

## C. DEFINITIONS

### 1. Statistical Plan

The New York Workers' Compensation Statistical Plan ("Statistical Plan") sets forth detailed data reporting requirements for experience of individual risks. Only 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> reports, as well as corrections to such reports, are used in the experience rating calculation. Based on a risk's experience period, an individual unit report may be used in more than one experience rating.

### 2. Experience

The experience used to calculate a risk's modification is comprised of the exposure and losses that are reported according to the Statistical Plan. For purposes of this Plan, exposure and losses may also be referred to as data. The experience used to calculate a modification is determined by Rule 2 Section (E) of this Plan.

### 3. Exposure

For payroll-based classifications, exposure is the audited payroll for each classification in the experience period reported according to the Statistical Plan.

For non-payroll-based classifications, exposure is the following:

- a. Per capita classes: The number of employees as reported in accordance with Part III (6) (b) of the Statistical Plan
- b. Per location class: The number of locations as reported in accordance with Part III (6) (c) of the Statistical Plan
- c. Volunteer Firefighters class: The number of exposure units reported in accordance with Part III (6)(d) of the Statistical Plan multiplied by the rating period manual loss costs for the coverage based on population size during the coverage period.
- d. Volunteer Ambulance Workers class: The number of exposure units reported in accordance with Part III (6)(e) of the Statistical Plan applied to the rating period manual loss costs for such exposure units.

### 4. Losses

Losses used in this Plan are incurred losses which are defined as loss payments plus reserves for future payments as of the valuation date. Incurred losses for each classification in the experience period are those reported according to the Statistical Plan.

- a. No loss is excluded from the experience of a risk even if the employer was not responsible for the accident that caused such loss.

## **Exceptions:**

- i.** Losses reported with Catastrophe Number 12 and date of accident prior to November 1, 2022 are excluded from experience rating calculations. Catastrophe Number 12 claims include all workers' compensation claims directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. Losses reported with Catastrophe Number 12 and date of accident on or after November 1, 2022 are included in experience rating calculations.

- ii.**

A loss is not included in the experience of a risk if it is not required to be reported to the New York State Workers' Compensation Board as defined in Section 110 of the New York Workers' Compensation Law provided that the employer pays the claim in the first instance or reimburses the carrier for the treatment rendered to the employee.

**Note:** An employer is not required to file a claim notice with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board if the accident or illness requires ordinary first aid or causes loss of time from work of only one day beyond the working day or shift on which the accident or illness occurred.

- b.**

Loss amounts may be limited in the experience rating calculation. For application of a loss limitation, refer to Rule 2 Section (C)(9) of this Plan.

## **5. Entity**

An entity is an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, fiduciary, or other legal entity.

## **6. Risk**

A risk consists of all entities eligible for combination under this Plan, regardless of whether insurance is provided by one or more policies or insurance carriers. A risk may be:

- a.** A single entity, or

- b.**

Two or more entities that qualify for combination according to Rule 3 Section (D) of this Plan.

## **7. Subject Premium**

Subject premium is reported according to the Statistical Plan.

## **8. Unity (1.00) Factor**

A unity (1.00) factor may apply to a risk for reasons including, but not limited to:

- It does not qualify for experience rating. Refer to Rule 2 Section (A) of this Plan for eligibility requirements.
- It does not meet the minimum data requirements. Refer to Rule 4 Section (C) of this Plan for an explanation.
- It is a new business with no data available for calculation of an experience rating modification.
- It qualifies for experience rating, with the calculation resulting in a 1.00 modification.

- Data could not be provided as a result of an ownership change. Refer to Rule 3 Section (C) of this Plan for an explanation.