not result in revisions of experience rating modifications. The rating organization may issue, retract, and/or revise the current and up to two preceding <u>experience rating</u> modifications due to ownership <u>and/or combination combinability</u> status changes. <u>For purposes of this rule, the current experience rating modification is the experience rating modification in effect on the date that the notification of the change is received by the rating <u>organization</u>.</u>

The rating organization will request separate data from the carrier when appropriate. In certain cases, documentation may be needed to validate the accuracy of the submitted data. <u>Refer to NCCI's</u> **Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide** for the data reporting requirements.

The experience for any entity undergoing a change in ownership will be retained or transferred to the experience ratings modification(s) of the acquiring, surviving, or new entity unless specifically excluded by this Plan.

Transfer of Experience Table 1

If the single or multiple entity risk disposes of		
all of its operations, and the purchaser	Then	
	The experience will be retained in the future experience ratings modification(s) of the purchaser, subject to Rule 2-A.	
 Has prior experience, for which an experience rating modification has already been issued, or 	The experience will be retained in the future experience ratings modification(s) of the purchaser and combined	
Has prior experience, but did not qualify for experience rating	with the other experience of the purchaser, subject to Rule 2-A.	

Transfer of Experience Table 2

Π	f the single or multiple entity				
L	isk	And the purchaser		Then	
ľ	Disposes of part of its operations, and	Does not have any experience	•	The appropriate experience will be retained in the future experience	
ľ	Otherwise continues to operate its business, and			ratings modification(s) of the purchaser, subject to Rule 2-A.	
ľ	Its statistical data has been combined on a single policy, and		•	The same experience will be excluded from the future experience ratings modification(s)	
ľ	The insurance provider can furnish the rating organization with the			of the seller.	
	appropriate experience to provide for transfer of the data to the purchaser		•	If the separated experience results in the seller, purchaser, or both, not qualifying for experience rating, a unity factor (1.00) will apply to the non qualifying nonqualifying risk(s) until qualifying experience is developed.	

EXHIBIT 1-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING (CONT'D) EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES AND COMBINATION OF ENTITIES E. TREATMENT OF EXPERIENCE

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Transfer of Experience Table 2 (Cont'd)

If the single or multiple entity	And the nurchaser	Thon
risk	Has experience but does not qualify for experience rating, or Is an experience rated risk	 Then The appropriate experience will be retained in the future experience ratings modification(s) of the purchaser, and combined with the other experience of the purchaser, subject to Rule 2-A. The same experience will be excluded from the future experience ratings modification(s) of the seller. If the separated experience results in the seller, purchaser, or both,
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 business, and Its statistical data has been combined on a single policy, and 		All experience developed prior to the sale remains in future experience ratings modification(s) of the seller.
The insurance provider cannot furnish the rating organization with the appropriate experience to provide for transfer of the data to the purchaser.	Is an experience rated risk	The purchaser's experience rating modification will continue to apply. Any experience developed by the purchased entity(ies) after the sale will be used included in the future experience ratings modification(s) of the purchaser.
		All experience developed by the purchased entity(ies) prior to the sale remains in the future experience ratings modification(s) of the seller.

EXHIBIT 2-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION RULE 5—SPECIAL RATING CONDITIONS

A. EMPLOYEE LEASING/PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS
2. Calculation and Application of Experience Rating Modification

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, CO, DC, GA, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, NH, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT)

b. Upon Termination of a Client's Employee Leasing Arrangement

When a client terminates an employee leasing arrangement, experience rating modifications are impacted. PEO Table 2 provides the The experience rating rules for both master policy and multiple coordinated policy (MCP) scenarios are provided below. Refer to the **User's Guide** for examples.

(1) Master Policy

When a client leaves an employee leasing arrangement covered under a master policy, the PEO's insurance provider reports the client's data developed during the employee leasing arrangement to the rating organization to calculate an experience rating modification for the former client, subject to Rule 2-A. The NG2745 Form—Experience Rating Data for Former Clients of Labor Contractors is the only acceptable format for reporting this data. The data must be resubmitted prior to each renewal rating effective date. Refer to NCCI's Experience Rating (ER) Split Data Reporting Guide for the data reporting requirements.

PEO Table 2 provides the experience rating rules for the client and PEO when a client leaves an employee leasing arrangement covered under a master policy basis. Refer to the **User's Guide** for examples.

PEO Table 2

The arrangement was covered under a master policy and	Client	PEO
The insurance provider can furnish the rating organization with the appropriate experience to provide for transfer of the client's data	1. The rating organization will calculate the client's experience rating modification using the data reported for the client en the NG2745 Form. This experience rating modification will include experience for the client's covered and non-covered (if any) employees during the experience period. Note: The PEO's experience rating modification applies to the client's new policy until the rating organization calculates the client's own experience rating modification. 2. The client's new experience rating modification will apply to the client's policy retroactive to the inception of the policy.	The rating organization will revise the PEO's experience rating modification to remove the data reported for the former client's data as reported on the NG2745 Form.

EXHIBIT 2-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING (CONT'D) EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION RULE 5—SPECIAL RATING CONDITIONS

A. EMPLOYEE LEASING/PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS

2. Calculation and Application of Experience Rating Modification

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PEO Table 2 (Cont'd)

The arrangement was covered under a master policy and	Client	PEO
	3. If the client isn't eligible for experience rating based on the client's experience for covered and non-covered noncovered employees during the experience period, a unity (1.00) factor will apply to the client's policy until the client is eligible for an experience rating modification.	
The insurance provider cannot furnish the rating organization with the appropriate experience to provide for transfer of the client's data	1. Then an experience rating modification is calculated for the client using experience developed: • Prior to the employee leasing arrangement • From policies covering noncovered employees 2. If an experience rating modification cannot be developed, the PEO's experience rating modification applies to the client's policy until the client is eligible for its own experience rating modification. However, the PEO's experience rating modification cannot apply for more than three years. 3. After three years, a unity (1.00) factor will apply to a client not eligible for experience rating.	The client's experience remains in the PEO's experience rating modification.

(2) Multiple Coordinated Policy (MCP)

No special treatment is necessary to develop an experience rating modification for the client when it leaves an employee leasing arrangement covered on a multiple coordinated policy basis. This is because the data is submitted routinely for each client according to the *Statistical Plan*, and experience rating modifications are calculated and applied as detailed in Rule 5-A-2-a.

EXHIBIT 3-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION APPENDIX

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, DC, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NM, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, WV)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING EXPERIENCE RATING DATA

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EXHIBIT 3-RULE—SEPARATE DATA REPORTING (CONT'D) EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION APPENDIX

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EXHIBIT 4-RULE—OWNERSHIP CHANGES
EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION
RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES AND COMBINATION OF ENTITIES
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A. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

The <u>90-Day Reporting Requirement—Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement (WG 00 04 14)</u> provides that changes in ownership and/or combinability status must be reported by the employer to its carrier(s) within 90 days of the date of the change. This may be accomplished by submitting:

- A completed Confidential Request for Information Form (see the ERM-14 Form in Appendix), or
- The information in narrative form on the letterhead of the insured employer, signed by an officer of the insured entity

Failure to report changes in ownership to the carrier according to the 90-Day Reporting Requirement—Notification of Change in Ownership Endorsement WG 90 94 14 may be considered experience rating modification evasion. *Refer to Rule 3-F.*

This reporting requirement applies regardless of whether an experience rating modification is currently applicable.

EXHIBIT 5-RULE—OWNERSHIP CHANGES EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION RULE 3—OWNERSHIP CHANGES AND COMBINATION OF ENTITIES E. TREATMENT OF EXPERIENCE

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3. Recalculation and Application of Experience Rating Modifications

a. If a change in ownership and/or combinability status occurs, recalculation of experience rating modifications may be required, as described in the table below. Changes in ownership and/or combinability status may also result in a change in rating effective date, as determined by the rating organization. Refer to Rule 2-B for information on rating effective date.

If the first written reporting of the change by either the acquiring entity or acquired entity to their carrier or the rating organization occurs	Then the recalculation and application of the revised experience rating modification(s) will be as of the		
Within 90 days of the date of the change	Date of the change		
More than 90 days after the date of the change	Next-rating effective date following the earliest notice of the change received by a carrier or the rating organization		

If the rating organization	<u>Then</u>
Determines that a change in ownership and/or combinability status requires recalculation of experience rating modification(s)	The rating organization will revise the current and up to two preceding experience rating modification(s). For purposes of this rule, the current experience rating modification is the experience rating modification in effect on the date that the notification of the change is received by the rating organization.
Revises the current and up to two preceding experience rating modification(s) because of a change in ownership and/or combinability status	The revised experience rating modification(s) (increase or decrease) is applied retroactively to the date of the change in ownership and/or combinability status.

Refer to the User's Guide for examples.

b. Recalculation and application of experience rating modifications in conjunction with this rule is subject to Rules 3-F and 4-E.

EXHIBIT 6-RULE—OWNERSHIP CHANGES
EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION
RULE 4—APPLICATION AND REVISION OF EXPERIENCE RATING MODIFICATIONS
(Applies in: AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, MS, MT, NC, NH, NM, NV, OK, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT, WV)

E. CHANGES IN EXPERIENCE RATING MODIFICATIONS

Experience rating modifications may change for reasons detailed in this Plan. These changes can occur at various points in time. The following table provides the rules regarding the application of an experience rating modification when a change occurs.

Changes in Experience Rating Modifications Table

If the change results in	And the change occurs	Then the change is applied
A decrease in the experience rating	At any time during the policy	Retroactively to the inception of
modification for any reason other than a correction in classification according to Rule 4-B-3	 period, or After expiration of the policy but within revision period according to Rule 4-B 	the policy, or • As of the rating effective date, if later than the policy effective date Note: Decreases in experience rating modifications due to a
		change in ownership and/or combinability status are applied retroactively to the date of the change, according to Rule 3-E-3.
An <i>increase</i> in the experience rating modification due to:	Within 90 days after the policy effective date	Retroactively to the inception of the policy, or
Revision of payroll		As of the rating effective date, if later than the policy effective date
Revision of losses	More Than 90 days after the policy	Pro rata from the date the carrier
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Change in status of contingent modification		
Any additional reasons other than exclusions listed below		
Exclusions: An <i>increase</i> in the experience rating modification due to:	 At any time during the policy period, or After expiration of policy 	Retroactively to the inception of the policy, orAs of the rating effective date, if
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Retroactive reclassification of a risk		Note: Increases in experience rating modifications due to a change in ownership and/or
The termination of a client's employee leasing arrangement under a master policy approach		combinability status are applied retroactively to the date of the change, according
Late issuance of an experience rating modification due to a risk that has failed to cooperate with audits or other actions attributable to the risk or representatives of the risk, including but not limited to modification avoidance		to Rule 3-E-3.

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EXHIBIT 6-RULE—OWNERSHIP CHANGES (CONT'D)
EXPERIENCE RATING PLAN MANUAL—2003 EDITION
RULE 4—APPLICATION AND REVISION OF EXPERIENCE RATING MODIFICATIONS
(Applies in: AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, GA, HI, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, MS, MT, NC, NH, NM, NV, OK, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT, WV)
Changes in Experience Rating Modifications Table (Cont'd)

If the change results in	And the change occurs	Then the change is applied
 Appeals Board or other appropriate administrative process or judicial decision 		

EXHIBIT 7-FORM—OWNERSHIP CHANGES

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT (WC 00 04 14)

(Applies in: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NM, NV, OK, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WV)

90-DAY REPORTING REQUIREMENT—NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP ENDORSEMENT (WC 00 04 14 A)

You must report any change in ownership to us in writing within 90 days of the date of the change. Change in ownership includes sales, purchases, other transfers, mergers, consolidations, dissolutions, formations of a new entity, and other changes provided for in the applicable experience rating plan. Experience rating is mandatory for all eligible insureds. The experience rating modification factor, if any, applicable to this policy, may change if there is a change in your ownership or in that of one or more of the entities eligible to be combined with you for experience rating purposes. Change in ownership includes sales, purchases, other transfers, mergers, consolidations, dissolutions, formations of a new entity and other changes provided for in the applicable experience rating plan manual.

You must report any change in ownership to us in writing within 90 days of such change. Failure to report such changes within this period any change in ownership, regardless of whether the change is reported within 90 days of such change, may result in revision of the experience rating modification factor used to determine your premium.

This reporting requirement applies regardless of whether an experience rating modification is currently applicable to this policy.