

REPORT ON

MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATION

of the

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

San Antonio, Texas

BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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Honorable Commissioners:

Pursuant to your instructions and in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina

General Statute (NCGS) 58-2-131, a target examination has been made of the North Carolina

private passenger automobile business of

UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (NAIC #25941) USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC #25968) USAA GENERAL INDEMNITY COMPANY (NAIC #18600) NAIC Exam Tracking System Exam Number: NC170-M115 San Antonio, Texas

hereinafter generally referred to as the Company, at the North Carolina Department of Insurance (Department) office located at 11 South Boylan Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina. A report thereon is respectfully submitted.

FOREWARD

This examination reflects the North Carolina insurance activities of United Services Automobile Association, USAA Casualty Insurance Company and USAA General Indemnity Company. The examination is, in general, a report by exception. Therefore, much of the material reviewed will not be contained in this written report, as reference to any practices, procedures, or files that manifested no improprieties were omitted.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

This examination commenced on October 31, 2011 and covered the period of January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 with analyses of certain refund procedures of the Company being conducted through December 15, 2011. All comments made in this report reflect conditions observed during the period of the examination.

This examination was arranged and conducted by the Department. It was made in accordance with Market Conduct standards established by the Department and procedures established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and accordingly included tests of the Company's refund procedures associated with the 2008 Private Passenger Automobile Rate Filing Case (2008 Rate Filing Case).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This market conduct examination revealed no concerns with Company procedures and practices in the following area: private passenger automobile associated with the 2008 Rate Filing Case.

All North Carolina General Statutes cited in this report may be viewed on the North Carolina Department of Insurance Web Site <u>www.ncdoi.com</u> by clicking "INSURANCE DIVISIONS", then "LEGISLATIVE SERVICES".

All unacceptable or non-compliant practices may not have been discovered or noted in this report. Failure to identify or criticize improper or non-compliant business practices in North Carolina or in other jurisdictions does not constitute acceptance of such practices. Examination report findings that do not reference specific insurance laws, regulations, or bulletins are presented to improve the Company's practices and ensure consumer protection.

EXAMINATION OVERVIEW

Purpose of Examination

This examination was undertaken to verify the Company's refund procedures associated with the 2008 Rate Filing Case. The procedures for the 2008 Rate Filing Case were the result of a settlement reached between the Commissioner of Insurance, State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Rate Bureau (Bureau).

Policies and Coverages Subject to the Refund Procedures

Policies and coverages to which these procedures apply are non-fleet private passenger automobile (including motorcycle liability) policies and coverages subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau and non-fleet private passenger automobile (including motorcycle liability) policies and coverages ceded to the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility (Facility) that are "clean risks" as defined in the provisions of NCGS 58-37-35(I) effective beginning January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 for new and renewal policies.

Policies and Coverages Not Subject to the Refund Procedures

For the 2008 Rate Filing Case, these procedures do not apply to "consent to rate" policies or coverages issued or renewed pursuant to the provisions of NCGS 58-36-30(b) ("consent to rate") or to "other than clean risk" policies or coverages, as defined in the provisions of NCGS 58-37-35(l), ceded to the Facility.

Premium to be Refunded

The 2008 Settlement Agreement and Consent Order called for the following, "...the premium to be refunded on each policy shall be the difference between the total premium per policy collected on each policy (after consideration of all deviations applicable to each policy and all unpaid premium specifically applicable to each policy) and the total premium per policy that would have been collected on each policy using the rates by coverage resulting from the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order with respect to the 2008 Rate Filing Case." The "premium" shall include installment term not interest. payment charges. or recoupment/allocation surcharges (including loss and clean risk surcharges). Neither dividends nor unpaid premium attributable to policies not subject to refunds were to be used to offset the refund amount.

Time Frame for Refund Payment

No refunds were to have been delivered or mailed to policyholders prior to May 1, 2010. For companies that wrote only six month policies, refunds were to have been made during the period beginning May 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2010. For companies that wrote both six month policies and twelve month policies, refunds on policies that expired prior to May 1, 2010 could have been made during the period beginning May 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2010 and ending July 31, 2010. Refunds on all policies not refunded during the period beginning May 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2010 were to have been made during the period beginning November 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2010. All refunds were to have been delivered or mailed to policyholders on or before January 31, 2011.

Escrow Account

All monies for the refunds were to be taken from an escrow account established prior to the settlement in accordance with the provisions of NCGS 58-36-25. The Company escrowed all funds associated with the 2008 Rate Filing Case by establishing separate bank accounts for each company.

Amount of Refund

The amount of refund on a policy was to be the portion of premium as determined above, plus simple interest at the rates described below on such premium from the effective

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date of each policy through April 30, 2010 on policies refunded during the May 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010 refund period and through October 31, 2010 on policies refunded during the period November 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 refund period. Interest was to accrue at the annual rate of 6.25 percent prior to July 16, 2009 (the period that premium was escrowed pending judicial review pursuant to G.S. 58-36-25(b)) and at the annual rate of 3.25 percent on and after July 16, 2009 (the period that the premium was to be escrowed pursuant to agreement of the parties under the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order).

In making the calculations required under these procedures, each company was allowed to apply the premium rounding rule it applies in the ordinary course of its business.

If a policyholder had multiple policies for which refunds were to be calculated, each policy was to be treated separately in determining if any refund is due on such policy. Refund amounts of \$5.00 or less (including interest) were not required by statute to be refunded to the policyholder.

Method of Payment

Refunds were to be paid by check(s) or draft(s) payable to the policyholder or policyholders. For policyholders whose premiums were paid by a premium finance company, the refund checks or drafts were to be mailed to the premium finance company.

Each company had the option to accumulate all refunds due an individual policyholder into one check or draft or to issue separate checks or drafts for each policy on which a refund is due. All refund checks were issued through United Services Automobile Association.

Delivery to Policyholders

Refunds were to be mailed or delivered to the named policyholder or policyholders at the address shown on the policy record for which a refund was made or at such other address the company, in good faith, determined and believed to be more current.

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The Company indicated that in addition to the above, it utilized the following procedures for returned checks:

• If an address correction was provided by the United States Postal Service, then the refund check was mailed to the corrected address. Otherwise, internal systems were checked for an updated address, as well as third-party directory resources.

Returned checks not falling into one of the categories listed above were considered undeliverable and subject to escheat.

Unclaimed Refunds

The Company must maintain unclaimed funds and escheat those funds to the North

Carolina Treasury Department as stipulated under the provisions of NCGS 4-116B.

REFUND ANALYSES

The Department implemented procedures to test Company data for compliance with the 2008 Settlement Agreement and Consent Order. Areas tested included premium refund calculations using Company methodologies and timeliness of refund.

Records were submitted in a specified layout. Tests were then conducted utilizing a software tool, Audit Command Language (ACL). The examiners summarized these records to verify the totals against the Company checks issued.

The following tables indicate information reported by the Company and the examiners.

Refund Data Reported by Company

| Company Name | NAIC Company Number | Refund Procedures Implementation Date | Refund Completion Date | Total Number of Policies Subject to Refund | Total Refund Dollars Excluding Interest | Total Refund Interest Dollars | Total Refund Dollars | Uncollected Premium | Grand Total Refund Dollars |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| USAA | 25941 | 5/21/2010 | 7/28/2010 | 165,719 | \$1,696,859.55 | \$93,339.24 | \$1,790,198.79 | (a) | \$1,790,198.79 |
| USAA CIC | 25968 | 5/21/2010 | 7/28/2010 | 115,536 | \$1,298,643.78 | \$66,876.85 | \$1,365,520.63 | (a) | \$1,365,520.63 |
| USAA GIC | 18600 | 5/21/2010 | 7/28/2010 | 43,182 | \$557,174.03 | \$26,851.05 | \$584,025.08 | (a) | \$584,025.08 |
| TOTAL | | | | 324,437 | \$3,552,677.36 | \$187,067.14 | \$3,739,744.50 | (a) | \$3,739,744.50 |

Population Data Testing Criteria

| Testing Using ACL or Sampling | Records Used in Testing | Population of Transactions Provided by Companies | Policies After Combining Transactions | Policies Reviewed Using Company Methodology | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| ACL | 100% | 1,808,348 | 324,437 | 324,437 | |

Examination Findings

| Company Name | NAIC Company Number | Refund Completion Date | Actual Number of Refunds Made (b) | Actual Dollar Amount of Refunds Made | Number of Returned Checks Subject to Escheat | Actual Dollar Amount of Returned Checks Subject to Escheat | Number of Policy Records in Error | Additional Refund Due Excluding Penalty Interest | Penalty Interest | Grand Total Refund Dollars |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| USAA | 25941 | 7/28/2010 | 134,145 | \$3,739,744.50 | 915 | \$20,794.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,739,744.50 |
| USAA CIC | 25968 | 7/28/2010 | (c) | (c) | (c) | (c) | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (c) |
| USAA GIC | 18600 | 7/28/2010 | (c) | (c) | (c) | (c) | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (c) |
| TOTAL | | | 134,145 | \$3,739,744.50 | 915 | \$20,794.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,739,744.50 |

United Services Automobile Association (USAA) USAA Casualty Insurance Company (USAA CIC) USAA General Indemnity Company (USAA GIC)

(a) The Company did not include uncollected premium in its refund calculations.(b) Represents the total number of records (inclusive of all policy terms) for which checks were issued.(c) All refund checks were issued through United Services Automobile Association.

AREAS OF CONCERN

The review of the Company's private passenger automobile policies subject to the 2008 Rate Filing Case revealed no issues regarding its refund procedures.

TABLE OF STATUTES AND RULES

| Statute/Rule | Title |
|---------------|---|
| NCGS 4-116B | North Carolina Unclaimed Property Act. |
| NCGS 58-2-131 | Examinations to be made; authority, scope, scheduling, and conduct of examinations. |
| NCGS 58-36-25 | Appeal of Commissioner's order. |
| NCGS 58-36-30 | Deviations. |
| NCGS 58-37-35 | The Facility; functions; administration. |

CONCLUSION

An examination has been conducted on the refund procedures utilized by United Services Automobile Association, USAA Casualty Insurance Company and USAA General Indemnity Company relative to the 2008 Private Passenger Automobile Rate Filing Case. This examination referenced the period January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 with analyses referencing certain refund procedures through December 15, 2011. The Company's response to this report, if any, is available upon request. This examination was conducted in accordance with the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Market Conduct Examination procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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I have reviewed this examination report and it meets the provisions for such reports prescribed by this Division and the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

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