

February 1, 2013

Steven Ostlund Chair, Health Actuarial Task Force National Association of Insurance Commissioners 2301 McGee Street, Suite 800 Kansas City, MO 64108-2662

Re: Update on Academy Cancer Claims Cost Tables Project

Dear Mr. Ostlund,

The American Academy of Actuaries'¹ Cancer Claims Cost Tables Work Group continues to work on the development of new tables for incidence and hospitalization benefits within cancer policies. The work group developed a data call with Milliman, specifying the data elements and formats needed for smooth aggregation of the data. As part of this process, Milliman collected data from a dozen of the largest writers of cancer insurance.

As part of the audit process, however, Milliman has identified a number of data issues within the submissions. Milliman has reviewed each company submission and will be following up with a list of items for each company to address. The goal is to get updated information from each company by mid-June. Given this unexpected delay, we will not have data to present to the Health Actuarial Task Force at the spring meeting in April. I will continue to update HATF as the project progresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mahony, the Academy's state health policy analyst (<u>Mahony@actuary.org</u> or 202-223-8196).

Sincerely,

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