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# LTC Closed Blocks: Old Business, New Complexities

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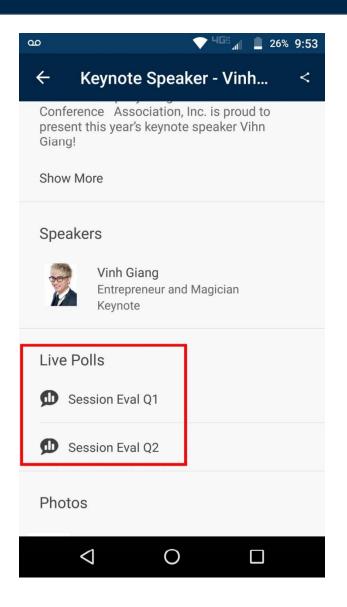


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## LTC Closed Blocks: Transaction Considerations

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## **Recent Market Developments**



- General exit from the market of historically key players
- Reserve strengthening announced by several companies, some of which caught analysts and investors by surprise, after thorough assumption reviews
- Penn Treaty liquidation process and knock-on impacts
- Highly publicized Genworth / China Oceanwide transaction
- New capital entering the space, looking to provide potential solutions
- New, creative and collaborative solutions being discussed to address legacy block challenges

Recent developments have further increased the focus on legacy LTC blocks by all stakeholders.

#### **Recent LTC Transactions**



Year	Seller	Purchaser	LTC reserves - est. (\$ in millions)
2014	Ability Re	Front Street Re	\$350
2015	American Financial Group	HC2 Holdings	\$800
2016	Universal American Corp.	Nassau Reinsurance Group	\$200
2017	Humana	HC2 Holdings	\$2,200

- GNW / China Oceanwide update
- Public interest expressed by others in divesting legacy LTC blocks

Limited LTC transactions have occurred to date given low interest rates and differing views on LTC risks.

## LTC From a Buyer's Perspective



- Large market opportunity with motivated sellers
- Opportunity to bring new and creative solutions to the table
- Complicated risk profile with material downside risk
- Important regulatory considerations
- Continued low interest rates and low yield environment are a challenge
- Risks, tolerances and capital situation differs by block and by seller
- Historically large bid/ask spread with Sellers
- Liability experience has historically deteriorated, are assumptions credible?
- Headline / market perception risk
- If Buyer enters a successful deal, will it be accretive to value?

## Why Consider Transacting



- Why consider transacting?
  - Stock sale
  - Reinsurance
- Potential benefits
  - Capital relief
  - Risk reduction
  - Price verification
  - Message to the market
- What can Buyers bring to the table?
  - Capital
  - Creative solutions
  - New perspectives
  - Business partnership

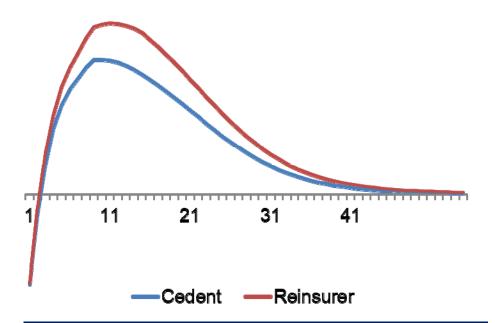
Thinking about the risk from a Buyer's perspective can provide new insights into recurring issues.

## **Common Transaction Challenges**



- Liability assumptions
  - Morbidity rates / improvement
  - Claim utilization
  - Claim cost inflation
  - Lapse rates
  - Expenses
  - Data credibility
- Asset assumptions
  - Future interest rate levels
  - Investment strategy / 'alpha'
- Counterparty risk, collateral and <u>'finality'</u>
- Premium rate increases
- Brand, customer relationship and policy administration
- Regulatory considerations

#### **Net Liability Cash Flows**



Successful transactions will increasingly require collaboration with all key stakeholders.

## Preparing for a Successful Transaction



#### Tips for the Seller

- Get internal consensus early
- Define what success looks like
- Agree on a risk/capital budget
- Clean up data & models
- Build analytical tools
- Engage with regulators early
- Think outside the box

#### What to Expect from the Buyer

- Preference for simpler LTC blocks with fewer variables, possibly by bifurcating risks through creative structures
- Rigorous evaluation of the downside risks
- No desire to pay for assumptions not backed by credible data
- Clarity on rate increases past, present and future
- New approaches to existing challenges



## **QUESTIONS?**

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# LTC Closed Blocks: Life After the Consumer-Friendly Rate Increase

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## **Agenda**



- Company, regulator, policyholder
- "Innovative rate mitigation options"
- Other methods to minimize increase impact
- Justified increases
  - What does "justified" mean?
  - Certification to rate stability
  - Company / regulator management
- What's next?

## Company, regulator, policyholder



- All in this together
- Old roles / new roles
- Policyholder first



## Innovative rate mitigation options





## Landing spots

- Background
- Difficulties
  - Implementation
  - Communication
  - Justification
  - Modeling
- What's next?

## Innovative rate mitigation options



## Alternatives to landing spots

- Unique (and detailed) notification letters
- "Pre-packaged" benefit reductions
- Exchanges
- Others?



## Other methods to minimize increase impact



#### Phase-ins

- Understanding impact
- Implementation

#### Guarantees

2 years, 3 years, 5 years.... 15 years?!

- Actuarial perspective
- Legal perspective



#### **Justified increases**



## What does "justified" mean?

- Company versus regulator definition
  - "Needed" versus "justified"
  - Recouping past losses
- Impact of political caps
- Rate increase variance
- New business

Benefit Period	Requested Increase	Needed Increase	Portion Requested
Non-Lifetime	20%	100%	20%
Lifetime	100%	500%	20%

#### **Justified increases**



## Certification to rate stability

- Implications of having previously certified
- Requesting follow-up increases
- Shrinking blocks
- Threshold for future increases



#### **Justified increases**



## Company / regulator management

- Simple fact: management changes (both company and regulator!)
- Company management
- Regulator management



#### What's next?



# Consumer friendly rate increases aren't going anywhere

- Rate increase complexity
- Regulatory changes
- Impact on new business

Continued industry and regulator conversations (NAIC Subgroups)

- LTC B/E
- LTC Pricing
- LTC Valuation



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## LTC Closed Blocks: Regulator Perspective

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## **Agenda**



#### Interested NAIC Groups

- LTC Insurance (B/E) Task Force
- LTC Valuation Subgroup
- LTC Pricing Subgroup
- Other B Committee Subgroups

### **Key Issues Being Monitored**

- Solvency
  - or Insolvencies, Additional Reserves, and Quotes in Articles
- Fair and Reasonableness of Risk Transfer
  - Change in Block Ownership
  - Increases in Premium

## LTC Insurance (B/E) Task Force



#### Related to Closed Blocks

- Insurance Business Transfer Concept
- Solvency Concerns/Guaranty Association
- Reporting of Developments in Experience
- Rate Increase Uniformity

#### Other

Enable New Product Innovation

## **Solvency Monitoring Topics**



- LTC Valuation Subgroup
  - Actuarial Guideline 51 effective 12/31/2017
    - Approximately 50 reports expected
  - Experience Reporting Review
- Valuation Analysis Work Group
  - AG51 Review Subgroup
  - Report to LTC(B/E) Task Force(August 2018)
- Other Regular Activity
  - Claim Reserve Development
  - Annual GPV Analysis

## Rate Increase Monitoring Topics



- LTC Pricing Subgroup
  - Uniformity\*, Transparency, Predictability
  - Risk Sharing
    - Past Losses
    - Small Remaining Block
  - Fairness of Benefit Reduction Options
    - LTC Benefit Adjustment Subgroup (Inflation topic)
    - (Other thoughts on "trendy" options)
- LTC Valuation Subgroup
  - Assumptions for Future Increases
- Combined Subgroups
  - Consistency of Assumptions

## Regulating Any LTC Block (Closed or Open)

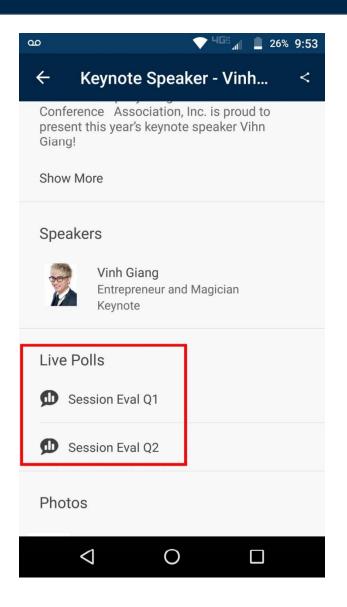


- Balancing Consumer Protections
  - Fair and Reasonable Rates
    - Premiums Compared to Benefits
    - Solvency of Closed Blocks\*
  - Risk Sharing (Consumer vs. Company)
- Various Levels of Understanding and Focus
  - Commissioner Level
  - NAIC Actuarial Subgroup Level
  - Rate Review Staff
  - Financial Solvency Staff
  - Approvals of Business Transfers/Sales

(Regulator Education and Awareness)

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