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TO: Members of the Bureau

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RE: Proceedings of the Wisconsin Governing Board

Experience Modification Effective Date/Rate Effective Date

A recent carrier inquiry prompted an industry-wide review of a unit statistical rule on the reporting of the mod and rate effective date, and when multiple dates are required on a report. The normal example of multiple dates is when an anniversary rating date applies. WCRB requires that the initial mod and rate effective date equal the policy effective date.

Reporting instructions for mod and rate effective dates found on Stat Plan Manual pages 15 and 17 contain a "NOTE", which is unique to Wisconsin.

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance approved the elimination of the "NOTE" with policies effective September 1, 2013. The rules are amended as follows:

Experience Modification Effective Date

Normally, this is the effective date of the policy. However, if the experience modification changes in accordance with Experience Rating Manual rules, this is the effective date of the experience modification that applies to the reported exposure.

If the anniversary rating date is different from the policy effective date, then the modification effective date equals the anniversary rating date.

NOTE: The Experience Modification Effective Date for split 0 must always equal the policy effective date on the unit report's Header Record. The Experience Modification Effective Date is a required data element when reporting electronically.

Rate Effective Date

Normally, this is the effective date of the policy. However, if the rate changes in accordance with manual rules, this is the rate effective date that applies to the reported classification code and exposure.

NOTE: The Rate Effective Date for split 0 must always equal the policy effective date on the unit report's Header Record. The Rate Effective Date is a required data element when reporting electronically.