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In this section of the Market Conduct Annual Statement training we will be reviewing the data elements that must be provided for the Lender-Placed Auto and Homeowners Insurance.
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As we go through this course, you may find it helpful to refer to the Data Call & Definitions and Data Collection Worksheets for Lender-Placed Home and Auto found on the MCAS Industry page of the NAIC website.
Before we begin, please be sure to remember that the current year MCAS filing deadline for Lender Placed Auto and Lender Placed Home is April 30th. The reporting period is January 1st through December 31st.
The following types of Lender-Placed Insurance are being collected: Single and Dual Interest Auto, Single and Dual Interest Home Hazard, Single and Dual Interest Home Flood, and Single and Dual Interest Home Wind Only.
Lender-placed insurance or “Creditor-placed insurance” is reported in the Credit Insurance Experience Exhibit (CIEE), which is a supplement to the Financial Annual Statement.

Lender-placed insurance is purchased unilaterally by the creditor, who is the named insured, subsequent to the date of the transaction, providing coverage against loss, expense or damage to property as a result of fire, theft, collision or other risk of loss that would either impair a creditor’s interest, or adversely affect the value of collateral.
Lender placed insurance is broken into two categories: Single Interest and Dual Interest.

Single Interest means insurance that protects only the creditor’s interest in the collateral securing the debtor’s credit.

Dual-interest means insurance that protects the creditor’s and the debtor’s interest in the collateral securing the debtor’s credit transaction.

Dual-interest includes insurance commonly referred to as limited dual-interest.
Lender-placed auto includes insurance on automobiles, boats or other vehicles. Lender-placed homeowners has the same meaning as “creditor-placed” homeowners to be reported in the CIEE, and includes insurance on homes, mobile homes and other real estate.

It should be noted that Real Estate Owned coverages are NOT to be included in MCAS reporting.
In determining what business to report for a particular state, unless otherwise indicated, all companies should follow the same methodology and definitions used to file the Credit Insurance Experience Exhibit of the Statutory Annual Statement.
The participation requirements are that all companies licensed and reporting at least $50,000 of lender-placed auto or $50,000 of lender-placed homeowners (hazard, wind-only and flood collectively) gross premium within any of the participating MCAS jurisdictions.
Let’s discuss an example: If a company meets the threshold for either Lender-placed Auto Coverage OR Lender-placed Homeowner’s Coverage in Kansas, but not Missouri, reporting would be to Kansas for only the line of business that meets the threshold.
So, in a particular state, if the company has $50,000 in written premium for Homeowners, and $40,000 for Auto, only data for Homeowner’s Needs to be reported. We will review some other examples when we discuss the interrogatories section of the reporting blank.
You will notice on your data entry screen within the MCAS submission tool that there are nine pages for data to be reported.

The first page is the Lender-placed Insurance Interrogatories. Pages two through five collect data on claims activity for auto, home hazard, home flood and home wind.
And pages six through nine collect data for underwriting activity on auto, home hazard, home flood and home wind.
The interrogatories provide one location for all comments and questions that require a text response.
The first interrogatory questions ask insurers to indicate if the company had policies or certificates in force during the reporting period for each of the lender placed auto and home coverages.
Special attention should be given to the interrogatory in-force coverage questions.

First – The lender placed homeowners threshold is collective for all lender placed homeowners coverage. This means if the sum of written premiums for home hazard, home flood and home wind-only is at least $50,000 in a particular state, then reporting is required for lender placed home.
If a company meets the lender placed home threshold for reporting, they should indicate “Yes” for each of the home coverages where they had written premium during the reporting period.

In the displayed example, the company has $35,000 of written premium for home hazard, $75,000 for home flood and $5,000 for home wind-only.

This company meets the home threshold and would indicate “Yes” for each of the coverages.

Each coverage is broken out by single interest and dual interest within the Interrogatories, but that level of detail was left out for purposes of the examples.
Here’s another example:

If a company has $100,000 of written premium for home hazard, but none for homeowner’s hazard and wind-only, the company would indicate “Yes” only for home hazard.

So, the company does not have data to report for home flood or home wind-only, even though they do have data to report for home hazard that meets the reporting threshold.
Now that we’ve reviewed the proper way to determine reporting for the collective lender placed home coverages, let’s look at examples where the company writes both lender placed home and auto.

If the company meets the lender placed auto threshold, they would respond yes to the appropriate auto coverages. Then they would respond to the lender placed home coverage questions as we previously reviewed.
If the company meets the lender placed home threshold and they write less than the threshold amount for lender placed auto, they would respond "No" to the auto coverages and "Yes" to the appropriate home coverages.
Likewise, if the company does NOT meet the lender placed home threshold and they DO meet the lender placed auto threshold, they would respond "Yes" to the appropriate auto coverages and "No" to all home coverages.
If you respond “YES” to an in-force coverage type question in the interrogatories, you must then enter the percentage number (without the percent sign) of the lender-placed policies or certificates issued during the period for the specific lender placed coverage.

In the example, you can see that the dual-interest auto response is “NO”, so the percentage field is left blank.
You should only provide data for schedules that you are required to report on. In this example, since in the previous slide, dual-interest auto indicated a “no” response, no data should be entered in the Dual-Interest Auto questions, and the boxes should remain blank.
Following the in-force coverage questions, you are asked to indicate if the company was actively writing business in the state at the end of the reporting year.

You are then asked if the company had any significant event or business strategy that would affect data for the reporting period. These could include assuming blocks of business, shifting market strategies, or underwriting changes.
You are then asked if any part of the block of business has been sold, closed or moved to another company during the year. The additional comments area below this question is your opportunity to explain any business changes throughout the reporting year that may cause data anomalies and generate an inquiry from state regulators.

The next question asks how the company treats subsequent supplemental payments on previously closed claims. The way a company handles subsequent payments will help regulators understand the claim reporting in the next section. The company may reopen the closed claim to make the supplemental payment, or they may open a new claim in order to make the supplemental payment.

The following questions ask about complaint reporting from contracted third parties. This provides insight into the company’s complaint log reporting.
The interrogatories also provide space where you may enter any state specific comments for the policy types.

Any areas of your data that may raise questions or generated a warning when your data was validated should be explained fully in these comment areas.

At the end of this tutorial, we will discuss the MCAS validations in more detail along with the importance of using the comments sections.
Lender Placed Insurance
Claims Data Elements
Before talking about the reporting of claims, we need to talk about the definition of a claim.

A claim is a request or demand for payment of a loss that may be included within the terms of coverage of an insurance policy or certificate.

Each claimant or insured reporting a loss is counted separately and includes both first, and third party claims.
A claim does NOT include an event reported for “information only”, an inquiry of coverage if a claim has not actually been presented (opened) for payment, or a potential claimant if an individual has not made a claim nor had a claim made on his or her behalf.
If it is your company’s practice to open precautionary reserves on all potential claimants and then close them without payment as the investigation progresses, then you should not include those in the count of claims opened or the count of claims closed without payment.
Remember that “Claims Closed WITH Payment” should include only those claims where the claim was closed during the reporting period.

Also, it does not matter that the claim may have been opened in any prior period, if it is closed in the company’s claims system during the reporting period and a payment was made, it is counted as a Claim Closed WITH Payment.
For example, if the final claim payment is made on December 20th, during the reporting year, and the claim is closed in the company's claims system on January 5th of the next reporting year, the claim would not be reported as closed with payment until the next MCAS data year is reported.
Also, if you made a payment to the insured, but were able to subrogate the entire amount so that your net payment was zero, it would still be counted as a claim closed WITH payment.
Claims that are closed because the amount claimed was below the insured’s deductible are to be included in the count of “Claims Closed WITHOUT Payment”.

Claims Closed WITHOUT Payment –
Include:
- Claims that are closed because the amount claimed is below the insured’s deductible.
In addition to claims closed below the deductible, other types of claims that should be reported as “closed without payment” are those where the only payments made on the claim were loss adjusting expenses, or if a claim is made, a claim file is set up and investigated, and it is then determined that no policy was in-force at the time of loss.
As with the “claims closed with payment”, “claims closed without payment” include all claims that were closed without payment during the reporting period regardless of the date of loss or when the claim was received.
The basic thought to keep in mind when determining whether a claim was closed with or without payment is that any claim that has an indemnity payment, regardless of subrogation, is considered as closed “with payment” and any claim that had no indemnity payment, even if it had loss adjusting expenses, is considered as closed “without payment”.

[Image of Indemnity Payment and Loss Adjustment Expenses Only with annotations: "Closed with payment" and "Closed without payment"]]
Let’s talk a little bit about re-opened claims. If the claim has been closed and is later re-opened, the re-opened claim should be counted as a new and distinct claim.
So if a claim is re-opened during the current period, it would be counted among the “claims opened during the period”, and if the claim had been re-opened in a prior period, but not yet closed, it would be counted among the “claims open at the beginning of the period”.
Since the re-opened claim is its own distinct claim and counted separately as a new claim, it must also be recorded as “closed with payment” or “closed without payment” when it is finally closed.
However, if a claim was re-opened just so an insured’s deductible can be reimbursed, or a subrogation recovery can be processed, or for another similar reason, it does not need to be reported as opened and closed.
Always remember that in all cases, the number of claims closed with payment plus the number of claims closed without payment will never be greater than the number of claims open at the beginning and opened during the year. That is, you cannot close more claims than you have received.
After the questions regarding the claims you have received and paid, are a series of questions pertaining to the speed of claim settlements.

You are asked to provide the number of claims that were settled WITH payment and WITHOUT payment, within “0-30 days”, “31-60 days”, “61-90 days”, “91-180 days”, 181-365 days”, and finally, the number that were settled beyond 365 days.

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As with the previous data elements, the claims settled questions in MCAS are only asking for counts of claims settled DURING the January 1st to December 31st reporting period.
Remember, the number of days to settlement is the number of days from when the claim was REPORTED (not opened or reserved), to the date the final payment was made.
The aging on re-opened claims (that is, on supplemental payments) should be calculated using the time between when the request for supplemental payment was received, and the date the final payment was made.
Remember that earlier you were asked to provide the number of claims that were closed with payment and without payment during the reporting period.

The total of all the claims closed with payment in the 6 different time categories must match the number of claims that you reported as closed with payment.

Likewise, the total of all claims closed without payment in the 6 different time categories must match the number of claims that you reported as closed without payment.
The last question related to claims asks you to provide the median days to final payment.
The Data Call and Definitions provides a good discussion on what a median is, and how to calculate the median number of days.

If you are unfamiliar with what a “median” is, you should review this part of the “definitions”. An example is also provided.
Briefly, the median is the value above which, and below which, there are an equal number of values. For example, if you have “days to settlement” of 30, 45 and 60, the median is 45 days.

So, to find your median days to settlement, you will need to know the number of days to settlement for each claim closed.

Organize them from the most days, to the fewest days, and find the “days to settlement” value that falls right in the middle of all those values, and enter that amount.
A special note regarding subrogation claims – they should be removed from the set of claims used to calculate your median days to settlement, even though you would include them in your count of claims closed with payment.

They should be excluded from the median days calculation because they tend to take longer to settle than claims settled directly with the claimant.
To double check your work regarding the median days to settlement, you can divide your total closed count in half and find in which category that value would fall. For example, if you have 100 closed claims and

10 are in 0-30 days,
20 are in 31-60 days,
30 are in 61 to 90 days, and
40 are in greater than 90 days,

you know that counting up 50 from the “0-30” range, puts the median value somewhere in the 61-90 category. So, your median should be a value between 61 and 90.
As another example for an odd number of claims, if we have 95 total closed claims, the median claim is the 48th claim which puts the median in the 61-90 days value.
The next set of questions under claims activity relates to lawsuits.

A lawsuit is an action brought in a court of law in which one party, the plaintiff, claims to have incurred a loss as a result of the action of another party, the defendant.

Suit data elements should be reported separately for each type of lender-placed business, as shown in the separate blanks columns at the top.
For purposes of reporting lawsuits in the MCAS blanks:

- Include only lawsuits brought by an applicant for insurance, a policyholder, or a beneficiary as a plaintiff against the reporting insurer, or its agent as a defendant;

- Include all lawsuits, whether or not a hearing or proceeding before the court occurred;

- Do not include arbitrations of any sort;

- If one lawsuit seeks damages under two or more policies, count the number of policies involved as the number of lawsuits. For example, if one lawsuit seeks damages under three policies, count the action as three lawsuits.

- If one lawsuit has two or more complainants, report the number of complainants as the number of lawsuits.

- Report a lawsuit in the jurisdiction in which the policy was issued with the exception of class action lawsuits.
In regards to the treatment of class action lawsuits, insurers should report the opening and closing of a class action lawsuit once in each state, in which a potential class member resides, and include an explanatory note with the submission stating the number of class action lawsuits included in the data and the general cause of action.
A lawsuit closed during the period with consideration for the borrower, is a lawsuit closed during the reporting period in which a court order, jury verdict, or settlement resulted in payment, benefits, or other thing of value, such as consideration to the applicant, policyholder, or beneficiary, in an amount greater than offered by the reporting company before the lawsuit was brought.
The next set of questions relates to Lender-placed underwriting activity. The first questions relate to master policies and certificates that were in force at the beginning of the period, added or written during the period, and canceled during the period.

The next questions are regarding individual policy data questions. We will discuss definitions in further detail on the next two slides.

As mentioned previously, the reporting period includes policies and certificates issued between January 1st and December 31st of the current data year.

It is also important to remember that the underwriting data elements should be reported separately for each type of lender-placed business, as shown in the separate blanks columns at the top.

The claims questions are the same for Auto and for Homeowners - the only difference being the coverage parts to which claims are applicable.
Now we’ll start discussing the Underwriting data elements.
A master policy is a group policy providing coverage for the vehicles or property serving as collateral for a portfolio of loans. Individual coverage, typically in the form of a certificate, is issued from the Master Policy at the direction of the lender or servicer or automatically at the point in time when the borrower’s required voluntary insurance ceases to be in force.

An Individual Policy is lender-placed insurance issued for an individual vehicle or property, respectively.
A certificate is lender-placed insurance issued under a master policy for an individual vehicle or property, respectively.

For example, if the insurer issues 300 certificates under a lender-placed master policy or policies, report 300

In-Force refers to a master policy, individual policy or certificate in effect during the reporting period.
Cancellations include all cancellations of the policies and certificates where the cancellation was executed during the reporting year, regardless of the date of placement of the coverage.

A flat cancellation is when the coverage was cancelled effective the date of coverage with 100% refund of premium.
The next question asks for average gross placement rate.
The Average gross placement rate is the total number of coverages placed before cancellations during the reporting period, divided by the average number of exposures during the reporting period.

The Average number of exposures means the average number of vehicles covered by lender-placed auto policies, or the average number of properties covered by lender-placed home policies during the reporting period.
The next set of questions relates to premiums.
Gross Premium Written During Period is the total premium written before any reductions for refunds, for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the reporting period. It should include premium only for lender-placed insurance for which a separate charge is made to the borrower.

Net Premium Written During Period is the gross premium written less refunds for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the reporting period. It should also include premium only for lender-placed insurance for which a separate charge is made to the borrower.
Net Premium Written During the Period for Policies/Certificates for Which No Separate Charge is Made to the Borrower is the gross premium written, less refunds for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the reporting period. It should include premium only for lender-placed insurance for which *no* separate charge is made to the borrower.

Premiums Earned During Period are the earned premiums for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the reporting period. It should include premium only for lender-placed insurance for which a separate charge is made to the borrower.
The next two questions are related to dollar amounts of claims paid and incurred during the period.
The “Dollars of Claims Paid During Period” are the total dollars paid for claims for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the period.

This should include paid claim dollars only for lender-placed insurance for which a separate charge is made to the borrower.

The “Dollars of Claims Incurred During Period” are the total dollars incurred for claims for the particular type of lender-placed insurance during the period.

This should include incurred claim dollars only for lender-placed insurance for which there is a separate charge to the borrower.
The last two questions are related to complaints received during the reporting period.
Complaints Received Directly from the Department of Insurance include all complaints:

- As identified by the Department of Insurance as a complaint,
- Related to Lender Placed Insurance or insurance tracking, and
- Sent or otherwise forwarded by the Department of Insurance to the reporting company.
Complaints Received Directly from any Person or Entity Other than the Department of Insurance include any written communication that expresses dissatisfaction with a specific person or entity subject to regulation under the state’s insurance laws. An oral communication, which is subsequently converted to a written form in order to be analyzed and acted upon.

Includes:
- Any complaint regardless of the subject of the complaint (claims, underwriting, marketing, etc.)
- Complaints received from third parties, including, but not limited to, lenders or servicers
- From social media sites if specific enough to meet the definition of complaint

- any complaint regardless of the subject of the complaint, such as claims, underwriting, marketing, etc. and also includes
- complaints received from third parties, including, but not limited to, lenders or servicers.
This concludes the data elements review portion of the tutorial. Now we’ll discuss the MCAS data validations.
MCAS Validation and Review
MCAS Validations are data checks programmed within the MCAS data submission application.

- Some validations are considered to be Errors and must be corrected before submission of data is allowed.
- Other validations are considered to be Warnings. Filings containing Warnings can be successfully submitted.
MCAS Validations have multiple purposes.

- They assist insurers in the review of their data within the MCAS application to ensure their data is accurate and entered as intended. For example: the validations can point out data issues that are a result of data entry errors or coding errors,

- And they assist state insurance regulators and NAIC staff in reviewing submitted MCAS data.
It is understood that some validation warning failures may be generated on accurate data that is the result of valid circumstances; for example, companies with small amounts of business to report, or runoff business to report may trigger validation warning failures that are not concerning.
The MCAS system filing matrix provides the MCAS user with information regarding their filings. The filing matrix displays the number of warnings found in submitted or started filings. Before a company submits each filing containing warnings, they are prompted to add comments regarding any outstanding warnings in the submission.
Once a company has filed the MCAS data, the filing matrix will display a status of “filed” for each state and line of business submitted. At this point in the process, NAIC staff will begin a review of the data, checking for data inconsistencies and anomalies.
As NAIC analysts review company filings, they view comments found in the interrogatories,
and in the attestation to determine if the warnings have been sufficiently addressed.

If a filing contains “warning messages,” and there are no comments entered by the company, it is more likely that the company will be contacted for an explanation by NAIC staff.
The company’s standard ratio results are also reviewed. A listing of the scorecard ratios can be found on the MCAS web page.

During review of a company’s ratio results, values that are significantly different than the expected value are identified, along with any significant changes in a company’s ratio values year to year. Companies will be notified of these anomalies to allow verification of the submitted data.
In addition to warnings and ratios, data relationships within the submission are reviewed. An example would be a comparison of policies in-force to the number of claims. Another example would be the comparison of polices in-force to written premiums. If an unusual data relationship is identified, the company will be asked to explain.

A final review is a general review of the data for potential data inaccuracies. An example of this might be the submission of a data element that contains a value much larger than expected; perhaps too many zeros were added, or two data elements were transposed. Again, if these anomalies are identified, the company will be asked to review the data.
The MCAS User Guide, (found on the MCAS webpage) lists the data validation messages that may be encountered while validating data. This includes both “Error” and “Warning” messages. Use the listing to prepare data and to determine comments that will be needed to explain “Warning” messages received during the data validation process.
It is important to note, state regulators have full access to all data and will also review data for accuracy. State regulators will concentrate on submission for their states only, while the NAIC will review the data and look for potential trends in data filed within multiple states.
If there is reported data that appears to be mis-reported or inaccurate based on a review of data for states where data was submitted, NAIC will send an email letter to the Market Conduct Annual Statement Contact. When contact is made with individual companies, state regulators are notified of this correspondence. If they have additional questions or concerns, they may also contact the company. However, keeping state regulators in the line of communication, should lessen the number of inquiries received for any particular data concern.
If company A is part of ABC group, and the same observations are made for other companies within the group, then separate correspondence will be sent to each company. It is important to respond to requests in a timely manner to avoid follow up from the NAIC or state regulators. In the company response to the NAIC, please include comments on what action the company will take.
If you receive correspondence from an NAIC analyst, we encourage you to reach out to the analyst with any questions, comments or concerns you may have regarding the correspondence, the validations, or other MCAS filing related issues.
Thank you for your time. This concludes the filing validation and review discussion. Additional questions may be sent to mcas@naic.org.