1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
3	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
4	HOUSE BILL NO. 1060 By: McEntire
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7	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
8	An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Sections 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028,
9 10	2030, 2032, 2036, 2038 and 2043, which relate to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
10	Association Act; providing for broader applicability; defining terms; providing coverages and liabilities;
11	modifying board of directors membership; providing procedural rules and amendments; modifying for impaired or incoluent incurers; providing for
13	<pre>impaired or insolvent insurers; providing for assessments of member insurers; modifying powers and duties of the Insurance Commissioner; modifying</pre>
14	applicability of procedures for detection and prevention of insolvencies; modifying assets of
15	impaired or insolvent insurers; modifying ownership rights; providing for the recovery of distributions;
16	modifying prohibitions on advertising; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6913, as amended by Section 19,
17	Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2014 (36 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6913), which relates to deposit with Insurance
18	Commissioner; modifying deposit use; repealing 36 O.S. 2011, Sections 6914, 6921 and 6932, which relate
19	to health maintenance organization insolvency; and providing an effective date.
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
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1SECTION 1.AMENDATORY36 O.S. 2011, Section 2022, is2amended to read as follows:

3 Section 2022. A. The purpose of this act the Oklahoma Life and 4 Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act is to protect, subject to 5 certain limitations, the persons specified in subsection A of Section 2025 of the Insurance Code this title, against failure in 6 the performance of contractual obligations, under life and, health 7 insurance policies, and annuity policies, plans or contracts 8 9 specified in subsection B of Section 2025 of the Insurance Code this 10 title, because of the impairment or insolvency of the member insurer 11 that issued the policies, plans or contracts.

B. To provide this protection, an association of <u>member</u> insurers has been created and exists to pay benefits and to continue coverages as limited in this act, and members of the Association are subject to assessment to provide funds to carry out the purposes of this act.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2023, is
18 amended to read as follows:

Section 2023. A. There is created a nonprofit legal entity to be known as the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. All member insurers shall be and remain members of the Association as a condition of their authority to transact insurance <u>as a health maintenance organization</u> business in this state.

1 The Association shall perform its functions under a plan of в. 2 operation established and approved in accordance with this act and 3 shall exercise its powers through the Board of Directors established in this act. For purposes of administration and assessment, the 4 5 Association shall maintain three (3) accounts: 1. The health insurance account; 6 7 2. The life insurance account; and 3. The annuity account. 8 9 С. The Association shall come under the immediate supervision 10 of the Insurance Commissioner and shall be subject to the applicable 11 provisions of the insurance laws of this state. 12 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2024, is SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 13 amended to read as follows: 14 Section 2024. As used in Sections 2021 through 2043 of this 15 title the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association 16 Act: 17 1. "Account" means either one of the two three accounts created 18 under Section 2023 of this title; 19 2. "Association" means the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance 20 Guaranty Association created in Section 2023 of this title; 21 3. "Commissioner" means the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner; 22 4. "Contractual obligation" means an obligation under a policy 23 or contract or certificate under a group policy or contract, or 24

1 portion thereof for which coverage is provided under Section 2025 of 2 this title;

5. "Covered <u>contract" or "covered</u> policy" means a policy or contract or portion of a policy or contract for which coverage is provided under Section 2025 of this title;

6 6. "Extra-contractual claims" includes, but is not limited to,
7 claims relating to bad faith in the payment of claims, punitive or
8 exemplary damages or attorneys fees and costs;

9 7. <u>"Health benefit plan" means any hospital or medical expense</u>
 10 policy or certificate or health maintenance organization subscriber
 11 <u>contract or any other similar health contract.</u> "Health benefit
 12 plan" does not include:

- 13 a. accident only insurance,
- 14 b. credit insurance,
- 15 c. dental only insurance,
- 16 <u>d.</u> vision only insurance,
- 17 <u>e.</u> <u>Medicare supplement insurance</u>,
- 18 <u>f.</u> benefits for long-term care, home health care,
   19 community-based care, or any combination thereof,
- 20 g. disability income insurance,
- 21 <u>h.</u> coverage for on-site medical clinics, or
- 22 <u>i.</u> specified disease, hospital confinement indemnity or
   23 limited health insurance if the types of coverage do

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## not provide coordination of benefits and are provided under separate policies or certificates;

3 <u>8.</u> "Impaired insurer" means a member insurer which, after the 4 effective date of this act, is not an insolvent insurer and is 5 placed under an order of rehabilitation or conservation by a court 6 of competent jurisdiction;

7 8. 9. "Insolvent insurer" means a member insurer which, after 8 the effective date of this act, is placed under an order of 9 liquidation by a court of competent jurisdiction with a finding of 10 insolvency;

11 9. 10. "Member insurer" means any nonprofit hospital service 12 and medical indemnity corporation and any insurer or health 13 maintenance organization licensed or that holds a certificate of 14 authority to transact in this state any kind of insurance or health 15 maintenance organization business for which coverage is provided 16 under Section 2025 of this title, and includes any insurer or health 17 maintenance organization whose license or certificate of authority 18 in this state may have been suspended, revoked, not renewed or 19 voluntarily withdrawn, but does not include: 20 a health maintenance organization, <del>a.</del> 21 a fraternal benefit society, <del>b.</del> a. 22 c. b. a mandatory state-pooling plan,

23 d. c. a mutual assessment company or other person that
 24 operates on an assessment basis,

1 e. d. an insurance exchange,

an organization that has a certificate or license 2 <del>f.</del>e. 3 limited to the issuance of charitable gift annuities 4 under Sections 4071 through 4082 of this title, or 5 <del>q.</del> f. any entity similar to any of the above; "Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average" means the 6 <del>10.</del> 11. 7 Monthly Average Corporates as published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor thereto; 8

9 11. 12. "Owner", "policyholder", "policy owner" or "contract 10 owner" means the person who is identified as the legal owner of a policy or contract under the terms of the policy or contract or who 11 12 is otherwise vested with legal title to the policy or contract 13 through a valid assignment completed in accordance with the terms of 14 the policy or contract and properly recorded as the owner on the 15 books of the member insurer. Owner, policyholder, policy owner or 16 contract owner does not include persons with a mere beneficial 17 interest in a policy or contract;

18 <u>12. 13.</u> "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited 19 liability company, partnership, association, governmental body or 20 entity, or voluntary organization;

21 <u>13. 14.</u> "Premiums" means amounts or considerations by whatever 22 name called, received on covered policies or contracts less returned 23 premiums, considerations and deposits and less dividends and 24 experience credits. "Premiums" does not include amounts or 1 considerations received for policies or contracts or for the 2 portions of any policies or contracts for which coverage is not provided under subsection B of Section 2025 of this title except 3 4 that assessable premium shall not be reduced on account of 5 subparagraph (c) c of paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 2025 of this title relating to interest limitations and paragraph 2 of 6 7 subsection C of Section 2025 of this title relating to limitations with respect to one individual, one participant and one policy or 8 9 contract owner. Premiums does not include:

10 premiums on an unallocated annuity contract, or a. premiums in excess of Five Million Dollars 11 b. 12 (\$5,000,000.00) on multiple non-group policies of life 13 insurance owned by one owner, whether the policy or 14 contract owner is an individual, firm, corporation, or 15 other person, and whether the persons insured are 16 officers, managers, employees or other persons, 17 regardless of the number of policies or contracts held 18 by the owner;

19 14. <u>15.</u> "Principal place of business" of a person other than a 20 natural person means the single state in which the natural persons 21 who establish policy for the direction, control and coordination of 22 the operations of the entity as a whole primarily exercise that 23 function, determined by the Association in its reasonable judgment 24 by considering the following factors:

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the state in which the primary executive and 1 a. 2 administrative headquarters of the entity are located, the state in which the principal office of the chief 3 b. 4 executive officer of the entity is located, 5 с. the state in which the board of directors or similar governing person or persons of the entity conducts the 6 7 majority of its meetings, d. the state in which the executive or management 8 9 committee of the board of directors or similar 10 governing person or persons of the entity conducts the 11 majority of its meetings, 12 the state from which the management of the overall e. 13 operations of the entity is directed, and 14 f. in the case of a benefit plan sponsored by affiliated 15 companies comprising a consolidated corporation, the 16 state in which the holding company or controlling 17 affiliate has its principal place of business as 18 determined using the factors listed in subparagraphs a 19 through e of this paragraph; 20 15. 16. "Receivership court" means the court in the insolvent 21 or impaired state of the insurer having jurisdiction over the

23 <u>16. 17.</u> "Resident" means a person to whom a contractual 24 obligation is owed and who resides in this state on the date of

conservation, rehabilitation or liquidation of the member insurer;

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1 entry of a court order that determines a member insurer to be an 2 impaired insurer or a court order that determines a member insurer 3 to be an insolvent insurer. A person may be a resident of only one state, which in the case of a person other than a natural person 4 5 shall be its principal place of business. Citizens of the United States that are either residents of foreign countries or residents 6 of the United States possessions, territories or protectorates that 7 do not have an association similar to the Association created by the 8 9 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, shall be deemed residents of the state of domicile of the insurer that 10 issued the policy or contract; 11

12 <u>17.</u> <u>18.</u> "State" means a state of the United States, the 13 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or a United States possession, 14 territory or protectorate;

15 <u>18. 19.</u> "Structured settlement annuity" means an annuity 16 purchased in order to fund periodic payments for a plaintiff or 17 other claimant in payment for or with respect to personal injury 18 suffered by a plaintiff or other claimant;

19 <u>19.</u> <u>20.</u> "Supplemental contract" means a written agreement 20 entered into for the distribution of proceeds under a life, health 21 or annuity policy or contract; and

22 <u>20. 21.</u> "Unallocated annuity contract" means an annuity 23 contract or group annuity certificate which is not issued to and 24 owned by an individual, except to the extent of any annuity benefits

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1 guaranteed to an individual by an insurer under the contract or 2 certificate.

3 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2025, is 4 amended to read as follows:

Section 2025. A. For the policies and contracts specified in
subsection B of this section, the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
Guaranty Association Act shall provide coverage:

- 1. To persons, who regardless of where they reside, 8 a. 9 except for nonresident certificate holders under group 10 policies or contracts, are the beneficiaries, 11 assignees or payees, including health care providers 12 rendering services covered under health insurance 13 policies or certificates, of the persons covered under 14 subparagraph b of this paragraph,
- 15b. To persons who are owners of or certificate holders or16enrollees under the policies or contracts, other than17structured settlement annuities, and in each case who:
  - (1) are residents, or
- 19 (2) are not residents, but only under all of the20 following conditions:
  - (a) the <u>member</u> insurer that issued the policies or contracts are domiciled in this state,
  - (b) the states in which the persons reside have associations similar to the Oklahoma Life

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1 and Health Insurance Guaranty Association 2 created by this act, and the persons are not 3 eligible for coverage by an association in 4 any other state due to the fact that the 5 insurer or health maintenance organization 6 was not licensed in the state at the time 7 specified in the guaranty association law of the state; 8

9 2. Subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection
10 shall not apply to structured settlement annuities specified in
11 subsection B of this section and in the Oklahoma Life and Health
12 Insurance Guaranty Association Act shall, except as provided in
13 paragraphs 3 and 4 of this subsection, provide coverage to a person
14 who is a payee under a structured settlement annuity or a
15 beneficiary of a payee if the payee is deceased, if the payee:

- a. is a resident, regardless of where the contract owner
   resides, or
- b. is not a resident, but only under both of thefollowing conditions:

20 (1) (a) the contract owner of the structured 21 settlement annuity is a resident, or 22 (b) the contract owner of the structured 23 settlement annuity is not a resident but:

1	i. the insurer that issued the structured
2	settlement annuity is domiciled in this
3	state, and
4	ii. the state in which the contract owner
5	resides has an association similar to
6	the association created by the Oklahoma
7	Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
8	Association Act, and
9	(2) neither the payee nor beneficiary nor the
10	contract owner is eligible for coverage by the
11	association of the state in which the payee or
12	contract owner resides;
13	3. The Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
14	Act shall not provide coverage to a person who is a payee or
15	beneficiary of a contract owner resident of this state, if the payee
16	or beneficiary is afforded coverage by the association of another
17	state; and
18	4. The Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
19	Act is intended to provide coverage to a person who is a resident of
20	this state and in special circumstances, to a nonresident. In order
21	to avoid duplicate coverage, if a person who would otherwise receive
22	coverage under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
23	Association Act is provided coverage under the laws of any other

24 state, the person shall not be provided coverage under the Oklahoma

Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. In determining the application of the provisions of this paragraph to situations where a person could be covered by the association of more than one state, whether as an owner, payee, <u>enrollee</u>, beneficiary or assignee, the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Association Act shall be construed in conjunction with the laws of other states to result in coverage by only one association.

в. 1. The Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 8 9 Association Act shall provide coverage to the persons specified in 10 subsection A of this section for policies or contracts of direct, 11 non-group life insurance, health, annuity insurance, which for the 12 purposes of this act includes health maintenance organization 13 subscriber contracts and certificates, or annuities and supplemental 14 policies or contracts to any of these, and for certificates under 15 direct group policies and contracts, except as limited by the 16 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. 17 Annuity contracts and certificates under group annuity contracts 18 include allocated funding agreements, structured settlement 19 annuities and any immediate or deferred annuity contracts. 20 2. This act Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this 21 subsection, the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 22 Association Act shall not provide coverage for: 23

- a. a portion of a policy or contract not guaranteed by
   the insurer, or under which the risk is borne by the
   policy or contract owner,
- b. a policy or contract of reinsurance, unless assumption
  certificates have been issued pursuant to the
  reinsurance policy or contract,
- c. a portion of a policy or contract to the extent that
  the rate of interest on which it is based, or the
  interest rate, crediting rate or similar factor
  determined by use of an index or other external
  reference stated in the policy or contract employed in
  calculating returns or changes in value:
- averaged over the period of four (4) years prior 13 (1) 14 to the date on which the Association becomes 15 obligated with respect to the policy or contract, 16 exceeds a rate of interest determined by 17 subtracting two (2) percentage points from 18 Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average averaged for 19 that same four-year period or for such lesser 20 period if the policy or contract was issued less 21 than four (4) years before the Association became 22 obligated, and
  - (2) on and after the date on which the Association becomes obligated with respect to the policy or

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1		contract, exceeds the rate of interest determined
2		by subtracting three (3) percentage points from
3		Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average as most
4		recently available,
5	d. a	portion of a policy or contract issued to a plan or
6	pı	cogram of an employer, association or other person to
7	pı	covide life, health or annuity benefits to its
8	en	ployees, members or others, to the extent that the
9	pl	an or program is self-funded or uninsured, including
10	bı	at not limited to benefits payable by an employer,
11	as	ssociation or other person under:
12	(1	.) a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement as
13		defined in 29 U.S.C. Section 1144,
14	(2	2) a minimum premium group insurance plan,
15	(3	3) a stop-loss group insurance plan, or
16	(4	) an administrative services only contract <del>;</del>
17	e. a	portion of a policy or contract to the extent that
18	it	provides for:
19	()	) dividends or experience rating credits,
20	(2	2) voting rights, or
21	(3	) payment of any fees or allowances to any person,
22		including the policy or contract owner, in
23		connection with the service to or administration
24		of the policy or contract,

- 1 f. a policy or contract issued in this state by a member 2 insurer at a time when it was not licensed or did not 3 have a certificate of authority to issue the policy or 4 contract in this state,
- 5 g. a portion of a policy or contract to the extent that 6 the assessments required by Section 2030 of this title 7 with respect to the policy or contract are preempted 8 by federal or state law,
- 9 h. an obligation that does not arise under the express
  10 written terms of the policy or contract issued by the
  11 <u>member</u> insurer to the <u>enrollee</u>, <u>certificate holder or</u>
  12 contract or policy owner, including without
  13 limitation:

(1) claims based on marketing materials,

- 15 (2) claims based on side letters, riders or other
  16 documents that were issued by the <u>member</u> insurer
  17 without meeting applicable policy <u>or contract</u>
  18 form filing or approval requirements,
- 19 (3) misrepresentations of or regarding policy or
   20 contract benefits,
  - (4) extra-contractual claims, or
    - (5) a claim for penalties or consequential or incidental damages,
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i. a contractual agreement that establishes the
obligations of the member insurer to provide a book
value accounting guaranty for defined contribution
benefit plan participants by reference to a portfolio
of assets that is owned by the benefit plan or its
trustee, which in each case is not an affiliate of the
member insurer,

8 j. an unallocated annuity contract,

9 k. a portion of a policy or contract to the extent it 10 provides for interest or other changes in value to be 11 determined by the use of an index or other external 12 reference stated in the policy or contract, but which 13 have not been credited to the policy or contract, or 14 as to which the policy or contract owner's rights are 15 subject to forfeiture, as of the date the member 16 insurer becomes an impaired or insolvent insurer under 17 the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 18 Association Act, whichever is earlier. If a policy's 19 or contract's interest or changes in value are 20 credited less frequently than annually, then for 21 purposes of determining the values that have been 22 credited and are not subject to forfeiture under this 23 subparagraph, the interest or change in value 24 determined by using the procedures defined in the

1 policy or contract will be credited as if the 2 contractual date of crediting interest or changing 3 values was the date of impairment or insolvency, 4 whichever is earlier, and will not be subject to 5 forfeiture, or 1. a policy or contract providing any hospital, medical, 6 7 prescription drug or other health care benefits pursuant to Part C or Part D of Subchapter XVIII, 8 9 Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code, 10 commonly known as Medicare Part C or Part D, or 11 Subchapter XIX, Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United 12 States Code or any regulations issued pursuant 13 thereto. 14 3. The exclusion from coverage in this section shall not apply 15 to any portion of a policy or contract, including a rider that 16 provides long-term care or any other health insurance benefits. 17 C. The benefits that the Association may become obligated to 18 cover shall in no event exceed the lesser of: 19 The contractual obligations for which the member insurer is 1. liable or would have been liable if it were not an impaired or 20 21 insolvent insurer; or 22 with respect to any one life, regardless of the number 2. a. 23 of policies or contracts: 24

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1 (1)Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in 2 life insurance death benefits, but not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in net 3 cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values for 4 5 life insurance, (2) in for health insurance benefits: 6 7 (a) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for coverages not defined as disability 8 9 income insurance or basic hospital, medical 10 and surgical insurance or major medical 11 insurance health benefit plans or long-term 12 care insurance as defined in Section 4424 of 13 this title, including any net cash surrender 14 and net cash withdrawal values, 15 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) (b) 16 for insurance providing income payments to 17 an insured wage earner when income is 18 interrupted or terminated because of 19 illness, sickness or accident, commonly 20 known as disability income insurance and 21 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)

for long-term care insurance as defined in Section 4424 of this title, and

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1	(c) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)
2	for basic hospital, medical and surgical
3	insurance or insurance providing coverage in
4	excess of that provided by a basic hospital,
5	medical and surgical insurance, commonly
6	known as major medical insurance health
7	<u>benefit plans</u> , or
8	(3) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in
9	the present value of annuity benefits, including
10	net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal
11	values, or
12	b. with respect to each payee of a structured settlement
13	annuity or beneficiary or beneficiaries of the payee
14	if the payee is deceased, Three Hundred Thousand
15	Dollars (\$300,000.00) in present value annuity
16	benefits, in the aggregate, including net cash
17	surrender and net cash withdrawal values,
18	c. however, in no event shall the Association be
19	obligated to cover more than:
20	(1) an aggregate of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
21	(\$300,000.00) in benefits with respect to any one
22	life under this subparagraph and subparagraphs a
23	and b of this paragraph except with respect to
24	benefits for basic hospital, medical and surgical

insurance and major medical insurance <u>health</u> <u>benefit plans</u> under division (2) of subparagraph a of this paragraph, in which case the aggregate liability of the Association shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) with respect to any one individual, or

- 7 (2) with respect to one owner of multiple non-group policies of life insurance, whether the policy 8 9 or contract owner is an individual, firm, 10 corporation or other person, and whether the 11 persons insured are officers, managers, 12 employees or other persons, more than Five 13 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in benefits, 14 regardless of the number of policies and 15 contracts held by the owner,
- 16 d. the limitations set forth in this subsection are 17 limitations on benefits for which the Association is 18 obligated before taking into account either its 19 subrogation and assignment rights or the extent to 20 which those benefits could be provided out of the 21 assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer 22 attributable to covered policies. The costs of the 23 obligations of the Association under the Oklahoma Life 24 and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act may be

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1 met by the use of assets attributable to covered 2 policies or reimbursed to the Association pursuant to 3 its subrogation and assignment rights.

4 <u>e.</u> For purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
5 <u>Guaranty Association Act, benefits provided by a long-</u>
6 <u>term care rider to a life insurance policy or annuity</u>
7 <u>contract shall be considered the same type of benefits</u>
8 <u>as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract</u>
9 to which it relates.

10 D. In performing its obligations to provide coverage under Section 2028 of this title, the Association shall not be required to 11 12 guarantee, assume, reinsure, reissue or perform, or cause to be 13 guaranteed, assumed, reinsured, reissued or performed, the 14 contractual obligations of the insolvent or impaired insurer under a 15 covered policy or contract that do not materially affect the 16 economic values or economic benefits of the covered policy or 17 contract.

18 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2026, is 19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2026. A. The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Life 21 and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall consist of not less 22 than five (5) seven (7) nor more than nine (9) eleven (11) member 23 insurers serving terms as established in the procedural rules of the 24 Association. A majority of the Board shall be selected from the

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fifty (50) member insurers which write the largest volume of life and accident and health premiums and annuity considerations for the previous year. The members of the Board shall be selected by member insurers subject to the approval of the Insurance Commissioner. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the remaining period of the term by a majority vote of the remaining Board members, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

B. In calculating total premium for Board qualification
purposes, premiums collected by different members of the same multiinsurer group may be attributable to each member of the group;
provided, no two members of the same group shall serve on the Board
at the same time.

C. In approving selections, the Commissioner shall consider, among other things, whether all member insurers are fairly represented.

D. Members of the Board may be reimbursed according to the
provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act for expenses
incurred by them as members of the Board, but members of the Board
shall not otherwise be compensated by the Association for their
services.

21 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2027, is 22 amended to read as follows:

Section 2027. A. 1. The <u>Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance</u>
 Guaranty Association shall submit to the <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner

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procedural rules and any amendments thereto necessary or suitable to
 assure the fair, reasonable and equitable administration of the
 Association. The procedural rules and any amendments thereto shall
 become effective upon approval in writing by the Commissioner.

5 2. If the Association fails to submit suitable procedural rules within one hundred eighty (180) days following the effective date of 6 7 this act or if at any time thereafter the Association fails to submit suitable amendments to the rules, the Commissioner shall, 8 9 after notice and hearing, adopt and promulgate such reasonable rules 10 as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. 11 Such 12 rules shall continue in force until modified by the Commissioner or 13 superseded by rules submitted by the Association and approved by the 14 Commissioner. All member insurers shall comply with the procedural 15 rules.

B. The procedural rules shall, in addition to requirements
enumerated elsewhere in this act the Oklahoma Life and Health
Insurance Guaranty Association Act:

19 1. Establish procedures for handling the assets of the
 20 Association;

21 2. Establish regular places and times for meeting of the Board 22 of Directors;

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3. Establish procedures for records to be kept of all financial
 transactions of the Association, its agents, and the Board of
 Directors;

4 4. Establish the procedures whereby selections for the Board of
5 Directors will be made and submitted to the Commissioner;

5. Establish any additional procedures for assessments under
7 Section 10 of this act 2030 of this title; and

8 6. Contain additional provisions necessary or proper for the9 execution of the powers and duties of the Association.

10 С. The procedural rules may provide that any or all powers and 11 duties of the Association, except those under paragraph 3 of Section 12 9 and those under Section 10 of this act 2030 of this title, are 13 delegated to a corporation, association or other organization which 14 performs or will perform functions similar to those of this 15 Association, or its equivalent, in two or more states if there is a 16 reciprocal agreement with such states to provide similar services. 17 Such a corporation, association or organization shall be reimbursed 18 for any payments made on behalf of the Association and shall be paid 19 for the performance of any function of the Association. A 20 delegation of powers or duties under this subsection shall take 21 effect only with the approval of both the Board and the 22 Commissioner, and may be made only to a corporation, association or 23 organization which extends protection not substantially less 24 favorable and effective than that provided by this act.

1SECTION 7.AMENDATORY36 O.S. 2011, Section 2028, is2amended to read as follows:

Section 2028. A. If a member insurer is an impaired insurer, the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may, in its discretion, and subject to any conditions imposed by the Association that do not impair the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer and that are approved by the <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner:

9 1. Guarantee, assume, reissue or reinsure, or cause to be
10 guaranteed, assumed, reissued or reinsured, any or all of the
11 policies or contracts of the impaired insurer; or

12 2. Provide monies, pledges, notes, guarantees or other means as 13 are proper to effectuate paragraph 1 of this subsection, and assure 14 payment of the contractual obligations of the impaired insurer 15 pending action under paragraph 1 of this subsection

B. If a member insurer is an insolvent insurer, the Association shall, in its discretion, either:

18	1.	a.	(1)	guarantee, assume <u>, reissue</u> or reinsure, or cause
19				to be guaranteed, assumed, reissued or reinsured,
20				the policies or contracts of the insolvent
21				insurer, or
22			(2)	assure payment of the contractual obligations of
23				the insolvent insurer, and

1	b.	provide monies, pledges, loans, notes, guarantees or
2		other means as are reasonably necessary to discharge
3		the duties of the Association; or
4	2. Provi	de benefits and coverages in accordance with the
5	following pro	ovisions:
6	a.	with respect to life and health insurance policies and
7		annuities policies and contracts, assure payment of
8		benefits for premiums identical to the premiums and
9		benefits, except for terms of conversion and
10		renewability, that would have been payable under the
11		policies or contracts of the insolvent insurer for
12		claims incurred:
13		(1) with respect to group policies and contracts, not
14		later than the earlier of the next renewal date
15		under those policies or contracts or forty-five
16		(45) days, but in no event less than thirty (30)
17		days, after the date on which the Association
18		becomes obligated with respect to the policies
19		and contracts, or
20		(2) with respect to non-group policies, contracts,
21		and annuities not later than the earlier of the
22		next renewal date, if any, under the policies or
23		contracts for one (1) year, but in no event less
24		than thirty (30) days, from the date on which the

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Association becomes obligated with respect to the policies or contracts,

make diligent efforts to provide all known insureds, 3 b. enrollees or annuitants for non-group policies and 4 5 contracts, or group policy or contract owners with respect to group policies and contracts, thirty (30) 6 7 days' notice of the termination of the benefits provided pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph, 8 9 with respect to non-group life and health insurance с. 10 policies and annuities policies and contracts covered 11 by the Association, make available to each known 12 insured, enrollee or annuitant, or owner if other than 13 the insured, enrollee or annuitant, and with respect 14 to an individual formerly an insured, enrollee or 15 formerly an annuitant under a group policy or contract 16 who is not eligible for replacement group coverage, 17 make available substitute coverage on an individual 18 basis in accordance with the provisions of 19 subparagraph d of this paragraph, if the insureds, 20 enrollees or annuitants had a right under law or the 21 terminated policy, contract or annuity to convert 22 coverage to individual coverage or to continue an 23 individual policy, contract or annuity in force until 24 a specified age or for a specified time, during which

the insurer <u>or health maintenance organization</u> had no right unilaterally to make changes in any provision of the policy<u>, contract</u> or annuity or had a right only to make changes in premium by class,

- d. (1) in providing the substitute coverage required under subparagraph c of this paragraph, the Association may offer either to reissue the terminated coverage or to issue an alternative policy <u>or contract at actuarially justified</u> <u>rates, subject to the prior approval of the</u> <u>Insurance Commissioner</u>,
- 12 (2) alternative or reissued policies <u>or contracts</u>
  13 shall be offered without requiring evidence of
  14 insurability, and shall not provide for any
  15 waiting period or exclusion that would not have
  16 applied under the terminated policy <u>or contract</u>,
  17 and
  - (3) the Association may reinsure any alternative or reissued policy <u>or contract</u>,
- e. (1) alternative policies <u>or contracts</u> adopted by the
   Association shall be subject to the approval of
   the <u>domiciliary insurance commissioner and the</u>
   receivership court <u>Insurance Commissioner</u>. The
   Association may adopt alternative policies <u>or</u>

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<u>contracts</u> of various types for future issuance without regard to any particular impairment or insolvency,

- (2) alternative policies <u>or contracts</u> shall contain at least the minimum statutory provisions required in this state and provide benefits that shall not be unreasonable in relation to the premium charged. The Association shall set the premium in accordance with a table of rates that it shall adopt. The premium shall reflect the amount of insurance to be provided and the age and class of risk of each insured, but shall not reflect any changes in the health of the insured after the original policy <u>or contract</u> was last underwritten,
- 16 (3) any alternative policy <u>or contract</u> issued by the
  17 Association shall provide coverage of a type
  18 similar to that of the policy <u>or contract</u> issued
  19 by the impaired or insolvent insurer, as
  20 determined by the Association,
- 21 f. if the Association elects to reissue terminated 22 coverage at a premium rate different from that charged 23 under the terminated policy <u>or contract</u>, the premium 24 shall be actuarially justified and set by the

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Association in accordance with the amount of insurance or coverage provided and the age and class of risk, subject to <u>prior</u> approval of the <del>domiciliary insurance</del> <del>commissioner and the receivership court</del> <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner,

- the obligations of the Association with respect to 6 g. 7 coverage under any policy or contract of the impaired or insolvent insurer or under any reissued or 8 9 alternative policy or contract shall cease on the date 10 the coverage or policy or contract is replaced by 11 another similar policy or contract by the policy or 12 contract owner, the insured, enrollee or the 13 Association,
- h. when proceeding under paragraph 2 of subsection B of
  this section with respect to a policy or contact
  carrying guaranteed minimum interest rates, the
  Association shall assure the payment or crediting of a
  rate of interest consistent with subparagraph c of
  paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 2025 of this
  title.

C. Nonpayment of premiums within thirty-one (31) days after the date required under the terms of any guaranteed, assumed, alternative or reissued policy or contract or substitute coverage shall terminate the Association's obligations under the policy.

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1 <u>contract</u> or coverage under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance
2 Guaranty Association Act with respect to the policy, <u>contract</u> or
3 coverage, except with respect to any claims incurred or any net cash
4 surrender value which may be due in accordance with the provisions
5 of <u>this act</u> <u>the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty</u>
6 Association Act.

7 D. Premiums due for coverage after entry of an order of liquidation of an insolvent insurer shall belong to and be payable 8 9 at the direction of the Association. If the liquidator of an 10 insolvent insurer requests, the Association shall provide a report 11 to the liquidator regarding the premium collected by the 12 Association. The Association shall be liable for unearned premiums 13 due to policy or contract owners arising after the entry of the 14 order.

E. The protection provided by the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act shall not apply where any guaranty protection is provided to residents of this state by the laws of the domiciliary state or jurisdiction of the impaired or insolvent insurer other than this state.

F. In carrying out its duties under subsection B of this section the Association may, subject to approval by a court in this state:

1. Impose permanent policy or contract liens in connection with
a guarantee, assumption or reinsurance agreement, if the Association

finds that the amounts which can be assessed under this act are less than the amounts needed to assure full and prompt performance of the duties of the Association under the Oklahoma Life and Health Guaranty Insurance Association Act, or that the economic or financial conditions as they affect member insurers are sufficiently adverse to render the imposition of permanent policy or contract liens, to be in the public interest; and

Impose temporary moratoriums or liens on payments of cash 8 2. 9 values and policy loans, or any other right to withdraw funds held 10 in conjunction with policies or contracts, in addition to any 11 contractual provisions for deferral of cash or policy loan value. 12 In addition, in the event of a temporary moratorium or moratorium 13 charge imposed by the receivership court on payment of cash values 14 or policy loans, or on any other right to withdraw funds held in 15 conjunction with policies or contracts, out of the assets of the 16 impaired or insolvent insurer, the Association may defer the payment 17 of cash values, policy loans or other rights by the Association for 18 the period of the moratorium or moratorium charge imposed by the 19 receivership court, except for claims covered by the Association to 20 be paid in accordance with a hardship procedure established by the 21 liquidator or rehabilitator and approved by the receivership court.

G. A deposit in this state, held pursuant to law or required by the Commissioner for the benefit of creditors, including but not limited to policy <u>or contract</u> owners, not turned over to the

1 domiciliary liquidator upon the entry of a final order of liquidation or order approving a rehabilitation plan of an a member 2 insurer domiciled in this state or in a reciprocal state, shall be 3 4 promptly paid by the Association. The Association shall be entitled 5 to retain a portion of any amount so paid to it equal to the percentage determined by dividing the aggregate amount of policy or 6 7 contract owners claims related to that insolvency for which the Association has provided statutory benefits by the aggregate amount 8 9 of all claims by the policy or contract owners in this state related 10 to that insolvency and shall remit to the domiciliary receiver the 11 amount so paid to the Association less the amount retained pursuant 12 to this subsection. Any amount so paid to the Association and 13 retained by it shall be treated as a distribution of estate assets 14 pursuant to applicable state receivership laws dealing with early 15 access disbursements.

H. If the Association fails to act within a reasonable period of time with respect to an insolvent insurer, as provided in subsection B of this section, the Commissioner shall have the powers and duties of the Association under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act with respect to the insolvent insurer<del>;</del>.

I. The Association may render assistance and advice to the Commissioner, upon the request of the Commissioner, concerning rehabilitation, payment of claims, continuance of coverage, or the 1 performance of other contractual obligations of an impaired or 2 insolvent insurer+.

3 J. The Association shall have standing to appear or intervene 4 before a court or agency in this state which has jurisdiction over 5 an impaired or insolvent insurer concerning which the Association is or may become obligated under the Oklahoma Life and Health Guaranty 6 7 Insurance Association Act or with jurisdiction over any person or property against which the Association may have rights through 8 9 subrogation or otherwise. Standing shall extend to all matters 10 germane to the powers and duties of the Association including, but 11 not limited to, proposals for reinsuring, reissuing, modifying or 12 guaranteeing the policies or contracts of the impaired or insolvent 13 insurer and the determination of the policies or contracts and 14 contractual obligations. The Association shall also have the right 15 to appear or intervene before a court or agency in another state 16 with jurisdiction over an impaired or insolvent insurer for which 17 the Association is or may become obligated or with jurisdiction over 18 any person or property against whom the Association may have rights 19 through subrogation or otherwise.

K. 1. Any person receiving benefits under the Oklahoma Life and Insurance Health Insurance Association Act shall be deemed to have assigned the rights under, and any causes of action against any person for losses arising under, resulting from or otherwise relating to, the covered policy or contract to the Association to

1 the extent of the benefits received because of this act, whether the 2 benefits are payments of or on account of contractual obligations, 3 continuation of coverage or provision of substitute or alternative 4 policies, contracts or coverages. The Association may require an 5 assignment to it of the rights and cause of action by any enrollee, payee, policy or contract owner, beneficiary, insured or annuitant 6 7 as a condition precedent to the receipt of any rights or benefits conferred by this act upon the person. 8

9 2. The subrogation rights of the Association under this
10 subsection shall have the same priority against the assets of the
11 impaired or insolvent insurer as that possessed by the person
12 entitled to receive benefits under the Oklahoma Life and Health
13 Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

14 In addition to paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection, the 3. 15 Association shall have all common law rights of subrogation and any 16 other equitable or legal remedy that would have been available to 17 the impaired or insolvent insurer or owner, beneficiary, enrollee, 18 or payee of a policy or contract with respect to the policy or 19 contracts, including without limitation, in the case of a structured 20 settlement annuity, any rights of the owner, beneficiary or payee of 21 the annuity, to the extent of benefits received pursuant to the 22 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, against 23 a person originally or by succession responsible for the losses 24 arising from the personal injury relating to the annuity or payment

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1 therefore, excepting any person responsible solely by reason of 2 serving as an assignee in respect of a qualified assignment under 3 Internal Revenue Code Section 130.

4 4. If paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subsection are invalid or
5 ineffective with respect to any person or claim for any reason, the
6 amount payable by the Association with respect to the related
7 covered obligations shall be reduced by the amount realized by any
8 other person with respect to the person or claim that is
9 attributable to the policies <u>or contracts</u>, or portion thereof,
10 covered by the Association.

11 5. If the Association has provided benefits with respect to a 12 covered obligation and a person recovers amounts as to which the 13 Association has rights as described in paragraphs 1 through 4 of 14 this subsection, the person shall pay to the Association the portion 15 of the recovery attributable to the policies <u>or contracts</u>, or 16 portion thereof, covered by the Association.

17 L. In addition to the rights and powers specified in the 18 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, the 19 Association may:

Enter into contracts as are necessary or proper to carry out
 the provisions and purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health
 Insurance Guaranty Association Act;

23 2. Sue or be sued, including, but not limited to, taking any
24 legal actions necessary or proper to recover any unpaid assessments

1 under Section 2030 of this title and to settle claims or potential
2 claims against it;

3 3. Borrow money to effect the purposes of the Oklahoma Life and
4 Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. Any notes or other
5 evidence of indebtedness of the Association not in default shall be
6 legal investments for domestic <u>member</u> insurers and may be carried as
7 admitted assets;

8 4. Employ or retain persons as are necessary or appropriate to
9 handle the financial transactions of the Association, and to perform
10 other functions as become necessary or proper under the Oklahoma
11 Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act;

12 5. Take any legal action as may be necessary or appropriate to
13 avoid or recover payment of improper claims;

6. Exercise, for the purposes of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act and to the extent approved by the Commissioner, the powers of a domestic life <del>or</del> <u>insurer</u>, health insurer <u>or health maintenance organization</u>, but in no case may the Association issue <del>insurance</del> policies or <del>annuity</del> contracts other than those issued to perform its obligations under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act;

21 7. Organize itself as a corporation or in other legal form
22 permitted by the laws of the state;

Request information from a person seeking coverage from the
Association in order to aid the Association in determining its

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obligations under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
 Association Act with respect to the person, and the person shall
 promptly comply with the request; and

9. <u>Unless prohibited by law, in accordance with the terms and</u>
<u>conditions of the policy or contract, file for actuarially justified</u>
<u>rate or premium increases for any policy or contract for which it</u>
<u>provides coverage under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance</u>
Guaranty Association Act; and

Take other necessary or appropriate action to discharge its 9 10. 10 duties and obligations under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance 11 Guaranty Association Act or to exercise its powers under the 12 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. 13 The Association may join an organization of one or more М. 14 other state associations of similar purposes, to further the 15 purposes and administer the powers and duties of the Association. 16 N. 1. a. At any time within one hundred eighty (180) days of 17 the date of the order of liquidation, the Association 18 may elect to succeed to the rights and obligations of 19 the ceding member insurer that relate to policies, 20 contracts or annuities covered, in whole or in part, 21 by the Association, in each case under any one or more 22 reinsurance contracts entered into by the insolvent 23 insurer and its reinsurers and selected by the 24 Association. Any assumption shall be effective as of

the date of the order of liquidation. The election shall be effected by the Association or the National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Associations (NOLHGA) on its behalf sending written notice, return receipt requested, to the affected reinsurers.

- 7 b. To facilitate the earliest practicable decision about whether to assume any of the contracts of reinsurance, 8 9 and in order to protect the financial position of the 10 estate, the receiver and each reinsurer of the ceding 11 member insurer shall make available upon request to 12 the Association or to NOLHGA on its behalf as soon as 13 possible after commencement of formal delinquency 14 proceedings, copies of in-force contracts of 15 reinsurance and all related files and records relevant 16 to the determination of whether the contracts should 17 be assumed, and notices of any defaults under the 18 reinsurance contacts or any known event or condition 19 which with the passage of time could become a default 20 under the reinsurance contracts.
- c. The requirements provided in this subparagraph shall
   apply to reinsurance contracts assumed by the
   Association:
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1 (1)the Association shall be responsible for all 2 unpaid premiums due under the reinsurance 3 contracts for periods both before and after the 4 date of the order of liquidation, and shall be 5 responsible for the performance of all other obligations to be performed after the date of the 6 7 order of liquidation, in each case which relate to policies, contracts or annuities covered, in 8 9 whole or in part, by the Association. The 10 Association may charge policies, contracts or 11 annuities covered in part by the Association, 12 through reasonable allocation methods, the costs for reinsurance in excess of the obligations of 13 14 the Association and shall provide notice and an 15 accounting of these charges to the liquidator, 16 (2) the Association shall be entitled to any amounts 17 payable by the reinsurer under the reinsurance 18 contracts with respect to losses or events that 19 occur in periods after the date of the order of 20 liquidation and that relate to policies, 21 contracts or annuities covered, in whole or in 22 part, by the Association, provided that, upon 23 receipt of any of these amounts, the Association 24 shall be obliged to pay to the beneficiary under

1 the policy, contract or annuity on account of 2 which the amounts were paid a portion of the 3 amount equal to the lesser of: 4 the amount received by the Association, or (a) 5 (b) the excess of the amount received by the Association over the amount equal to the 6 7 benefits paid by the Association on account of the policy, contract or annuity less the 8 9 retention of the insurer applicable to the 10 loss or event, 11 within thirty (30) days following the election (3) 12 date of the Association, the Association and each 13 reinsurer under contracts assumed by the 14 Association shall calculate the net balance due 15 to or from the Association under each reinsurance 16 contract as of the election date with respect to 17 policies, contracts or annuities covered, in 18 whole or in part, by the Association, which 19 calculation shall give full credit to all items 20 paid by either the member insurer or its receiver 21 or the reinsurer prior to the election date. The 22 reinsurer shall pay the receiver any amounts due 23 for losses or events prior to the date of the 24 order of liquidation, subject to any set-off for

premiums unpaid for periods prior to the date, and the Association or reinsurer shall pay any remaining balance due the other, in each case within five (5) days of the completion of the aforementioned calculation. Any disputes over the amounts due to either the Association or the reinsurer shall be resolved by arbitration pursuant to the terms of the affected reinsurance contracts or, if the contract contains no arbitration clause, as otherwise provided by law. If the receiver has received any amounts due the Association pursuant to division (2) of this subparagraph, the receiver shall remit the same to the Association as promptly as practicable, and

(4) if the Association or receiver, on the behalf of the Association, within sixty (60) days of the election date, pays the unpaid premiums due for periods both before and after the election date that relate to policies, contracts or annuities covered, in whole or in part, by the Association, the reinsurer shall not be entitled to terminate the reinsurance contracts for failure to pay the premium insofar as the reinsurance contracts

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1 relate to policies, contracts or annuities 2 covered, in whole or in part, by the Association, 3 and shall not be entitled to set off any unpaid 4 amounts due under other contracts, or unpaid 5 amounts due from parties other than the 6 Association, against amounts due the Association. 7 2. During the period from the date of the order of liquidation until the election date, or if the election date does not occur, 8 9 until one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the order of 10 liquidation:

11 neither the Association nor the reinsurer shall a. (1)12 have any rights or obligations under reinsurance 13 contracts that the Association has the right to 14 assume under paragraph 1 of this subsection, 15 whether for periods prior to or after the date of 16 the order of liquidation, and 17 (2) the reinsurer, the receiver and the Association

18 shall, to the extent practicable, provide each
19 other data and records reasonably requested.
20 b. Provided that once the Association has elected to
21 assume a reinsurance contract, the rights and
22 obligations of the parties shall be governed by
23 paragraph 1 of this subsection.

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3. If the Association does not elect to assume a reinsurance
 contract by the election date pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
 subsection, the Association shall have no rights or obligations, in
 each case for periods both before and after the date of the order of
 liquidation, with respect to the reinsurance contract.

4. When policies, contracts or annuities, or covered
obligations with respect thereto, are transferred to an assuming
insurer, reinsurance on the policies, contracts or annuities may
also be transferred by the Association, in the case of contracts
assumed under paragraph 1 of this subsection, subject to the
following:

12	a.	unless the reinsurer and the assuming insurer agree
13		otherwise, the reinsurance contract transferred shall
14		not cover any new policies, contracts of insurance or
15		annuities in addition to those transferred,
16	b.	the obligations described in paragraph 1 of this
17		subsection shall no longer apply with respect to
18		matters arising after the effective date of the
19		transfer, and
20	с.	notice shall be given in writing, return receipt
21		requested, by the transferring party to the affected
22		reinsurer not less than thirty (30) days prior to the
23		effective date of the transfer.

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1 5. The provisions of this subsection shall govern any affected 2 reinsurance contract that provides for or requires any payment of reinsurance proceeds, on account of losses or events that occur in 3 4 periods after the date of the order of liquidation, to the receiver 5 of the insolvent insurer or any other person. The receiver shall remain entitled to any amounts payable by the reinsurer under the 6 7 reinsurance contracts with respect to losses or events that occur in periods prior to the date of the order of liquidation, subject to 8 9 applicable setoff provisions.

10 6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, nothing in 11 this subsection shall alter or modify the terms and conditions of 12 any reinsurance contract. Nothing in this section shall abrogate or 13 limit any rights of any reinsurer to claim that it is entitled to 14 rescind a reinsurance contract. Nothing in this section shall give 15 a policyholder, contract owner, enrollee, certificate holder or 16 beneficiary an independent cause of action against a reinsurer that 17 is not otherwise set forth in the reinsurance contract. Nothing in 18 this section shall limit or affect the rights of the Association as 19 a creditor of the estate against the assets of the state. Nothing 20 in this section shall apply to reinsurance agreements covering 21 property or casualty risks.

O. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have discretion and may exercise reasonable business judgment to determine the means by which the Association is to provide the

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benefits of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty
 Association Act in an economical and efficient manner.

P. Where the Association has arranged or offered to provide the benefits of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act to a covered person under a plan or arrangement that fulfills the obligations of the Association under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, the person shall not be entitled to benefits from the Association in addition to or other than those provided under the plan or arrangement.

Q. Venue in a suit against the Association arising under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act shall be in Oklahoma County. The Association shall not be required to give an appeal bond in an appeal that relates to a cause of action arising under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

16 In carrying out its duties in connection with guaranteeing, R. 17 assuming or reinsuring policies or contracts under subsection A or B 18 of this section, the Association may, subject to approval of the 19 receivership court, issue substitute coverage for a policy or 20 contract that provides an interest rate, crediting rate or similar 21 factor determined by use of an index or other external reference 22 stated in the policy or contract employed in calculating returns or 23 changes in value by issuing an alternative policy or contract in 24 accordance with the following provisions:

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1 1. In lieu of the index or other external reference provided 2 for in the original policy or contract, the alternative policy or 3 contract provides for: 4 a fixed interest rate, a. 5 b. payment of dividends with minimum guarantees, or a different method for calculating interest or changes 6 с. 7 in value; 2. There is no requirement for evidence of insurability, 8 9 waiting period or other exclusion that would not have applied under 10 the replaced policy or contract; and 11 3. The alternative policy or contract is substantially similar 12 to the replaced policy or contract in all other material terms. 13 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2030, is 14 amended to read as follows: 15 Section 2030. A. For the purpose of providing the funds 16 necessary to carry out the powers and duties of the Oklahoma Life 17 and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, the Board of Directors of 18 the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association shall 19 assess the member insurers, separately for each account, at such 20 time and for such amounts as the Board finds necessary. Assessments 21 shall be due not less than thirty (30) days after prior written 22 notice to the member insurers and shall accrue interest at six 23 percent (6%) per annum on and after the due date. 24 в. There shall be two classes of assessments, as follows:

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Class A assessments shall be made for the purpose of meeting
 administrative and legal costs and other expenses and examinations
 conducted under the authority of subsection D of Section 2033 of the
 Insurance Code. Class A assessments may be made whether or not
 related to a particular impaired or insolvent insurer;

Class B assessments shall be made to the extent necessary to
carry out the powers and duties of the Association under Section
2028 of the Insurance Code with regard to an impaired or an
insolvent foreign or domestic insurer.

10 С. 1. The amount of any Class A assessment shall be determined 11 by the Board and may be made on a pro rata or non-pro rata basis. 12 If pro rata, the Board may provide that it be credited against 13 future Class B assessments. A non-pro rata assessment shall be 14 credited against future insolvency assessments and shall not exceed 15 One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per member insurer in any one 16 calendar year.

17 The amount of any Class B assessment, except for assessments 18 related to long-term care insurance, shall be allocated for 19 assessment purposes among the accounts and among the subaccounts of 20 the life insurance and annuity account, pursuant to an allocation 21 formula which may be based on the premiums or reserves of the 22 impaired or insolvent insurer or any other standard deemed by the 23 Board in its sole discretion as being fair and reasonable under the 24 circumstances.

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The amount of the Class B assessment for long-term care insurance written by the impaired or insolvent insurer shall be allocated according to a methodology included in the Plan of Operation and approved by the Commissioner. The methodology shall provide for fifty percent (50%) of the assessment to be allocated to accident and health member insurers and fifty percent (50%) to be allocated to life and annuity member insurers.

2. Class B assessments against member insurers for each account 8 9 shall be in the proportion that the premiums received on business in 10 this state by each assessed member insurer on policies or contracts 11 covered by each account for the three most recent calendar years for 12 which information is available preceding the year in which the 13 member insurer became impaired or insolvent, as the case may be, 14 bears to such premiums received on business in this state for such 15 calendar years by all assessed member insurers.

3. Assessments for funds to meet the requirements of the Association with respect to an impaired or insolvent insurer shall not be made until necessary to implement the purposes of this act. Classification of assessments under subsection B of this section and computation of assessments under this subsection shall be made with a reasonable degree of accuracy, recognizing that exact determinations may not always be possible.

D. The Association may abate, or defer in whole or in part, the
assessment of a member insurer if, in the opinion of the Board,

payment of the assessment would endanger the ability of the member insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations. In the event an assessment against a member insurer is abated, or deferred in whole or in part, the amount by which such assessment is abated or deferred may be assessed against the other member insurers in a manner consistent with the basis for assessments set forth in this section.

Ε. The total of all assessments upon a member insurer for each 8 9 account in any one calendar year shall not exceed two percent (2%) 10 of such average premiums of the insurer received in this state during the three (3) calendar years preceding the assessment on the 11 12 policies and contracts covered by the account and in which the 13 member insurer became an impaired or insolvent insurer. If the 14 maximum assessment together with the other assets of the Association 15 in any account does not provide in any one year in either account an 16 amount sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the 17 Association, the necessary additional funds shall be assessed as 18 soon thereafter as permitted by this act the Oklahoma Life and 19 Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. The Board may provide in 20 the plan of operation, a method of allocating funds among claims, 21 whether relating to one or more impaired or insolvent insurers, when 22 the maximum assessment will be insufficient to cover anticipated 23 claims.

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1 F. The Board may, by an equitable method as established in the plan of operation, refund to member insurers, in proportion to the 2 contributions of each insurer to that account, the amount by which 3 4 the assets of the account exceed the amount the Board finds is 5 necessary to carry out the obligations of the Association during the coming year with regard to that account, including assets accruing 6 7 from assignment, subrogation, net realized gains and income from investments. A reasonable amount may be retained in any account to 8 9 provide funds for the continuing expenses of the Association and for 10 future losses.

G. It shall be proper for any member insurer to consider the amount reasonably necessary to meet its obligations under this act in determining its premium rates and <u>policyowner policy owner</u> dividends as to any kind of insurance <u>or health maintenance</u> <u>organization business</u> within the scope of <u>this act</u> <u>the Oklahoma Life</u> and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

17 Η. The Association shall issue to each member insurer paying an 18 assessment under this act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance 19 Guaranty Association Act, other than a Class A assessment, a 20 certificate of contribution, in a form prescribed by the 21 Commissioner, for the amount of the assessment so paid. All 22 outstanding certificates shall be of equal priority without 23 reference to amounts or dates of issue. A certificate of 24 contribution may be shown by the member insurer in its financial

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1 statement as an asset in such form and for such amount, if any, and 2 period of time as the Commissioner may approve.

3 I. A member insurer may offset against its premium, franchise 4 or income tax liability to this state, an assessment described in 5 subsection H of this section to the extent of twenty percent (20%)of the amount of such assessment for each of the five (5) calendar 6 7 years following the year in which such assessment was paid. In the event a member insurer should cease doing business, all uncredited 8 9 assessments may be credited against its premium, franchise or income 10 tax liability for the year it ceases doing business.

11 J. Any sums acquired by refund, pursuant to subsection F of 12 this section, from the Association which have theretofore been 13 written off by contributing insurers and offset against premium, 14 franchise or income taxes as provided in subsection I of this 15 section, and are not then needed for purposes of this act the 16 Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, shall 17 be paid by the Association to the Insurance Commissioner who shall 18 dispense such funds in accordance with the statutes regarding 19 disbursement of such taxes.

20 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2032, is 21 amended to read as follows:

Section 2032. A. To aid in the detection and prevention of <u>member</u> insurer insolvencies, it shall be the duty of the <u>Insurance</u> Commissioner:

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To notify the commissioners of all of the other states,
 territories of the United States and the District of Columbia within
 thirty (30) days following the action taken or the date the action
 occurs, when the Commissioner takes any of the following actions
 against a member insurer:

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- a. revocation of license,
- 7 b. suspension of license, or
- 8 c. makes a formal order that the company <u>member insurer</u> 9 restrict its premium writing, obtain additional 10 contributions to surplus, withdraw from the state, 11 reinsure all or any part of its business, or increase 12 capital, surplus or any other account for the security 13 of policy owners, <u>contract owners</u>, <u>certificate owners</u> 14 or creditors;

15 2. To report to the board of directors when the Commissioner 16 has taken any of the actions set forth in paragraph 1 of this 17 subsection or has received a report from any other commissioner of 18 other states indicating that any action has been taken in another 19 state. The report to the board of directors shall contain all 20 significant details of the action taken or the report received from 21 a commissioner from another state;

3. To report to the board when the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe from an examination, whether completed or in

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1 process, of any member insurer that the insurer may be an impaired 2 or insolvent insurer;

To furnish to the board of directors the National 3 4. 4 Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Insurance Regulatory 5 Information System (IRIS) ratios and listings of companies not included in the ratios developed by the NAIC, and the board may use 6 7 the information contained therein in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this section. The report and the information 8 9 contained therein shall be kept confidential by the board of 10 directors until a time as made public by the Commissioner or other 11 lawful authority.

B. The Commissioner may seek the advice and recommendations of the board of directors <u>of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance</u> <u>Guaranty Association</u> concerning any matter affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner regarding the financial condition of member insurers and <del>companies</del> <u>health maintenance</u> <u>organizations</u> seeking admission to transact <del>insurance</del> business in this state.

C. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make reports and recommendations to the Commissioner upon any matter germane to the solvency, liquidation, rehabilitation or conservation of any member insurer or germane to the solvency of any <u>company member</u> <u>insurer or health maintenance organization</u> seeking to do <del>an</del>

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1 insurance business in this state. The reports and recommendations 2 shall not be considered public documents.

D. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, notify the Commissioner of any information indicating a member insurer may be an impaired or insolvent insurer.

E. The board of directors may, upon majority vote, make
recommendations to the Commissioner for the detection and prevention
of member insurer insolvencies.

9 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2036, is 10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 2036. A. For the purpose of carrying out its 12 obligations under the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 13 Association Act, the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 14 Association shall be deemed to be a creditor of the impaired or 15 insolvent insurer to the extent of assets attributable to covered 16 policies reduced by any amounts to which the Association is entitled 17 as subrogee pursuant to subsection K of Section 2028 of this title. 18 Assets of the impaired or insolvent insurer attributable to covered 19 policies shall be used to continue all covered policies and pay all 20 contractual obligations of the impaired or insolvent insurer as 21 required by the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 22 Association Act. Assets attributable to covered policies or 23 contracts, as used in this subsection, are that proportion of the 24 assets that the reserves which should have been established for such

policies or contracts bear to the reserves which should have been
established for all policies of insurance or health benefit plans
written by the impaired or insolvent insurer.

4 B. As a creditor of the impaired or insolvent insurer as 5 established in subsection A of this section and consistent with Section 1927.1 of this title, the Association and other similar 6 7 associations shall be entitled to receive a disbursement of assets out of the marshaled assets, from time to time as the assets become 8 9 available to reimburse it, as a credit against contractual 10 obligations under this act. If the liquidator has not, within one 11 hundred twenty (120) days of a final determination of insolvency of 12 an a member insurer by the receivership court, made an application 13 to the court for the approval of a proposal to disburse assets out 14 of marshaled assets to guaranty associations having obligations 15 because of the insolvency, then the Association shall be entitled to 16 make application to the receivership court for approval of its own 17 proposal to disburse these assets.

18 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2038, is 19 amended to read as follows:

Section 2038. A. If an order for liquidation or rehabilitation of <u>an a member</u> insurer domiciled in this state has been entered, the receiver appointed under such order shall have a right to recover on behalf of the <u>member</u> insurer, from any affiliate that controlled it, the amount of distributions, other than stock dividends paid by the

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1 <u>member</u> insurer on its capital stock, made at any time during the 2 five (5) years preceding the petition for liquidation or 3 rehabilitation subject to the limitations of subsections B through D 4 of this section.

B. No such dividend shall be recoverable if the <u>member</u> insurer shows that when paid the distribution was lawful and reasonable, and that the <u>member</u> insurer did not know and could not reasonably have known that the distribution might adversely affect the ability of the member insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations.

10 C. Any person who was an affiliate that controlled the member 11 insurer at the time the distributions were paid shall be liable up 12 to the amount of distributions he received. Any person who was an 13 affiliate that controlled the member insurer at the time the 14 distributions were declared, shall be liable up to the amount of 15 distributions he would have received if they have been paid 16 immediately. If two (2) persons are liable with respect to the same 17 distributions, they shall be jointly and severally liable.

D. The maximum amount recoverable under this subsection shall be the amount needed in excess of all other available assets of the insolvent insurer to pay the contractual obligations of the insolvent insurer.

E. If any person liable under subsection C of this section is insolvent, all its affiliates that controlled it at the time the dividend was paid shall be jointly and severally liable for any resulting deficiency in the amount recovered from the insolvent
 affiliate.

3 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 2043, is 4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2043. A. No person, including an a member insurer, agent or affiliate of an a member insurer, shall make, publish, 6 7 disseminate, circulate or place before the public, or cause directly or indirectly to be made, published, disseminated, circulated or 8 9 placed before the public, in any newspaper, magazine or other 10 publication, or in the form of a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter 11 or poster, or over any radio station or television station, or in 12 any other way, any advertisement, announcement or statement which 13 uses the existence of the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance 14 Guaranty Association of this state for the purpose of sales, 15 solicitation or inducement to purchase any form of insurance or 16 other coverage covered by the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance 17 Guaranty Association Act. Provided, however, that this section 18 shall not apply to the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty 19 Association or any other entity which does not sell or solicit 20 insurance or coverage by a health maintenance organization.

B. Prior to May 1, 1988, the <u>The</u> Association shall prepare <u>have</u>
a summary document describing the general purposes and current
limitations of the Association and complying with subsection C of
this section. This document shall be have been submitted to, and

1 approved by, the Insurance Commissioner by May 1, 1988, for approval. Sixty (60) days after receiving such approval, no member 2 insurer shall deliver a policy or contract described in paragraph 1 3 4 of subsection B of Section 2025 of this title to a policy or owner, 5 contract owner, certificate holder or enrollee unless the document is delivered to the policy or contract holder prior to or at the 6 7 time of delivery of the policy or contract, except if subsection D of this section applies. The document should also be available upon 8 9 request by a policyholder policy owner, contract owner, certificate 10 holder or enrollee. The distribution, delivery or contents or 11 interpretation of this document shall not mean that either the 12 policy or the contract or the holder thereof would be covered in the 13 event of impairment or insolvency of a member insurer. The 14 description document shall be revised by the Association as 15 amendments to the act may require. Failure to receive this document 16 does not give the policyholder, contract holder, certificate holder, 17 enrollee or insured any greater rights than those stated in this 18 act.

19 C. The document prepared under subsection B of this section 20 shall contain a clear and conspicuous disclaimer on its face. The 21 Commissioner shall promulgate a rule establishing the form and 22 content of the disclaimer. The disclaimer shall:

23 1. State the name and address of the life and health insurance 24 guaranty association and insurance department;

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2. Prominently warn the policy or owner, contract owner,
 <u>certificate</u> holder or enrollee that the Life and Health Insurance
 Guaranty Association may not cover the policy or contract or, if
 coverage is available, it will be subject to substantial
 limitations, exclusions and conditioned on continued residence in
 the state;

3. State that the <u>member</u> insurer and its agents are prohibited
by law from using the existence of the Life and Health Insurance
Guaranty Association for the purpose of sales, solicitation or
inducement to purchase any form of insurance <u>or health maintenance</u>
organization coverage;

4. Emphasize that the policy or contract holder should not rely on coverage under the Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association when selecting an insurer;

15 Provide other information as directed by the Commissioner. 5. 16 No insurer or agent may deliver a policy or contract D. 17 described in paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 2025 of this 18 title, but excluded under subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of 19 subsection B of Section 2025 of this title from coverage under this 20 act the Oklahoma Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, 21 unless the insurer or agent, prior to or at the time of delivery, 22 gives the policy or owner, contract owner, certificate holder or 23 enrollee a separate written notice which clearly and conspicuously 24 discloses that the policy or contract is not covered by the Life and

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Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The Commissioner shall by
 rule specify the form and content of the notice.

3 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6913, as 4 amended by Section 19, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2014 (36 O.S. Supp. 2018, 5 Section 6913), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 6913. A. 1. Before issuing any certificate of 7 authority, the Insurance Commissioner shall require that the health 8 maintenance organization have an initial net worth of One Million 9 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) and that the HMO shall 10 thereafter maintain the minimum net worth required under paragraph 2 11 of this subsection.

12 2. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this subsection, 13 every health maintenance organization shall maintain a minimum net 14 worth equal to the greater of:

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a. One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
 (\$1,500,000.00),

b. two percent (2%) of annual premium revenues as reported on the most recent annual financial statement filed with the Commissioner on the first One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) of premium and one percent (1%) of annual premium on the premium in excess of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00),

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1	с.	an amount equal to the sum of three (3) months of
2		uncovered health care expenditures as reported on the
3		most recent financial statement filed with the
4		Commissioner, or
5	d.	an amount equal to the sum of:
6		(1) eight percent (8%) of annual health care
7		expenditures, except those paid on a capitated
8		basis or managed hospital payment basis, as
9		reported on the most recent financial statement
10		filed with the Commissioner, and
11		(2) four percent (4%) of annual hospital expenditures
12		paid on a managed hospital payment basis, as
13		reported on the most recent financial statement
14		filed with the Commissioner.
15	3. Every	health maintenance organization licensed before
16	November 1, 2	003, shall maintain a minimum net worth of the greater
17	of Seven Hund	red Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) or:
18	a.	twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount required by
19		paragraph 2 of this subsection by December 31, 2003,
20	b.	fifty percent (50%) of the amount required by
21		paragraph 2 of this subsection by December 31, 2004,
22	с.	seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount required by
23		paragraph 2 of this subsection by December 31, 2005,
24		and

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1 d. one hundred percent (100%) of the amount required by 2 paragraph 2 of this subsection by December 31, 2006. In determining net worth, no debt shall be considered 3 4. a. 4 fully subordinated unless the subordination clause is 5 in a form acceptable to the Commissioner. An interest obligation relating to the repayment of any 6 7 subordinated debt shall be similarly subordinated. b. The interest expenses relating to the repayment of a 8 9 fully subordinated debt shall be considered covered 10 expenses. 11 A debt incurred by a note meeting the requirements of с. 12 this section, and otherwise acceptable to the 13 Insurance Commissioner, shall not be considered a 14 liability and shall be recorded as equity. 15 1. Unless otherwise provided below, each health maintenance в. 16 organization shall deposit with the Commissioner or, at the 17 discretion of the Commissioner, with any organization or trustee 18 acceptable to the Commissioner through which a custodial or 19 controlled account is utilized, cash, securities, or any combination 20 of these or other measures that are acceptable to the Commissioner, 21 which at all times shall have a value of not less than Five Hundred

22 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

23 2. The deposit shall be an admitted asset of the health24 maintenance organization in the determination of net worth.

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3. All income from deposits shall be an asset of the
 organization. A health maintenance organization that has made a
 securities deposit may withdraw that deposit or any part thereof
 after making a substitute deposit of cash, securities, or any
 combination of these or other measures of equal amount and value.
 Any securities shall be approved by the Commissioner before being
 deposited or substituted.

The deposit shall be used to protect the interests of the 8 4. 9 health maintenance organization's enrollees and to ensure 10 continuation of health care services to enrollees of a health 11 maintenance organization that is in rehabilitation or conservation. 12 The Commissioner may use the deposit for administrative costs 13 directly attributable to a receivership or liquidation. If a health 14 maintenance organization is placed in receivership or liquidation, 15 the deposit shall be an asset subject to the provisions of the 16 Uniform Insurers Liquidation Act.

17 5. The Insurance Commissioner may reduce or eliminate the 18 deposit requirement if a health maintenance organization deposits 19 with the Commissioner or other official body of the state or 20 jurisdiction of domicile for the protection of all subscribers and 21 enrollees of the health maintenance organization, wherever located, 22 cash, acceptable securities or surety, and delivers to the 23 Commissioner a certificate to that effect, duly authenticated by the 24 appropriate state official holding the deposit.

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C. 1. Every health maintenance organization shall, when
 determining liabilities, include an amount estimated in the
 aggregate to provide for:

- 4 a. any unearned premium,
- 5 b. the payment of all claims for incurred health care 6 expenditures, whether reported or unreported, that are 7 unpaid and for which the organization is or may be 8 liable, and
- 9 c. the expense of adjustment or settlement of those 10 claims.

11 2. The liabilities shall be computed in accordance with rules 12 promulgated by the Commissioner upon reasonable consideration of the 13 ascertained experience and character of the health maintenance 14 organization.

D. 1. Every contract between a health maintenance organization and a participating provider of health care services shall be in writing and shall provide that, in the event the health maintenance organization fails to pay for health care services as set forth in the contract, a subscriber or an enrollee shall not be liable to the provider for any sums owed by the health maintenance organization.

21 2. In the event that the participating provider contract has 22 not been reduced to writing as required by this subsection or that 23 the contract fails to contain the required prohibition, the 24 participating provider shall not collect or attempt to collect from a subscriber or an enrollee sums owed by the health maintenance
 organization.

3 3. No participating provider or the provider's agent, trustee 4 or assignee may maintain an action at law against a subscriber or 5 enrollee to collect sums owed by the health maintenance 6 organization.

E. The Commissioner shall require that each health maintenance organization have a plan for handling insolvency that allows for continuation of benefits for the duration of the contract period for which premiums have been paid and continuation of benefits to subscribers or enrollees who are confined on the date of insolvency in an inpatient facility until their discharge or expiration of benefits. In considering such a plan, the Commissioner may require:

Insurance to cover the expenses to be paid for continued
 benefits after an insolvency;

16 2. Provisions in provider contracts that obligate the provider 17 to provide services for the duration of the period after the health 18 maintenance organization's insolvency for which premium payment has 19 been made and until the enrollees' discharge from inpatient 20 facilities;

21 3. Insolvency reserves;

22 4. Acceptable letters of credit; or

23 5. Any other arrangements to ensure continuation of benefits as
24 specified above.

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1	F. An agreement to provide health care services between a
2	provider and a health maintenance organization shall require that if
3	the provider terminates the agreement, the provider shall give the
4	organization at least ninety (90) days' advance notice of such
5	termination.
6	SECTION 14. REPEALER 36 O.S. 2011, Sections 6914, 6921,
7	and 6932, are hereby repealed.
8	SECTION 15. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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