

# **Certification Page** Regular and Emergency Rules Revised June 2020

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a. <i>F</i>	Are these non-emerger	ncy or regular rules new as per the above description and	the definition of	of "new" in Chapter 1 of the	ne Rules on Rules?	
	No. Yes. If the rules are new, please provide the Legislative Chapter Numbers and Years Enacted (e.g. 2015 Session Laws Chapter 154):					
<u>3.</u>	Rule Type and In	formation For purposes of this Section 3, "New" means	s an emergenc	y or regular rule that has	never been previously created.	
a. F	Provide the Chapter Nu	umber, Title* and Proposed Action for Each Chapter. Plea	se use the "Addii	tional Rule Information" form	n to identify additional rule chapters.	
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4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking						
a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. No. Yes. VIA						
b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules.   No. Yes. Please complete the boxes below.						
Date: Time:		City:		Location:		
5. Checklist						
<ul> <li>a. For regular rules, the Statement of Principal Reasons is attached to this Certification and, in compliance with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. v. Environmental Quality Council, 590 P.2d 1324 (Wyo. 1979), includes a brief statement of the substance or terms of the rule and the basis and purpose of the rule</li> <li>b. For emergency rules, the Memorandum to the Governor documenting the emergency, which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing, is attached to this Certification.</li> </ul>						
6. Agency/Board Certification						
The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct. By electronically submitting the emergency or regular rules into the Wyoming Administrative Rules System, the undersigned acknowledges that the Registrar of Rules will review the rules as to form and, if approved, the electronic filing system will electronically notify the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, and Legislative Service Office of the approval and electronically provide them with a copy of the complete rule packet on the date approved by the Registrar of Rules. The complete rules packet includes this signed certification page; the Statement of Principal Reasons or, if emergency rules, the Memorandum to the Governor documenting the emergency; and a strike and underscore copy and clean copy of each chapter of rules.  Signature of Authorized Individual  Jeffrey P. Rude						
Signatory Title	Commissioner					
Date of Signature	2-27-23					
7. Governor's Certification  I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:  1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency; 2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules, 3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.  Therefore, I approve the same.  Governor's Signature						
Date of Signature						

### DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

#### STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT	)	
OF CHAPTER 54 AND THE REPEAL	)	
OF CHAPTER 55 OF THE WYOMING	)	
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RULES	)	
AND REGULATIONS.	)	Docket No. 22-58

#### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL REASONS

#### FOR

The amendment of Chapter 54 of the Wyoming Insurance Department Regulations and The repeal of Chapter 55 of the Wyoming Insurance Department Regulations

The Department of Insurance (DOI) originally promulgated Chapters 54 of its Rules and Regulations in 2001, and promulgated Chapter 55 in 2003. Neither of these rules have been substantially modified since they were originally promulgated. The proposed amendments to Chapter 54 are being promulgated to address changes in the insurance industry since the regulation was originally promulgated. Like Chapter 54, Chapter 55 addresses the use and disclosure of consumer personal and financial information. Therefore, the Department has amended Chapter 54 to include the substantive provisions of Chapter 55. As a result, the Department proposes to repeal Chapter 55.

The language of Chapter 54 is based largely upon model language drafted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NAIC provides opportunity for input from all states, territories, and the insurance industry regarding the model regulation's proposed language. By amending Chapter 54, the DOI has made changes to update and clarify the wording, but has retained much of the model language to ensure the

existing consumer protections in the regulation are not altered. In addition, there have been changes in the procedures used by insurance companies since Chapters 54 and 55 were originally promulgated. As a result, the NAIC revised the model language regarding the use and disclosure of consumer personal and financial information. The proposed changes to Chapters 54 and 55 update the language of the regulations to make it consistent with the NAIC revised model language.

Finally, the proposed changes to Chapters 54 and 55 have been made to address changes to the privacy notice requirements necessitated by changes to federal legislation. Specifically, under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 102-106, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), as codified at 15 U.S.C. 6801-6809) ("GLBA"), financial institutions, such as insurers, are required to provide annual notices to consumers regarding how the institution uses and discloses the personal and financial information of consumers with whom they have a customer relationship. The privacy requirements of the GLBA were adopted in the existing version of Chapters 54 and 55. In December of 2015, Title V of the GLBA was amended as part of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94, 129 Stat. 1312 (2016) (the "FAST Act"). The FAST Act changed the requirements for the annual privacy notices by providing an exception to the annual privacy notice in some circumstances. The changes to Chapters 54 and 55 include changes to make the privacy notice requirements consistent with the current requirements of the GLBA as amended by the FAST Act. By so doing, the burden on insurers will be reduced by eliminating the need to send annual privacy notices to customers when there has been no changes to the company's privacy policy since the last time the company's privacy policy was provided to the customer.

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## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS TO**

Chapter 54 and 55

THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE WYOMING INSURANCE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND

THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 55 OF THE WYOMING INSURANCE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

The Wyoming Department of Insurance did not receive any comments relating to Chapter 54 or 55 of the Wyoming Insurance Department Regulations. Public comments were accepted until February 24, 2023.

### Chapter 54

# **Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information** and Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information

#### ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 26-2-110, 26-2-133, and 26-13-101 *et seq*.

### Section 2. Applicability.

- (a) This regulation applies to:
- (i) Nonpublic personal financial information about individuals who obtain or are claimants or beneficiaries of products or services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. This regulation does not apply to information about companies or about individuals who obtain products or services for business, commercial, or agricultural purposes; and
  - (ii) All nonpublic personal health information.
- (b) A licensee domiciled in Wyoming who is in compliance with this regulation in a state that has not enacted laws or regulations meeting the requirements of Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (PL 102-106) may nonetheless be deemed as in compliance with Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in the other state.

### **Section 3.** Definitions.

- (a) "Affiliate" means a company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another company.
- (b) "Clear and conspicuous" means a notice is reasonably understandable and designed to call attention to the nature and significance of the information contained therein.
  - (i) A licensee makes its notice reasonably understandable if it:
- (A) Presents the information in the notice in clear, concise sentences, paragraphs, and sections;
  - (B) Uses short explanatory sentences or bullet lists;
  - (C) Uses definite, concrete, everyday words, and active voice;
  - (D) Avoids multiple negatives;

- (E) Avoids legal and highly technical business terminology; and
- (F) Avoids explanations that are imprecise and readily subject to different interpretations.
- (ii) A licensee shall design its notice to call attention to the nature and significance of the information by using:
  - (A) Plain language headings to call attention to the notice;
- (B) Typeface, type size, style, and graphic devices that are distinctive and easy to read;
  - (C) Wide margins and ample line spacing; and
  - (D) Boldface or italics for key words.
- (iii) Notices on web sites shall call attention to the nature and significance of the information by using text or visual cues to encourage scrolling down the page to view the entire notice and to ensure other elements on the web site (such as text, graphics, hyperlinks, or sound) do not distract from the notice. The licensee shall either:
- (A) Place the notice on a screen consumers frequently access, such as a page on which transactions are conducted; or
- (B) Place a link on a screen consumers frequently access that connects directly to the notice and is labeled appropriately.
- (c) "Collect" means to obtain information that the licensee can organize or retrieve by name of an individual, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to an individual, regardless of the underlying source of the information.
- (d) "Company" means a corporation, limited liability company, business trust, general or limited partnership, association, sole proprietorship, or similar organization.
- (e) "Consumer" means an individual or that individual's legal representative who is seeking or who has obtained an insurance product or service from a licensee to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, and about whom the licensee has nonpublic personal information and includes:
- (i) An individual who provides nonpublic personal information to a licensee in connection with seeking or obtaining financial, investment, or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service regardless of whether the licensee establishes an ongoing advisory relationship.

- (ii) An applicant for insurance prior to the inception of insurance coverage.
- (iii) A consumer of another financial institution is not a licensee's consumer solely because the licensee is acting as agent for, or provides processing or other services to, that financial institution.
  - (iv) An individual is a licensee's consumer if the individual is:
- (A) A beneficiary of a life insurance policy underwritten by the licensee:
  - (B) A claimant under an insurance policy issued by the licensee;
- (C) An insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or an annuity issued by the licensee; or
- (D) A mortgager of a mortgage covered under a mortgage insurance policy.
- (v) Provided the licensee provides the initial, annual, and revised notices to the plan sponsor, group, or blanket insurance policyholder, group annuity contract holder, or workers' compensation policyholder, and the licensee does not disclose to a nonaffiliated third party nonpublic personal financial information about an individual other than as permitted under this regulation, an individual is not the consumer of the licensee solely because he or she is:
- (A) A participant or a beneficiary of an employee benefit plan the licensee administers or sponsors or for which the licensee acts as a trustee, insurer, or fiduciary;
- (B) Covered under a group or blanket insurance policy or group annuity contract issued by the licensee; or
  - (C) A claimant covered by a workers' compensation plan.
- (vi) The individuals described in the above subparagraphs (v)(A) through (C) are consumers of a licensee if the licensee does not meet all the conditions of paragraph (v).
- (vii) In no event shall the individuals, solely by virtue of the status described in subparagraphs (v)(A) through (C) be deemed customers for purposes of this regulation.

- (viii) An individual is not a licensee's consumer solely because he or she is a beneficiary or named trustee for a trust.
- (f) "Consumer reporting agency" has the same meaning as in Section 603(f) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)).

### (g) "Control" means:

- (i) Ownership, control, or power to vote twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting security of the company, directly or indirectly, or acting through one or more other persons;
- (ii) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors, trustees, or general partners (or individuals exercising similar functions) of the company; or
- (iii) The power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of the company, as determined by the Commissioner.
  - (h) "Customer" means a consumer who has a customer relationship with a licensee.
- (i) "Customer information" means nonpublic personal information, whether in paper, electronic, or other form, maintained by or on behalf of the licensee.
- (j) "Customer information systems" means the electronic or physical methods used to access, collect, store, use, transmit, protect, or dispose of customer information.
- (k) "Customer relationship" means a continuing relationship between a consumer and a licensee under which the licensee provides one or more insurance products or services to the consumer to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- (i) A consumer has a continuing relationship with a licensee if the consumer:
- (A) Is a current policyholder of an insurance product issued by or through the licensee; or
- (B) Obtains financial, investment, or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service from the licensee for a fee.
- (ii) A consumer does not have a continuing relationship with a licensee if the consumer:
  - (A) Applies for insurance but does not purchase the insurance;
- (B) Purchases airline travel insurance from the licensee in an isolated transaction:

- (C) Is no longer a current policyholder of an insurance product or no longer obtains insurance services with or through the licensee;
- (D) Is a beneficiary or claimant under a policy and has submitted a claim under a policy choosing a settlement option involving an ongoing relationship with the licensee:
- (E) Is a beneficiary or a claimant under a policy and has submitted a claim under that policy choosing a lump sum settlement option;
- (F) Had a policy that lapsed, expired, or otherwise inactive or dormant under the licensee's business practices, and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, other than providing annual privacy notices, material required by law or regulation, communication at the direction of a state or federal authority, or promotional materials;
- (G) Is an insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or annuity, respectively, but is not the policyholder or owner of the insurance policy or annuity; or
- (H) Has a last known address according to the licensee's records that is invalid.
- (I) "Financial institution" means any institution whose business is engaging in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities as described in Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)). Financial institution does not include:
- (i) Any person or entity with respect to any financial activity that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*);
- (ii) The Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation or any entity charged and operating under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 *et seq.*); or
- (iii) Institutions chartered by Congress specifically to engage in securitizations, secondary market sales (including sales of servicing rights), or similar transactions related to a consumer transaction as long as the institutions do not sell or transfer nonpublic personal information to a nonaffiliated third party.
- (m) "Financial product or service" means a product or service a financial holding company could offer by engaging in an activity that is financial in nature or incidental to such a financial activity under Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)).
  - (i) Financial service includes a financial institution's evaluation or brokerage

of information that the financial institution collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for a financial product or service.

- (n) "Health care" means preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or palliative care, services, procedures, tests, or counseling that:
  - (i) Relates to the physical, mental, or behavioral condition of an individual;
- (ii) Affects the structure or function of the human body or any part of the human body, including the banking of blood, sperm, organs, or any other tissue; or
- (iii) Prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing to an individual drugs or biologicals, or medical devices, or health care equipment, and supplies.
- (o) "Health care provider" means a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law, or a health care facility.
- (p) "Health information" means any information or data except age or gender, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, created by or derived from a health care provider or the consumer relating to:
- (i) The past, present, or future physical, mental, or behavioral health or condition of an individual;
  - (ii) The provision of health care to an individual; or
  - (iii) Payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
- (q) "Insurance product or service" means any product or service offered by a licensee pursuant to the Wyoming Insurance Code.
- (i) Insurance service includes a licensee's evaluation, brokerage, or distribution of information the licensee collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for an insurance product or service.
- (r) "Licensee" means all licensed insurers, producers, and other persons licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to the Wyoming Insurance Code, except that "licensee" shall not include: a purchasing group; or an unauthorized insurer regarding surplus line business conducted pursuant to W.S. § 26-11-101 *et seq*.
- (i) A licensee is not subject to the notice and opt-out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Articles I, II, III, IV, and VII if the licensee is an employee, agent, or other representative of another licensee (the principal) and:
  - (A) The principal otherwise complies with and provides the notices

required by this regulation; and

- (B) The licensee does not disclose any nonpublic personal information to any person other than the principal or its affiliates in a manner permitted by this regulation.
- (ii) Subject to subsection (iii) of this subsection, "licensee" shall also include an unauthorized insurer that accepts business placed through a licensed surplus lines broker in Wyoming, but only regarding the surplus lines placements placed pursuant to the Wyoming Insurance Code.
- (iii) A surplus lines broker or insurer shall be deemed in compliance with the notice and opt-out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Articles I, II, III, IV, and VII provided:
- (A) The broker or insurer does not disclose nonpublic personal information of a consumer or a customer to nonaffiliated third parties for any purpose, including joint servicing or marketing under section 14 of this regulation, except as permitted by section 15 or 16 of this regulation; and
- (B) The broker or insurer delivers a notice to the consumer at the time a customer relationship is established on which the following is printed in 16-point type:

#### PRIVACY NOTICE

"Neither the U.S. brokers that handled this insurance nor the insurers underwriting this insurance will disclose nonpublic personal information concerning the buyer to non-affiliates of the brokers or insurers except as permitted by law."

- (s) "Nonaffiliated third party" means any person except a licensee's affiliate or a person employed jointly by a licensee and any company that is not the licensee's affiliate (but nonaffiliated third party includes the other company that jointly employs the person).
- (i) Nonaffiliated third party includes any company affiliated solely by virtue of the direct or indirect ownership or control of the company by the licensee or its affiliate in conducting merchant banking or investment banking activities of the type described in Section 4(k)(4)(H) or insurance company investment activities of the type described in Section 4(k)(4)(I) of the federal Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)(4)(H) and (I)) or as otherwise defined by Wyoming Statute.
- (t) "Nonpublic personal information" includes nonpublic personal financial information and nonpublic personal health information.
- (u) "Nonpublic personal financial information" means personally identifiable financial information and any list, description, or other grouping of consumers (and publicly

available information pertaining to them) derived using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.

- (i) Nonpublic personal financial information includes any list of individuals' names and street addresses derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, such as account numbers.
  - (ii) Nonpublic personal financial information does not include:
    - (A) Health information:
- (B) Publicly available information, except as included on a list described in subsection (3)(t) above; or
- (C) Any list, description or other grouping of consumers (and publicly available information pertaining to them) derived without using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.
- (D) Any list of individuals' names and addresses that contains only publicly available information, is not derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, and is not disclosed in a manner indicating that any of the individuals on the list is a consumer of a financial institution.
  - (v) "Nonpublic personal health information" means health information:
    - (i) That identifies an individual who is the subject of the information; or
- (ii) With respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information could be used to identify an individual.
  - (w) "Personally identifiable financial information" means any information:
- (i) A consumer provides to a licensee to obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee:
- (ii) About a consumer resulting from a transaction involving an insurance product or service between a licensee and a consumer; or
- (iii) The licensee otherwise obtains about a consumer in connection with providing an insurance product or service to that consumer.
  - (iv) Personally identifiable financial information includes:
- (A) Information a consumer provides to a licensee on an application to obtain an insurance product or service;

- (B) Account balance information and payment history;
- (C) The fact an individual is or has been one of the licensee's customers or has obtained an insurance product or service from the licensee;
- (D) Any information about the licensee's consumer if disclosed in a manner indicating that the individual is or has been the licensee's consumer;
- (E) Any information a consumer provides to a licensee or that the licensee or its agent otherwise obtains in connection with collecting on a loan or servicing a loan;
- (F) Any information the licensee collects through an Internet cookie (an information-collecting device from a web server); and
  - (G) Information from a consumer report.
  - (v) Personally identifiable financial information does not include:
    - (A) Health information;
- (B) A list of names and addresses of customers of an entity that is not a financial institution: and
- (C) Information that does not identify a consumer, such as aggregate information or blind data not containing personal identifiers such as account numbers, names or addresses.
- (x) "Publicly available information" means any information a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public from:
  - (i) Federal, state, or local government records;
  - (ii) Widely distributed media; or
  - (iii) Disclosures to the general public required by federal, state, or local law.
- (iv) A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has taken steps to determine:

- (A) That the information is of the type available to the general public; and
- (B) Whether an individual can direct that the information not be made available to the general public and, if so, that the licensee's consumer has not done so.
  - (v) "Publicly available information" includes:
- (A) Information in government records including real estate records and security interest filings.
- (B) Information from widely distributed media such as a telephone book, a television or radio program,—a newspaper, or a web-site that is available to the general public on an unrestricted basis. A web site is not restricted merely because an Internet service provider or a site operator requires a fee or a password, if available to the general public.
- (C) Information a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available.
- (I) Mortgage information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has determined the information is of the type included on the public record in the jurisdiction where the mortgage would be recorded.
- (II) An individual's telephone number is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has located the telephone number in the telephone book or the consumer has informed licensee that the telephone number is not unlisted.

# ARTICLE II. PRIVACY AND OPT-OUT NOTICES FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Section 4. Initial Privacy Notice to Consumers Required.

- (a) A licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices to:
- (i) An individual who becomes the licensee's customer, not later than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship. except as provided in subsection 4(e) of this section; and
- (ii) A consumer, before the licensee discloses any nonpublic personal financial information to any nonaffiliated third party, if the licensee makes a disclosure other than as authorized by sections 15 and 16.
- (b) A licensee is not required to provide an initial notice to a consumer under subsection 4(a)(ii) of this section if:

- (i) The licensee does not disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about the consumer to any nonaffiliated third party, other than as authorized by sections 15 and 16, and the licensee does not have a customer relationship with the consumer; or
- (ii) A notice has been provided by an affiliated licensee, as long as the notice clearly identifies all licensees to whom the notice applies and is accurate with respect to the licensee and the other institutions.
- (c) A licensee establishes a customer relationship at the time the licensee and the consumer enter into a continuing relationship or when:
- (i) The insurer delivers an insurance policy or contract to the consumer that was obtained through the licensee; or
- (ii) The consumer agrees to obtain financial, economic, or investment advisory services relating to insurance products or services for a fee from the licensee.
- (d) When an existing customer obtains a new insurance product or service to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, the licensee satisfies the initial notice requirements of subsection 4(a) if the licensee:
- (i) Provides a revised policy notice, under section 8 covering the customer's new insurance product or service; or
- (ii) Recently provided initial, revised, or annual notice to the customer that was accurate with respect to the new insurance product or service.
  - (e) Exceptions to allow subsequent delivery of notice.
- (i) A licensee may provide the initial notice required by subsection 4(a) within a reasonable time after the licensee establishes a customer relationship if:
- (A) Establishing the customer relationship is not at the customer's election; or
- (B) Providing notice not later than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship would substantially delay the customer's transaction and the customer agrees to receive the notice at a later time.

### (ii) Exceptions include:

(A) If a licensee acquires or is assigned a customer's policy from another financial institution or residual market mechanism and the customer does not have a choice about the licensee's acquisition or assignment.

- (B) Providing notice would substantially delay the customer's transaction when the licensee and the individual agree over the telephone to enter into a customer relationship involving prompt delivery of the insurance product or service.
- (C) Providing notice would not substantially delay the customer's transaction when the relationship is initiated in person at the licensee's office or through other means by which the customer may view the notice, such as on a web site.
- (f) When a licensee is required to deliver an initial privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver it according to section 10. If the licensee uses a short-form initial notice for non-customers according to section 6(c), the licensee may deliver its privacy notice according to section 6(c) (iii).

### Section 5. Annual Privacy Notice to Customers Required.

- (a) Except as indicated below, a licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to customers that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices not less than annually during the continuation of the customer relationship. A licensee may define the twelve-consecutive-month period, but the licensee shall apply it to the customer on a consistent basis. A licensee provides an annual notice if it provides notice in each calendar year following the year in which the licensee provided the initial notice.
  - (b) A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice if:
- (i) The licensee only provides nonpublic personal information about its customers to nonaffiliated third parties pursuant to sections 14, 15, and 16; and
- (ii) The licensee has not changed its privacy policies and practices relating to the disclosure of nonpublic personal information from those policies and practices that were set forth in the most recent notice sent to customers pursuant to this section or section 4.
  - (c) A licensee is not required to provide annual notice to a former customer.
  - (d) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if:
- (i) The individual no longer holds a current policy or no longer uses insurance services with or through the licensee.
- (ii) The individual's policy is lapsed, expired, or otherwise inactive and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, other than to provide material required by law.
- (iii) The individual's last known address is deemed invalid or undeliverable and subsequent attempts by the licensee to obtain a current valid address for the individual have been unsuccessful.

- (iv) In the case of providing real estate settlement services, at the time the customer completes execution of all documents related to the real estate closing, payment for those services has been received, or the licensee has completed all of its responsibilities with respect to the settlement, including filing documents on the public record, whichever is later.
- (e) When a licensee is required by this section to deliver an annual privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver it according to section 10.

### Section 6. Information to be Included in Privacy Notices.

- (a) The initial, annual, and revised privacy notices that a licensee provides under sections 4, 5, and 8 shall include each of the following items of information, in addition to any other information the licensee wishes to provide, that applies to the licensee and to the consumers to whom the licensee sends its privacy notice:
- (i) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee collects;
- (ii) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee discloses;
- (iii) The categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under sections 15 and 16;
- (iv) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers the licensee discloses and the categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under sections 15 and 16;
- (v) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under section 15 (and no other exception in sections 15 and 16 applies to that disclosure), a separate description of the categories of information the licensee discloses and the categories of third parties with whom the licensee has contracted;
- (vi) An explanation of the consumer's right under section 11(a) to opt-out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties, including the methods by which the consumer may exercise that right at that time;
- (vii) Any disclosures the licensee makes under Section 603(d)(2)(A)(iii) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(d)(2)(A)(iii)) (that is, notices regarding the ability to opt-out of disclosures of information among affiliates);
- (viii) The licensee's policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal information; and

- (ix) Any disclosure the licensee makes under subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information as authorized under sections 15 and 16, the licensee is not required to list those exceptions in the initial or annual privacy notices required by sections 4 and 5. When describing the categories of parties to whom disclosure is made, the licensee is required to state only that it makes disclosures to other affiliated or nonaffiliated third parties, as applicable, as permitted by law.
- (c) A licensee may satisfy the initial notice requirements in sections 4(a)(ii) and 7 for a consumer who is not a customer by providing a short-form initial notice at the same time the licensee delivers an opt-out notice as required in section 7.
  - (i) A short-form initial notice shall:
    - (A) Be clear and conspicuous;
    - (B) State that the licensee's privacy notice is available upon request; and
- (C) Explain a reasonable means by which the consumer may obtain that notice.
- (ii) The licensee shall deliver its short-form initial notice according to section 9. The licensee is not required to deliver its privacy notice with its short-form initial notice, but may provide to the consumer a reasonable means to obtain its privacy notice. If a consumer who receives the licensee's short-form notice requests the licensee's privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver its privacy notice according to section 10.
- (iii) The licensee provides a reasonable means for a consumer to obtain a copy of its privacy notice if the licensee:
- (A) Provides a toll-free telephone number the consumer may call to request the notice; or
- (B) Maintains copies of the notice on hand that the licensee provides to consumers immediately upon request.
  - (d) The licensee's notice for future disclosures may include:
- (i) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee reserves the right to disclose in the future, but does not currently disclose; and
  - (ii) Categories of affiliated or nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee

reserves the future right to disclose, but to whom the licensee does not currently disclose, nonpublic personal financial information.

(e) Sample clauses illustrating some of the notice content required by this section are included in the Sample Clauses Illustration, located on the Department of Insurance website at: DOI.wyo.gov.

### Section 7. Form of Opt-Out Notice to Consumers and Opt-Out Methods.

- (a) If a licensee is required to provide an opt-out notice under section 11(a), it shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to each of its consumers accurately explaining the right to opt-out under that section and stating:
- (i) That the licensee discloses or reserves the right to disclose nonpublic personal financial information about its consumer to a nonaffiliated third party;
  - (ii) That the consumer has the right to opt-out of that disclosure; and
- (iii) A reasonable means by which the consumer may exercise the opt-out right.
- (b) A licensee provides adequate opt-out notice to a nonaffiliated third party if the licensee:
- (i) Identifies all categories of nonpublic personal financial information it discloses or reserves the right to disclose, and all categories of nonaffiliated third parties to which the licensee discloses the information, as described in paragraphs 6(a)(ii) and (iii), and states that the consumer can opt-out of the disclosure of that information; and
- (ii) Identifies the insurance products or services the consumer obtains from the licensee, either singly or jointly, to which the opt-out direction would apply.
  - (iii) A licensee provides a reasonable means to exercise an opt-out right if it:
- (A) Designates check-off boxes in a prominent position on the relevant forms with the opt-out notice;
  - (B) Includes a reply form together with the opt-out notice;
- (C) Provides an electronic means to opt-out, such as a form that can be sent via electronic mail, or a process at the licensee's website, if the consumer agrees to the electronic delivery of information; or
  - (D) Provides a toll-free telephone number consumers may call to opt-

out.

- (c) A licensee does not provide a reasonable means of opting-out if:
- (i) The only means of opting-out is for the consumer to write his or her own letter exercising the opt-out right; or
- (ii) The only means of opting-out as described in any notice subsequent to the initial notice is to use a check-off box the licensee provided with the initial notice but did not include with the subsequent notice.
- (d) A licensee may require each consumer to opt-out through a specific means, as long as that means is reasonable for that consumer.
- (e) A licensee may provide the opt-out notice together with or on the same written or electronic form as the initial notice the licensee provides in accordance with section 4.
- (f) If a licensee provides the opt-out notice later than required for the initial notice in accordance with section 4, the licensee shall also include a copy of the initial notice with the opt-out notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.
- (g) If two (2) or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may provide a single opt-out notice that explains how the licensee will treat an opt-out direction by a joint consumer.
- (i) Any of the joint consumers may exercise the right to opt-out. The licensee may either:
- (A) Treat an opt-out direction by a joint consumer as applying to all of the associated joint consumers; or
  - (B) Permit each joint consumer to opt-out separately.
- (ii) If a licensee permits each joint consumer to opt-out separately, the licensee shall permit one of the joint consumers to opt-out on behalf of all of the joint consumers.
- (iii) A licensee may not require all joint consumers to opt-out before it implements any opt-out direction.
- (h) A licensee shall comply with a consumer's opt-out direction as soon as reasonably practicable after the licensee receives it.
  - (i) A consumer may exercise the right to opt-out at any time.

- (i) A consumer's direction to opt-out under this section is effective until the consumer revokes it in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.
- (ii) When a customer relationship terminates, the customer's opt-out direction continues to apply to the nonpublic personal financial information the licensee collected during or related to that relationship. If the individual subsequently establishes a new customer relationship with the licensee, the opt-out direction that applied to the former relationship does not apply to the new relationship.
- (j) When a licensee is required to deliver an opt-out notice, the licensee shall deliver it according to section 10.

### Section 8. Revised Privacy Notices.

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized in this regulation, a licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party other than as described in the initial notice that the licensee provided to that consumer under section 4, unless:
- (i) The licensee has provided to the consumer a clear and conspicuous revised notice accurately describing its policies and practices;
  - (ii) The licensee has provided to the consumer a new opt-out notice;
- (iii) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before the licensee discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt-out of the disclosure; and
  - (iv) The consumer does not opt-out.
- (b) Except as otherwise permitted by sections 14, 15, and 16, a licensee shall provide a revised notice before it:
- (i) Discloses a new category of nonpublic personal financial information to any nonaffiliated third party;
- (ii) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new category of nonaffiliated third party; or
- (iii) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information about a former customer to a nonaffiliated third party, if that former customer has not had the opportunity to exercise an opt-out right regarding that disclosure.
- (c) A revised notice is not required if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new nonaffiliated third party the licensee adequately described in its

prior notice.

- (d) When a licensee is required to deliver a revised privacy notice by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to section 10.
- **Section 9. Privacy Notices to Group Policyholders.** Unless a licensee is providing privacy notices directly to covered individuals described in section 3(e)(v)(A), (B), or (C), a licensee shall provide initial, annual, and revised notices to the plan sponsor, group or blanket insurance policyholder or group annuity contract holder, or workers' compensation policyholder, in the manner described in sections 4, 5, and 8 of this regulation, describing the licensee's privacy practices with respect to nonpublic personal information about individuals covered under the policies, contracts, or plans.

### Section 10. Delivery.

- (a) A licensee shall provide any notices this regulation requires so that each consumer can reasonably be expected to receive actual notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.
- (b) A licensee may reasonably expect a consumer will receive actual notice if the licensee:
  - (i) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the consumer;
- (ii) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the consumer separately, or in a policy, billing, or other written communication;
- (iii) Posts the notice on the electronic site and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining a particular insurance product or service; or
- (iv) For an isolated transaction with a consumer, such as the licensee providing an insurance quote or selling the consumer travel insurance, posts the notice and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining the particular insurance product or service.
- (c) A licensee may not, however, reasonably expect that a consumer will receive actual notice of its privacy policies and practices if it:
- (i) Only posts a sign in its office or generally publishes advertisements of its privacy policies and practices; or
- (ii) Sends the notice via electronic mail to a consumer who does not obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee electronically.

- (d) A licensee may reasonably expect that a customer will receive actual notice of the licensee's annual privacy notice if:
- (i) The customer uses the licensee's website to access insurance products and services electronically and agrees to receive notices at the website and the licensee posts its current privacy notice continuously in a clear and conspicuous manner; or
- (ii) The customer has requested that the licensee refrain from sending any information regarding the customer relationship, and the licensee's current privacy notice remains available to the customer upon request.
- (e) A licensee may not provide any notice required by this regulation solely by orally explaining the notice, either in person or over the telephone.
- (f) For customers only, a licensee shall provide the initial notice required by section 4(a), the annual notice required by section 5(a), and the revised notice required by section 8 so that the customer can retain them or obtain them later in writing or, if the customer agrees, electronically.
- (g) A licensee may provide a privacy notice to the customer so the customer can retain it or obtain it later if the licensee:
  - (i) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the customer;
- (ii) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the customer; or
- (iii) Makes its current privacy notice available on a website (or a link to another website) for the customer who obtains an insurance product or service electronically and agrees to receive the notice at the website.
- (h) A licensee may provide a joint notice from the licensee and one or more of its affiliates or other financial institutions, as identified in the notice. A licensee also may provide accurate notice on behalf of another financial institution.
- (i) If two (2) or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may satisfy the initial, annual, and revised notice requirements of sections 4(a), 5(a) and 8(a), respectively, by providing one notice to those consumers jointly.

#### ARTICLE III. LIMITS ON DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Section 11. Limits on Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information to Nonaffiliated Third Parties.

(a) A licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party unless:

- (i) The licensee has provided to the consumer an initial notice as required under section 4;
- (ii) The licensee has provided to the consumer an opt-out notice as required in section 7;
- (iii) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before it discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt-out of the disclosure; and
  - (iv) The consumer does not opt-out.
- (b) Opt-out means a direction by the consumer that the licensee—not disclose nonpublic personal financial information about that consumer to a nonaffiliated third party, other than as permitted by sections 14, 15, and 16.
  - (c) A licensee provides a consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt-out if:
- (i) The licensee mails the required notices to the consumer and allows the consumer to opt-out by mailing a form, calling a toll-free telephone number, or any other reasonable means within thirty (30) days from the date the licensee mailed the notices.
- (ii) A customer opens an on-line account with a licensee and agrees to receive the required notices electronically, and the licensee allows the customer to opt-out by any reasonable means within thirty (30) days after the date the customer acknowledges receipt of the notices in conjunction with opening the account.
- (iii) For an isolated transaction such as providing the consumer with an insurance quote, a licensee provides the consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt-out if the licensee provides the required notices at the time of the transaction and requests that the consumer decide, as a necessary part of the transaction, whether to opt-out before completing the transaction.
- (iv) A licensee shall comply with this section, regardless of whether the licensee and the consumer have established a customer relationship.
- (v) Unless a licensee complies with this section, the licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer the licensee has collected, regardless of whether the licensee collected it before or after receiving the direction to opt-out from the consumer.
- (d) A licensee may allow a consumer to select certain nonpublic personal financial information or certain nonaffiliated third parties to which the consumer wishes to opt-out.

## Section 12. Limits on Re-disclosure and Reuse of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

- (a) If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution under an exception in this regulation, the licensee's disclosure and use of that information is limited as follows. The licensee may disclose:
- (i) Information to affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information:
- (ii) Information to its affiliates, but the licensee's affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose and use the information; and
- (iii) Information pursuant to an exception in this regulation, in the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which the licensee received the information.
- (b) If a licensee receives information from a nonaffiliated financial institution for claims settlement purposes, the licensee may disclose the information for fraud prevention, or in response to a properly authorized subpoena. The licensee may not disclose that information to a third party for marketing purposes or use that information for its own marketing purposes.
- (c) If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution other than under an exception in this regulation, the licensee may disclose the information only:
- (i) To affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information:
- (ii) To its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose the information; and
- (iii) To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if made directly to that person by the financial institution from which the licensee received the information.
- (d) If a licensee obtains a customer list from a nonaffiliated financial institution outside of the exceptions in this regulation:
  - (i) The licensee may use that list for its own purposes; and
- (ii) The licensee may disclose that list to another nonaffiliated third party only if the financial institution from which the licensee purchased the list could have lawfully

disclosed the list to that third party. That is, the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with the privacy policy of the financial institution from which the licensee received the list, as limited by the opt-out direction of each consumer whose nonpublic personal financial information the licensee intends to disclose, and the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with an exception in this regulation, such as to the licensee's attorneys or accountants.

- (iii) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under an exception, the third party may disclose and use that information only as follows. The third party may disclose the information:
  - (A) To the licensee's affiliates:
- (B) To its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the third party may disclose and use the information; and
- (C) In the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which it received the information.
- (iv) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party other than under an exception in this regulation, the third party may disclose the information only:
  - (A) To the licensee's affiliates;
- (B) To the third party's affiliates, but the third party's affiliates may disclose the information only to the extent the third party can disclose the information; and
- (C) To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if the licensee made it directly to that person.

# Section 13. Limits on Sharing Account Number Information for Marketing Purposes.

- (a) A licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose, other than to a consumer reporting agency, a policy number or similar form of access number or access code for a consumer's policy or transaction account to any nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing, or other marketing through electronic mail to the consumer
- (b) Section 13(a) does not apply if a licensee discloses a policy number or similar form of access number or access code:
- (i) To the licensee's service provider solely to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services, as long as the service provider is not authorized to directly initiate charges to the account;

- (ii) To a licensee who is a producer solely to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services; or
- (iii) To a participant in an affinity or similar program where the participants in the program are identified to the customer when the customer enters into the program.
  - (c) Policy number or transaction account.
- (i) A policy number, or similar form of access number or access code, does not include a number or code in an encrypted form, as long as the licensee does not provide the recipient with a means to decode the number or code.
- (ii) For purposes of this section, a policy or transaction account is an account other than a deposit account or a credit card account. A policy or transaction account does not include an account to which third parties cannot initiate charges.

# ARTICLE IV. EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITS ON DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Section 14. Exception to Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Service Providers and Joint Marketing.

- (a) The opt-out requirements in sections 7 and 11 do not apply when a licensee provides nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party to perform services for the licensee or functions on the licensee's behalf, if the licensee:
  - (i) Provides the initial notice in accordance with section 4; and
- (ii) Enters into a contractual agreement with the third party prohibiting the third party from disclosing or using the information other than to carry out the purposes for which the licensee disclosed the information, including use under an exception in the ordinary course of business to carry out those purposes.
- (b) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under this section to a financial institution with which the licensee performs joint marketing, the licensee's contractual agreement with that institution meets the requirements of section 14(a)(ii) if it prohibits the institution from disclosing or using the nonpublic personal financial information except as necessary to carry out the joint marketing or under an exception in the ordinary course of business to carry out that joint marketing.
- (c) The services a nonaffiliated third party performs for a licensee under section 14(a) may include marketing the licensee's own products or services or marketing financial products or services offered pursuant to joint agreements between the licensee and one or more financial institutions.

(d) "Joint agreement" means a written contract pursuant to which a licensee and one or more financial institutions jointly offer, endorse, or sponsor a financial product or service.

# Section 15. Exceptions to Notice and Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Processing and Servicing Transactions.

- (a) The requirements for initial notice in section 4(a), the opt-out in sections 7 and 11, and service providers and joint marketing in section 14 do not apply if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information as necessary to effect, administer, or enforce a transaction a consumer requests or authorizes, or in connection with:
- (i) Servicing or processing an insurance product or service a consumer requests or authorizes;
- (ii) Maintaining or servicing the consumer's account with a licensee, or with another entity as part of a private label credit card program or other extension of credit on behalf of such entity;
- (iii) A proposed or actual securitization, secondary market sale (including sales of servicing rights), or similar transaction related to a transaction of the consumer; or
  - (iv) Reinsurance, stop loss, or excess loss insurance.
  - (b) "Necessary to effect, administer, or enforce a transaction" means the disclosure is:
- (i) Required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out the financial transaction or providing the product or service; or
  - (ii) Required, or is a usual, appropriate, or acceptable method:
- (A) To carry out the transaction or the product or service business of which the transaction is a part, and record, service, or maintain the consumer's account in the ordinary course of providing the insurance product or service;
- (B) To administer or service benefits or claims relating to the transaction or the product or service business of which it is a part;
- (C) To provide a confirmation, statement, or other record of the transaction, or information on the status or value of the insurance product or service to the consumer or the consumer's agent or broker;
- (D) To accrue or recognize incentives or bonuses provided by a licensee or any other party associated with the transaction;

(E) To underwrite insurance at the consumer's request or for any of the following purposes as they relate to a consumer's insurance: account administration, reporting, investigating or preventing fraud or material misrepresentation, processing premium payments, processing insurance claims, administering insurance benefits (including utilization review activities), participating in research projects, or as otherwise required or specifically permitted by federal or state law; or

#### (iii) In connection with:

- (A) The authorization, settlement, billing, processing, clearing, transferring, reconciling, or collection of amounts charged, debited, or otherwise paid using a debit, credit, or other payment card, check or account number, or by other payment means;
  - (B) The transfer of receivables, accounts, or interests therein; or
  - (C) The audit of debit, credit, or other payment information.

# Section 16. Other Exceptions to Notice and Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

- (a) The requirements for initial notice to consumers in section 4(a), the opt-out in sections 7 and 11, and service providers and joint marketing in section 14 do not apply when a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information:
- (i) With the consent or at the direction of the consumer, provided the consumer has not revoked the consent or direction:
- (A) To protect the confidentiality or security of a licensee's records pertaining to the consumer, service, product, or transaction;
- (B) To protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud or unauthorized transactions;
- (C) For required institutional risk control or for resolving consumer disputes or inquiries;
- (D) To persons holding a legal or beneficial interest relating to the consumer; or
- (E) To persons acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity on behalf of the consumer.
- (ii) To provide information to insurance rate advisory organizations, guaranty funds or agencies, agencies rating a licensee, persons assessing the licensee's compliance with

industry standards, and the licensee's attorneys, accountants, and auditors;

- (iii) To the extent specifically permitted or required under other provisions of law and in accordance with the federal Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.), to law enforcement agencies (including the Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Subchapter II (Records and Reports on Monetary Instruments and Transactions) and 12 U.S.C. Chapter 21 (Financial Recordkeeping), a state insurance authority, and the Federal Trade Commission), self-regulatory organizations, or for an investigation on a matter related to public safety;
- (iv) To a consumer reporting agency in accordance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.);
  - (v) From a consumer report reported by a consumer reporting agency;
- (vi) In connection with a proposed or actual sale, merger, transfer, or exchange of all or a portion of a business or operating unit if the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information concerns solely consumers of the business or unit;
- (A) To comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, and other applicable legal requirements;
- (B) To comply with a properly authorized civil, criminal, or regulatory investigation, subpoena, or summons by federal, state, or local authorities; or
- (C) To respond to judicial process or government regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over a licensee for examination, compliance, or other purposes as authorized by law; or
- (vii) For purposes related to replacing a group benefit plan, group health plan, group welfare plan, or workers' compensation plan.
- (b) A consumer may revoke consent by subsequently exercising the right to opt-out of future disclosures of nonpublic personal information as permitted under section 7.

### ARTICLE V. RULES FOR HEALTH INFORMATION

## Section 17. When Authorization Required for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Health Information.

(a) A licensee shall not disclose nonpublic personal health information about a consumer or customer unless an authorization is obtained from the consumer or customer whose

nonpublic personal health information is sought to be disclosed.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or require an authorization for the disclosure of nonpublic personal health information by a licensee for performance of insurance functions by or on behalf of the licensee: claims administration; claims adjustment and management; detection, investigation or reporting of actual and potential fraud, misrepresentation or criminal activity; underwriting; policy placement or issuance; loss control; ratemaking and guaranty fund functions; reinsurance and excess loss insurance; risk management; case management; disease management; quality assurance; quality improvement; performance evaluation; provider credentialing verification; utilization review; peer review activities; actuarial, scientific, medical or public policy research; grievance procedures; internal administration of compliance, managerial, and information systems; policyholder service functions; auditing; reporting; database security; administration of consumer disputes and inquiries; external accreditation standards; the replacement of a group benefit plan or workers compensation policy or program; activities in connection with a sale, merger, transfer or exchange of all or part of a business or operating unit; any activity that permits disclosure without authorization pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; disclosure that is required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out a transaction or providing a product or service that a consumer requests or authorizes; and any activity otherwise permitted by law, required pursuant to governmental reporting authority or to comply with legal process. Health information may be shared by affiliates for the specific purpose of processing claims.—Additional insurance functions may be added with approval of the Commissioner to the extent they are necessary for appropriate performance of insurance functions and are fair and reasonable to the interest of consumers.

### Section 18. Authorizations.

- (a) A valid authorization to disclose nonpublic personal health information pursuant to this Article V shall be in written or electronic form and shall contain all of the following:
- (i) The identity of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information; and
- (ii) A general description of the types of nonpublic personal health information to be disclosed.

### (b) Requirements.

- (i) The signature of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information, or the individual legally empowered to grant authority, and the date signed and
  - (ii) Notice of the length of time the authorization is valid, that the consumer

or customer may revoke the authorization at any time, and the procedure for making a revocation.

- (c) An authorization for purposes of Article V shall specify a length of time the authorization shall remain valid, which in no event shall be for more than twenty-four (24) months.
- (d) A consumer or customer who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information may revoke an authorization provided pursuant to Article V at any time, subject to the rights of an individual who acted in reliance on the authorization prior to notice of the revocation.
- (e) A licensee shall retain the authorization or a copy thereof in the record of the individual who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information.
- **Section 19. Authorization Request Delivery.** A request for authorization and an authorization form may be delivered to a consumer or a customer as part of an opt-out notice pursuant to section 10, provided the request and authorization form are clear and conspicuous. An authorization form is not required to be delivered to the consumer or customer or included in any other notices unless the licensee intends to disclose protected health information pursuant to section 17.

#### ARTICLE VI. SAFEGUARDING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

**Section 20. Information Security Program.** Each licensee shall implement a comprehensive written information security program that includes administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for protecting customer information. The information security program shall be appropriate to the size and complexity of the licensee and the nature and scope of its activities.

### Section 21. Objectives of Information Security Program.

- (a) A licensee's information security program shall be designed to:
  - (i) Ensure the security and confidentiality of customer information;
- (ii) Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the information; and
- (iii) Protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer.

### Section 22. Methods of Development and Implementation.

(a) In assessing the risk, the licensee:

- (i) Identifies reasonably foreseeable internal or external threats that could result in unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, or destruction of customer information or customer information systems;
- (ii) Assesses the likelihood and potential damage of these threats, taking into consideration the sensitivity of customer information; and
- (iii) Assesses the sufficiency of policies, procedures, customer information systems, and other safeguards in place to control risks.
  - (b) In managing and controlling the risk, the licensee:
- (i) Designs its information security program to control the identified risks, commensurate with the sensitivity of the information, as well as the complexity and scope of the licensee's activities:
- (ii) Tains staff, as appropriate, to implement the licensee's information security program; and
- (iii) Regularly tests or otherwise regularly monitors the key controls, systems, and procedures of the information security program. The frequency and nature of these tests or other monitoring practices are determined by the licensee's risk assessment.
  - (c) In overseeing the service provider arrangements, the licensee:
    - (i) Exercises appropriate due diligence in selecting its service providers; and
- (ii) Requires its service providers to implement appropriate measures designed to meet the objectives of this regulation, and, where indicated by the licensee's risk assessment, takes appropriate steps to confirm its service providers have satisfied these obligations.
  - (d) In adjusting the program, the licensee:
- (i) Monitors, evaluates, and adjusts, as appropriate, the information security program in light of any relevant changes in technology, the sensitivity of its customer information, internal or external threats to information, and the licensee's own changing business arrangements, such as mergers and acquisitions, alliances and joint ventures, outsourcing arrangements, and changes to customer information systems.

### ARTICLE VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

**Section 24. Protection of Fair Credit Reporting Act.** Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to modify, limit, or supersede the operation of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

### Section 25. Nondiscrimination.

- (a) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against any consumer or customer who has opted-out from the disclosure of his nonpublic personal financial information pursuant to this regulation.
- (b) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against a consumer or customer who has not granted authorization for the disclosure of his nonpublic personal health information pursuant to this regulation.
- **Section 26. Effective Date.** This regulation shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

### Chapter 54

# Privacy of Consumer Financial and Health Information and Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information

### ARTICLE 4<u>I</u>. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority granted by W.S. Wyoming. Statutes. §§ 26-2-110, and 26-2-133, and 26-13-101 et seq. of the Wyoming Insurance Code.

### Section 2. Purpose and Scope Applicability.

- (a) Purpose. This regulation governs the treatment of nonpublic personal health-information and nonpublic personal financial information about individuals by all licensees of the state insurance department. This regulation:
- (i) Requires a licensee to provide notice to individuals about its privacy policies and practices;
- (ii) Describes the conditions under which a licensee may disclose nonpublic personal health information and nonpublic personal financial information about individuals to affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties; and
- (iii) Provides methods for individuals to prevent a licensee from disclosing that information.
  - (a) (b) Scope. This regulation applies to:
- (i) Nonpublic personal financial information about individuals who obtain or are claimants or beneficiaries of products or services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes—from licensees. This regulation does not apply to information about companies or about individuals who obtain products or services for business, commercial, or agricultural purposes; and
  - (ii) All nonpublic personal health information.
- (b) (c) Compliance. A licensee domiciled in this state Wyoming that who is in compliance with this regulation in a state that has not enacted laws or regulations that meeting the requirements of Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (PL 102-106)15 U.S.C. § 6801 through 6827 may nonetheless be deemed to beas in compliance with Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in the other state.

### Section 3. Rules of Construction

The examples in this regulation and the sample clauses in Appendix A of this regulation are not exclusive. Compliance with an example or use of a sample clause, to the extent applicable, constitutes compliance with this regulation.

## **Section 4.** Definitions.

As used in this regulation, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Affiliate" means a company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another company.
- (b) (i) "Clear and conspicuous" means that a notice is reasonably understandable and designed to call attention to the nature and significance of the information in the notice contained therein.

## (ii) Examples.

- (i) (A) Reasonably understandable. A licensee makes its notice reasonably understandable if it:
- (A) (D)Presents the information in the notice in clear, concise sentences, paragraphs, and sections;
- (B) (II)Uses short explanatory sentences or bullet lists—whenever pos-sible;
- (C) (III)Uses definite, concrete, everyday words, and active voice-whenever possible;
  - (D) (IV) Avoids multiple negatives;
- (E) (V)Avoids legal and highly technical business terminology—whenever possible; and
- (VI)Avoids explanations that are imprecise and readily subject to different interpretations.
- (ii) (B) Designed to call attention. A licensee shall designs its notice to call attention to the nature and significance of the information in it if the licensee by using:
  - (A) Uses a pPlain-language headings to call attention to the notice;
- (B) (II) Uses a tTypeface, and type size, style, and graphic devices that are distinctive and easy to read;

- (C) Provides wWide margins and ample line spacing; and
- (D) (IV) Uses bBoldface or italics for key words.; and
- (V) In a form that combines the licensee's notice with other information, uses distinctive type size, style, and graphic devices, such as shading or sidebars.
- (iii) (C) Notices on web sites. If a licensee provides a notice on a web page, the licensee designs its notice to shall call attention to the nature and significance of the information in it if the licensee uses by using text or visual cues to encourage scrolling down the page-if necessary to view the entire notice and to ensure that other elements on the web site (such as text, graphics, hyperlinks, or sound) do not distract attention—from the notice., and t The licensee shall either:
- (A) (I) Places the notice on a screen that consumers frequently access, such as a page on which transactions are conducted; or
- (B) (II) Places a link on a screen that-consumers frequently access, such as a page on which transactions are conducted, that connects directly to the notice and is labeled appropriately to convey the importance, nature and relevance of the notice.
- (c) "Collect" means to obtain information that the licensee <u>can</u> organizes or <u>can</u> retrieve by <u>the</u> name of an individual, <u>or by</u> identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to <u>thean</u> individual, <u>irrespectiveregardless</u> of the <u>source of the</u> underlying <u>source of the</u> information.
  - (d) "Commissioner" means the insurance commissioner of Wyoming.
- (<u>d</u>)(e) "Company" means a corporation, limited liability company, business trust, general general or limited partnership, association, sole proprietorship, or similar organization.
- (e)(f) (i)—"Consumer" means an individual or that individual's legal representative who is seeks to obtain seeking, obtains or who has obtained an insurance product or service from a licensee that is to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, and about whom the licensee has nonpublic personal information—, or that individual's legal representative and includes:

### (ii) Examples.

- (i)(A) An individual who provides nonpublic personal information to a licensee in connection with obtaining or seeking toor obtaining financial, investment, or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service—is a consumer regardless of whether the licensee establishes an ongoing advisory relationship.
  - (ii)(B) An applicant for insurance prior to the inception of insurance coverage-is-

#### a licensee's consumer.

(iii)(C) An individual who is a consumer of another financial institution is not a licensee's consumer solely because the licensee is acting as agent for, or provides processing or other services to, that financial institution.

## (iv)(D) An individual is a licensee's consumer if the individual is:

- (A) (1) the individual is  $a\underline{A}$  beneficiary of a life insurance policy underwritten by the licensee;
- (B) (2.) the individual is a A claimant under an insurance policy issued by the licensee;
- (C) (3.) the individual is a $\underline{A}$ n insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or an annuity, respectively, issued by the licensee; or
- (D) (4.) the individual is a $\underline{A}$  mortgager of a mortgage covered under a mortgage insurance policy.; and
- (II) the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about the individual to a nonaffiliated third party other than as permitted under-Sections 14, 15 and 16 of this regulation.
- (v)(E) Provided that the licensee provides the initial, annual, and revised notices-under Sections 5, 6 and 9 of this regulation—to the plan sponsor, group, or blanket insurance policyholder,—or group annuity contract holder, or workers' compensation plan-participantpolicyholder, and further—provided that the licensee does not disclose to a nonaffiliated third party nonpublic personal financial information about—such an individual other than as permitted under—Sections 14, 15 and 16 of this regulation, an individual is not the consumer of the licensee solely because he or she is:
- $\underline{(A)(I)}$  A participant or a beneficiary of an employee benefit plan that the licensee administers or sponsors or for which the licensee acts as a trustee, insurer, or fiduciary;
- $\underline{\text{(B)(II)}}$  Covered under a group or blanket insurance policy or group annuity contract issued by the licensee; or
- (C)(III) A beneficiaryclaimant covered by in-a workers' compensation plan.
- $\underline{\text{(vi)(F)(I)}}$  The individuals described in Subparagraph (E)(I) through (III) of this paragraph the above subparagraphs (v)(A) through (C) are consumers of a licensee if the licensee does not meet all the conditions of Subparagraph (Ev).

 $\underline{\text{(vii)}(H)}$  In no event shall the individuals, solely by virtue of the status described in <u>Ssubparagraphs</u>  $\underline{\text{(E)(I)}(v)(A)}$  through  $\underline{\text{(III)}(C)}$  above, be deemed to becustomers for purposes of this regulation.

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- (viii)(G) An individual is not a licensee's consumer solely because he or she is a beneficiary—of a trust for which the licensee is a or named trustee for a trust.
- (H) An individual is not a licensee's consumer solely because he or she has designated the licensee as trustee for a trust.
- (f)(g) "Consumer reporting agency" has the same meaning as in Section 603(f) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)).

## (g)(h) "Control" means:

- (i) Ownership, control or power to vote twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the outstanding shares of any class of voting security of the company, directly or indirectly, or acting through one or more other persons;
- (ii) Control in any manner over the election of a majority of the directors, trustees, or general partners (or individuals exercising similar functions) of the company; or
- (iii) The power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of the company, as the determined by the eCommissioner determines.
  - (h)(i) "Customer" means a consumer who has a customer relationship with a licensee.
- (i) "Customer information" means nonpublic personal information, whether in paper, electronic, or other form, maintained by or on behalf of the licensee.
- (j) "Customer information systems" means the electronic or physical methods used to access, collect, store, use, transmit, protect, or dispose of customer information.
- (k)(j)(i) "Customer relationship" means a continuing relationship between a consumer and a licensee under which the licensee provides one or more insurance products or services to the consumer that are to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

## (ii) Examples.

 $\underline{\text{(i)}(A)}$  A consumer has a continuing relationship with a licensee if the consumer:

- $\underline{(A)(I)}$  The consumer  $\underline{iI}$ s a current policyholder of an insurance product issued by or through the licensee; or
- (B)(II) The consumer oObtains financial, investment, or economic advisory services relating to an insurance product or service from the licensee for a fee.
- (ii)(B) A consumer does not have a continuing relationship with a licensee if the consumer:
- $(\underline{A})$ (I) The consumer a $\underline{A}$ pplies for insurance but does not purchase the insurance:
- $\underline{\text{(B)(II)}} \qquad \underline{\text{The licensee sells the consumer Purchases}} \text{ airline travel insurance } \underline{\text{from the licensee}} \text{ in an isolated transaction;}$
- $\underline{(C)(III)}$  The individual is no longer a current policyholder of an insurance product or no longer obtains insurance services with or through the licensee;
- (D)(IV) The consumer iIs a beneficiary or claimant under a policy and has submitted a claim under a policy choosing a settlement option involving an ongoing relationship with the licensee;
- (E)(V) The consumer iIs a beneficiary or a claimant under a policy and has submitted a claim under that policy choosing a lump sum settlement option;
- (F)(VI) The customer's policy is Had a policy that lapsed, expired, or otherwise inactive or dormant under the licensee's business practices, and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, other than <u>providing</u> annual privacy notices, material required by law or regulation, communication at the direction of a state or federal authority, or promotional materials;
- $\underline{(G)}(VII)$  The individual is an insured or an annuitant under an insurance policy or annuity, respectively, but is not the policyholder or owner of the insurance policy or annuity; or
- (H)(VIII) For purposes of this regulation, the individual's Has a last known address according to the licensee's records that is deemed invalid. An address of record is deemed invalid if mail sent to that address by the licensee has been returned by the postal authorities as undeliverable and if subsequent attempts by the licensee to obtain a current valid address for the individual have been unsuccessful.
- (<u>l)(k)(i)</u> "Financial institution" means any institution the business of which whose business is engaging in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities as described in Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)). Financial institution does not include:

## (ii) Financial institution does not include:

- (i)(A) Any person or entity with respect to any financial activity that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.);
- (ii)(B) The Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation or any entity charged and operating under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 *et seq.*); or
- (iii)(C) Institutions chartered by Congress specifically to engage in securitizations, secondary market sales (including sales of servicing rights), or similar transactions related to a <u>consumer</u> transaction—of a consumer, as long as the institutions do not sell or transfer nonpublic personal information to a nonaffiliated third party.
- (m)(l)(i) "Financial product or service" means a product or service that a financial holding company could offer by engaging in an activity that is financial in nature or incidental to such a financial activity under Section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)).
- (i)(ii) Financial service includes a financial institution's evaluation or brokerage of information that the financial institution collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for a financial product or service.
- (n)(m) "Health care" means: (i)P\_preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or palliative care, services, procedures, tests, or counseling that:
- (i)(A) Relates to the physical, mental, or behavioral condition of an individual; or
- (ii)(B) Affects the structure or function of the human body or any part of the human body, including the banking of blood, sperm, organs, or any other tissue; or
- (iii)(ii) Prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing to an individual drugs or biologicals, or medical devices, or health care equipment, and supplies.
- (o)(n) "Health care provider" means a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law, or a health care facility.
- $\underline{(p)}(o)$  "Health information" means any information or data except age or gender, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, created by or derived from a health care provider or the consumer—that relatinges to:
- (i) The past, present, or future physical, mental, or behavioral health or condition of an individual;

- (ii) The provision of health care to an individual; or
- (iii) Payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
- (q)(p)(i) "Insurance product or service" means any product or service—that is offered by a licensee pursuant to the insurance laws of this state Wyoming Insurance Code.
- $\underline{(i)(ii)}$  Insurance service includes a licensee's evaluation, brokerage, or distribution of information—that the licensee collects in connection with a request or an application from a consumer for  $\underline{an}$  insurance product or service.
- (r)(q)(i) "Licensee" means all licensed insurers, producers, and other persons licensed or required to be licensed, or authorized or required to be authorized, or registered or required to be registered pursuant to the Wyoming Insurance CodeLaw of this state, except that "licensee" shall not include: a purchasing group; or an unauthorized insurer regarding surplus line business conducted pursuant to W.S. § 26-11-101 et seq. including W.S. § 26-34-101 et seq. of the Wyoming Insurance Code.
- (i)(ii) A licensee is not subject to the notice and opt\_out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Articles I, II, III, and IV, and VII of this regulation if the licensee is an employee, agent, or other representative of another licensee ("the principal") and:
- (A) The principal otherwise complies with, and provides the notices required by, the provisions of this regulation; and
- (B) The licensee does not disclose any nonpublic personal information to any person other than the principal or its affiliates in a manner permitted by this regulation.
- (ii)(iii)(A) Subject to Subparagraph (B)subsection (iii) of this subsection, "licensee" shall also include an unauthorized insurer that accepts business placed through a licensed surplus lines broker in this state Wyoming, but only in regard to regarding the surplus lines placements placed pursuant to the Wyoming Insurance Code W.S. § 26-11-101 et seq.
- A surplus lines broker or surplus lines insurer shall be deemed to be in compliance with the notice and opt\_out requirements for nonpublic personal financial information set forth in Articles I, II, III, and IV, and VII of this regulation provided:
- $(\underline{A})$  The broker or insurer does not disclose nonpublic personal information of a consumer or a customer to nonaffiliated third parties for any purpose, including joint servicing or marketing under Ssection 14 of this regulation, except as permitted by Ssection 15 or 16 of this regulation; and
- $\underline{\text{(B)(II)}}$  The broker or insurer delivers a notice to the consumer at the time a customer relationship is established on which the following is printed in 16-point type:

## PRIVACY NOTICE

"Neither the U.S. brokers that handled this insurance nor the insurers that have underwritingten this insurance will disclose nonpublic personal information concerning the buyer to non-affiliates of the brokers or insurers except as permitted by law."

(s)(r)(i) "Nonaffiliated third party" means any person except:—a licensee's affiliate or a person employed jointly by a licensee and any company that is not the licensee's affiliate (but nonaffiliated third party includes the other company that jointly employs the person).

## A) A licensee's affiliate; or

- (B) A person employed jointly by a licensee and any company that is not the licensee's affiliate (but nonaffiliated third party includes the other company that jointly employs the person).
- (i)(ii) Nonaffiliated third party includes any company that is an affiliated solely by virtue of the direct or indirect ownership or control of the company by the licensee or its affiliate in conducting merchant banking or investment banking activities of the type described in Section 4(k)(4)(H) or insurance company investment activities of the type described in Section 4(k)(4)(I) of the federal Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)(4)(H) and (I)) or as otherwise defined by Wyoming Statute.
- (t)(s) "Nonpublic personal information" means: includes nonpublic personal financial information and nonpublic personal health information.
- (u)(t)(i) "Nonpublic personal financial information" means: personally identifiable financial information and any list, description, or other grouping of consumers (and publicly available information pertaining to them) derived using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.
  - (A) Personally identifiable financial information; and
- (B) Any list, description, or other grouping of consumers (and publicly available information pertaining to them) that is derived using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.
- (i) Nonpublic personal financial information includes any list of individuals' names and street addresses derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, such as account numbers.
  - (ii) Nonpublic personal financial information does not include:
    - (A) Health information:

- (B) Publicly available information, except as included on a list described in  $S_S$ ubsection (t)(i)(B) of this section (3)(t) above; or
- (C) Any list, description or other grouping of consumers (and publicly available information pertaining to them) that is derived without using any personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available.

## (iii ) Examples of lists.

- (A) Nonpublic personal financial information includes any list of individuals' names and street addresses that is derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, such as account numbers.
- (D) (B) Nonpublic personal financial information does not include aAny list of individuals' names and addresses that contains only publicly available information, is not derived in whole or in part using personally identifiable financial information that is not publicly available, and is not disclosed in a manner that indicates indicating that any of the individuals on the list is a consumer of a financial institution.
  - (v)(u) "Nonpublic personal health information" means health information:
    - (i) That identifies an individual who is the subject of the information; or
- (ii) With respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used to identify an individual.
  - (w)(v)(i) "Personally identifiable financial information" means any information:
- (i)(A) A consumer provides to a licensee to obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee;
- (ii)(B) About a consumer resulting from a transaction involving an insurance product or service between a licensee and a consumer; or
- $\underline{\text{(iii)}(C)}$  The licensee otherwise obtains about a consumer in connection with providing an insurance product or service to that consumer.

## (ii ) Examples:

- (iv)(A) Information included. Personally identifiable financial information includes:
- $\underline{(A)(I)}$  Information a consumer provides to a licensee on an application to obtain an insurance product or service;

(B)(II) Account balance information and payment history;

(C)(III) The fact that an individual is or has been one of the licensee's customers or has obtained an insurance product or service from the licensee;

(D)(IV) Any information about the licensee's consumer if it is disclosed in a manner that-indicatesing that the individual is or has been the licensee's consumer;

(E)(V) Any information that a consumer provides to a licensee or that the licensee or its agent otherwise obtains in connection with collecting on a loan or servicing a loan;

 $\underline{(F)(VI)}$  Any information the licensee collects through an Internet cookie (an information-collecting device from a web server); and

(G)(VII) Information from a consumer report.

(v)(B) Information not included. Personally identifiable financial information does not include:

(A)(I) Health information;

 $\underline{\text{(B)(II)}}$  A list of names and addresses of customers of an entity that is not a financial institution; and

(C)(III) Information that does not identify a consumer, such as aggregate information or blind data that does not containing personal identifiers such as account numbers, names or addresses.

 $\underline{(x)(w)(i)}$  "Publicly available information" means any information a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public from:

- (i)(A) Federal, state, or local government records;
- (ii)(B) Widely distributed media; or

(iii)(C) Disclosures to the general public that are-required—to be made by federal, state, or local law.

- (iv)(ii) Reasonable basis. A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has taken steps to determine:
- (A) That the information is of the type that is available to the general public; and
- (B) Whether an individual can direct that the information not be made available to the general public and, if so, that the licensee's consumer has not done so.

## (v)(iii) Examples. "Publicly available information" includes:

- (A) Government records. Publicly available information in government records includinges information in government real estate records and security interest filings.
- (B) Widely distributed media. Publicly available iInformation from widely distributed media includes information from such as a telephone book, a television or radio program,—a newspaper, or a web-site that is available to the general public on an unrestricted basis. A web site is not restricted merely because an Internet service provider or a site operator requires a fee or a password, so long as access is if available to the general public.
- (C) Reasonable basis. Information a licensee has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available.
- (I) A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that mMortgage information is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has determined that the information is of the type included on the public record in the jurisdiction where the mortgage would be recorded.
- (II) A licensee has a reasonable basis to believe that a $\underline{A}$ n individual's telephone number is lawfully made available to the general public if the licensee has located the telephone number in the telephone book or the consumer has informed licensee that the telephone number is not unlisted.

# ARTICLE <u>2II</u>. PRIVACY AND OPT<u>-</u>OUT NOTICES FOR FINANCIAL <u>INFORMA-TION</u>INFORMATION

## Section 4.5. Initial Privacy Notice to Consumers Required.

- (a) Initial notice requirement. A licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices to:
  - (i) Customer. An individual who becomes the licensee's customer, not later

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than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship. except as provided in  $\underline{s}$  ubsection  $\underline{4}$ (e) of this section; and

- (ii) Consumer. A consumer, before the licensee discloses any nonpublic personal financial information about the consumer to any nonaffiliated third party, if the licensee makes a disclosure other than as authorized by Sections 15 and 16.
- (b) When initial notice to a consumer is not required. A licensee is not required to provide an initial notice to a consumer under  $\underline{S}$  subsection  $\underline{4}$ (a)(ii) of this section if:
- (i) The licensee does not disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about the consumer to any nonaffiliated third party, other than as authorized by Ssections 15 and 16, and the licensee does not have a customer relationship with the consumer; or
- (ii) A notice has been provided by an affiliated licensee, as long as the notice clearly identifies all licensees to whom the notice applies and is accurate with respect to the licensee and the other institutions.
  - (c) When the licensee establishes a customer relationship.
- (c)(i) General rule. A licensee establishes a customer relationship at the time the licensee and the consumer enter into a continuing relationship.; or when:
- (ii) Examples of establishing customer relationship. A licensee establishes a customer relationship when the consumer:
- (i)(A) Becomes a policyholder of a licensee that is an The insurer when the insurer delivers an insurance policy or contract to the consumer, or in the case of a licensee that is an insurance producer or insurance broker, that was obtainsed insurance through that the licensee; or
- (ii)(B) The consumer Aagrees to obtain financial, economic, or investment advisory services relating to insurance products or services for a fee from the licensee.
- (d) Existing customers. When an existing customer obtains a new insurance product or service—from a licensee that is to be used primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, the licensee satisfies the initial notice requirements of <u>Ssubsection 4(a) of this section as follows</u> if the licensee:
- (i) The licensee may  $p\underline{P}$ rovides a revised policy notice, under Ssection  $9\underline{8}$ , that coverings the customer's new insurance product or service; or
- (ii) If the initial, revised or annual notice that the licensee most rRecently provided initial, revised, or annual notice to that the customer that was accurate with respect to

the new insurance product or service, the licensee does not need to provide a new privacy notice under Subsection (a) of this section.

- (e) Exceptions to allow subsequent delivery of notice.
- (i) A licensee may provide the initial notice required by <u>Ssubsection 4(a)(i) of this section</u> within a reasonable time after the licensee establishes a customer relationship if:
- (A) Establishing the customer relationship is not at the customer's election; or
- (B) Providing notice not later than when the licensee establishes a customer relationship would substantially delay the customer's transaction and the customer agrees to receive the notice at a later time.

## (ii) Examples of eExceptions include:.-

- (A) Not at customer's election. Establishing a customer relationship is not at the customer's election i<u>I</u>f a licensee acquires or is assigned a customer's policy from another financial institution or residual market mechanism and the customer does not have a choice about the licensee's acquisition or assignment.
- (B) Substantial delay of customer's transaction. Providing notice not later than when a licensee establishes a customer relationship would substantially delay the customer's transaction when the licensee and the individual agree over the telephone to enter into a customer relationship involving prompt delivery of the insurance product or service.
- (C) No substantial delay of customer's transaction. Providing notice not later than when a licensee establishes a customer relationship would not substantially delay the customer's transaction when the relationship is initiated in person at the licensee's office or through other means by which the customer may view the notice, such as on a web-site.
- (f) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver an initial privacy notice—by thissection, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10. If the licensee uses a short-form initial notice for non-customers according to Section  $\underline{6(c)7(d)}$ , the licensee may deliver its privacy notice according to Section  $\underline{7(d)}$   $\underline{6(c)}$ (iii).

## Section 5.-6. Annual Privacy Notice to Customers Required.

(a) (i) General rule. Except as indicated below, a A-licensee shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to customers that accurately reflects its privacy policies and practices not less than annually during the continuation of the customer relationship. Annually means at least once in any period of twelve (12) consecutive months during which that relationship exists. A licensee may define the twelve-consecutive-month period, but the licensee shall apply it to the customer on a consistent basis. A licensee provides an annual notice if it provides notice in each calendar year following the year in which the licensee provided the initial notice.

(ii) Example. A licensee provides a notice annually if it defines the twelve-consecutive month period as a calendar year and provides the annual notice to the customer once in each calendar year following the calendar year in which the licensee provided the initial notice. For example, if a customer opens an account on any day of year 1, the licensee shall provide an annual notice to that customer by December 31 of year 2.

## (b) A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice if:

- (i) The licensee only provides nonpublic personal information about its customers to nonaffiliated third parties pursuant to sections 14, 15, and 16; and
- (ii) The licensee has not changed its privacy policies and practices relating to the disclosure of nonpublic personal information from those policies and practices that were set forth in the most recent notice sent to customers pursuant to this section or section 4.
- (c)(b) (i) Termination of customer relationship.—A licensee is not required to provide an annual notice to a former customer.—A former customer is an individual with whom a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship.

## (ii) Examples.

## (d) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if:

- (i)(A) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if the individual no longer holds a current policyholder of an insurance product or no longer usesobtains insurance services with or through the licensee.
- (ii)(B) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if the individual's policy is lapsed, expired, or otherwise inactive—or dormant under the licensee's business practices, and the licensee has not communicated with the customer about the relationship for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, other than to provide—annual privacy-notices, material required by law—or regulation, or promotional materials.
- (iii)(C) For the purposes of this regulation, a licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with an individual if tThe individual's last known address according to the licensee's records is deemed invalid. An address of record is deemed invalid if mail sent to that address by the licensee has been returned by the postal authorities as or undeliverable and if subsequent attempts by the licensee to obtain a current valid address for the individual have been unsuccessful.
- (iv)(D) A licensee no longer has a continuing relationship with a customer iIn the case of providing real estate settlement services, at the time the customer completes execution of all documents related to the real estate closing, payment for those services has been received, or the licensee has completed all of its responsibilities with respect to the settlement, including filing documents on the public record, whichever is later.

 $\underline{\text{(e)(e)}}$  Delivery. When a licensee is required by this section to deliver an annual privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.

## Section <u>6.</u>7. Information to be Included in Privacy Notices.

- (a) General rule. The initial, annual, and revised privacy notices that a licensee provides under Sections 5, 6 and 94, 5, and 8 shall include each of the following items of information, in addition to any other information the licensee wishes to provide, that applies to the licensee and to the consumers to whom the licensee sends its privacy notice:
- (i) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee collects:
- (ii) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee discloses;
- (iii) The categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under Sections 15 and 16;
- (iv) The categories of nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers that the licensee discloses and the categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about the licensee's former customers, other than those parties to whom the licensee discloses information under Sections 15 and 16;
- (v) If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under <u>Ssection 1415</u> (and no other exception in <u>Ssections 15</u> and 16 applies to that disclosure), a separate description of the categories of information the licensee discloses and the categories of third parties with whom the licensee has contracted;
- (vi) An explanation of the consumer's right under <u>Section 11(a)</u> to opt<u>-</u>out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties, including the methods by which the consumer may exercise that right at that time;
- (vii) Any disclosures that the licensee makes under Section 603(d)(2)(A)(iii) of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(d)(2)(A)(iii)) (that is, notices regarding the ability to opt\_out of disclosures of information among affiliates);
- (viii) The licensee's policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal information; and
- (ix) Any disclosure that the licensee makes under  $\underline{S}$  subsection (b) of this section.
  - (b) Description of parties subject to exceptions. If a licensee discloses nonpublic

personal financial information as authorized under <u>Sections</u> 15 and 16, the licensee is not required to list those exceptions in the initial or annual privacy notices required by <u>Sections</u> <u>54</u> and <u>65</u>. When describing the categories of parties to whom disclosure is made, the licensee is required to state only that it makes disclosures to other affiliated or nonaffiliated third parties, as applicable, as permitted by law.

## (c) Examples.

(i) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee collects. A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize the nonpublic personal financial information it collects if the licensee categorizes it according to the source of the information, as applicable:

(A) Information from the consumer;

(B) Information about the consumer's transactions with the licensee or its affiliates;

(C) Information about the consumer's transactions with nonaffiliated third parties; and

(D) Information from a consumer reporting agency.

(ii) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information a licensee discloses.

(A) A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize nonpublic personal financial information it discloses if the licensee categorizes the information according to source, as described in Paragraph (i), as applicable, and provides a few examples to illustrate the types of information in each category. These might include:

(I) Information from the consumer, including application information, such as assets and income and identifying information, such as name, address and social security number;

(II) Transaction information, such as information about balances, payment history and parties to the transaction; and

(III) Information from consumer reports, such as a consumer's creditworthiness and credit history.

(B) A licensee does not adequately categorize the information that it discloses if the licensee uses only general terms, such as transaction information about the consumer.

(C) If a licensee reserves the right to disclose all of the nonpublic

personal financial information about consumers that it collects, the licensee may simply state that fact without describing the categories or examples of nonpublic personal information that the licensee discloses.

(iii) Categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses. (A) A licensee satisfies the requirement to categorize the affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to which the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information about consumers if the licensee identifies the types of businesses in which they engage. (B) Types of businesses may be described in general terms only if the licensee uses a few illustrative examples of significant lines of business. For example, a licensee may use the term financial products or services if it includes appropriate examples of significant lines of businesses, such as life insurer, automobile insurer, consumer banking or securities brokerage. (C) A licensee also may categorize the affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to which it discloses nonpublic personal financial information about consumers using more detailed categories. (iv) Disclosures under exception for service providers and joint marketers. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under the exception to Section 14 to a nonaffiliated third party to market products or services that it offers alone or jointly with another financial institution, the licensee satisfies the disclosure requirement of Subsection (a)(iv) of this section if it: (A) Lists the categories of nonpublic personal financial information it discloses, using the same categories and examples the licensee used to meet the requirements of Subsection (a)(ii) of this section, as applicable; and (B) States whether the third party is: (I) A service provider that performs marketing services on the licensee's behalf or on behalf of the licensee and another financial institution; or (II) A financial institution with whom the licensee has a joint marketing agreement. (v) Simplified notices. If a licensee does not disclose, and does not wish to reserve the right to disclose, nonpublic personal financial information about customers or former eustomers to affiliates or nonaffiliated third parties except as authorized under Sections 15 and 16,

the licensee may simply state that fact, in addition to the information it shall provide under

Subsections (a)(i), (a)(viii), (a)(ix) and Subsection (b) of this section.

- (vi) Confidentiality and security. A licensee describes it policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal financial information if it does both of the following:
- (A) Describes in general terms who is authorized to have access to the information; and
- (B) States whether the licensee has security practices and procedures in place to ensure the confidentiality of the information in accordance with the licensee's policy. The licensee is not required to describe technical information about the safeguards it uses.
  - (d) Short form initial notice with opt out notice for non-customers.
- (c) (i)A licensee may satisfy the initial notice requirements in Sections 54(a)(ii) and 8(e)7 for a consumer who is not a customer by providing a short-form initial notice at the same time as the licensee delivers an opt-out notice as required in Section 87.
  - (i)(ii) A short-form initial notice shall:
    - (A) Be clear and conspicuous;
    - (B) State that the licensee's privacy notice is available upon request; and
- (C) Explain a reasonable means by which the consumer may obtain that notice.
- (ii)(iii) The licensee shall deliver its short-form initial notice according to Ssection 910. The licensee is not required to deliver its privacy notice with its short-form initial notice. The licensee instead, but may simply provide to the consumer a reasonable means to obtain its privacy notice. If a consumer who receives the licensee's short-form notice requests the licensee's privacy notice, the licensee shall deliver its privacy notice according to Ssection 10.
- (iii)(iv) Examples of obtaining privacy notice. The licensee provides a reasonable means by which for a consumer may to obtain a copy of its privacy notice if the licensee:
- (A) Provides a toll-free telephone number that the consumer may call to request the notice; or
- (B) For a consumer who conducts business in person at the licensee's office, mMaintains copies of the notice on hand that the licensee provides to the consumers immediately upon request.

- (d) (e) Future disclosures. The licensee's notice for future disclosures may include:
- (i) Categories of nonpublic personal financial information that the licensee reserves the right to disclose in the future, but does not currently disclose; and
- (ii) Categories of affiliates<u>d</u> or nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee reserves the <u>future</u> right <u>in the future</u> to disclose, but to whom the licensee does not currently disclose, nonpublic personal financial information.
- (e)(f) Sample clauses. Sample clauses illustrating some of the notice content required by this section are included in the Sample Clauses Illustration Appendix A of this regulation, located on the Department of Insurance website at: DOI.wyo.gov.

## Section 7. 8.— Form of Opt-Out Notice to Consumers and Opt-Out Methods.

- (a) (i) Form of opt out notice. If a licensee is required to provide an opt\_out notice under Section 11(a), it shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to each of its consumers that accurately explainings the right to opt\_out under that section. The notice shall and stateing:
- $\underline{\text{(i)}}(A)$  That the licensee discloses or reserves the right to disclose nonpublic personal financial information about its consumer to a nonaffiliated third party;
  - (ii)(B) That the consumer has the right to opt-out of that disclosure; and
- (iii)(C) A reasonable means by which the consumer may exercise the opt-out right.

## (ii) Examples.

- (b)(A) Adequate opt out notice. A licensee provides adequate notice that the consumer ean opt\_out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information notice to a nonaffiliated third party if the licensee:
- $\underline{\text{(i)(I)}}$  Identifies all of the categories of nonpublic personal financial information that it discloses or reserves the right to disclose, and all of the categories of nonaffiliated third parties to which the licensee discloses the information, as described in Section 7 paragraphs  $\underline{6}(a)(ii)$  and (iii), and states that the consumer can opt\_out of the disclosure of that information; and
- (ii)(II) Identifies the insurance products or services that the consumer obtains from the licensee, either singly or jointly, to which the opt-out direction would apply.
- (iii)(B) Reasonable opt out means. A licensee provides a reasonable means to exercise an opt-out right if it:

- $\underline{(A)(I)}$  Designates check-off boxes in a prominent position on the relevant forms with the opt-out notice;
  - (B)(II) Includes a reply form together with the opt-out notice;
- (C)(III) Provides an electronic means to opt\_out, such as a form that can be sent via electronic mail\_ or a process at the licensee's website, if the consumer agrees to the electronic delivery of information; or
- $\underline{(D)(IV)}$  Provides a toll-free telephone number that consumers may call to opt-out.
- (c)(C) Unreasonable opt out means. A licensee does not provide a reasonable means of opting-out if:
- (i)(1) The only means of opting-out is for the consumer to write his or her own letter to exercise that exercising the opt-out right; or
- $\underline{\text{(ii)}(H)}$  The only means of opting-out as described in any notice subsequent to the initial notice is to use a check-off box that the licensee provided with the initial notice but did not include with the subsequent notice.
- (d)(D) Specific opt out means. A licensee may require each consumer to opt-out through a specific means, as long as that means is reasonable for that consumer.
- (e)(b) Same form as initial notice permitted.—A licensee may provide the opt\_out notice together with or on the same written or electronic form as the initial notice the licensee provides in accordance with Ssection 45.
- (f)(c) Initial notice required when opt out notice delivered subsequent to initial notice. If a licensee provides the opt\_out notice later than required for the initial notice in accordance with Ssection 45, the licensee shall also include a copy of the initial notice with the opt\_out notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.

### (d) Joint relationships.

- (g)(i) If two (2) or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may provide a single opt\_out notice. The licensee's opt out notice shall that explains how the licensee will treat an opt\_out direction by a joint consumer (as explained in Paragraph (iv) of this subsection).
- $\underline{\text{(i)(ii)}}$  Any of the joint consumers may exercise the right to opt-out. The licensee may either:

- (A) Treat an opt-out direction by a joint consumer as applying to all of the associated joint consumers; or
  - (B) Permit each joint consumer to opt-out separately.
- (ii)(iii) If a licensee permits each joint consumer to opt\_out separately, the licensee shall permit one of the joint consumers to opt-out on behalf of all of the joint consumers.
- (iii)(iv) A licensee may not require all joint consumers to opt-out before it implements any opt-out direction.
- (v) Example: If John and Mary are both named policyholders on a homeowner's insurance policy issued by a licensee and the licensee sends policy statements to John's address, the licensee may do any of the following, but it shall explain in its opt out notice which opt out policy the licensee will follow:
- (A) Send a single opt out notice to John's address, but the licensee shall accept an opt out direction from either John or Mary.
- (B) Treat an opt out direction by either John or Mary as applying to the entire policy. If the licensee does so and John opts out, the licensee may not require Mary to opt out as well before implementing John's opt out direction.
- (C) Permit John and Mary to make different opt out directions. If the licensee does so:
  - (I) It shall permit John and Mary to opt out for each other;
- (II) If both opt out, the licensee shall permit both of them to notify it in a single response (such as on a form or through a telephone call); and
- (III) If John opts out and Mary does not, the licensee may only-disclose nonpublic personal financial information about Mary, but not about John and not about John and Mary jointly.
- (h)(e) Time to comply with opt out. A licensee shall comply with a consumer's opt-out direction as soon as reasonably practicable after the licensee receives it.
- (i)(f) Continuing right to opt out. A consumer may exercise the right to opt\_out at any time.
  - (g) Duration of consumer's opt\_out direction.
- (i) A consumer's direction to opt\_out under this section is effective until the consumer revokes it in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.

- (ii) When a customer relationship terminates, the customer's opt\_out direction continues to apply to the nonpublic personal financial information that\_the licensee collected during or related to that relationship. If the individual subsequently establishes a new customer relationship with the licensee, the opt\_out direction that applied to the former relationship does not apply to the new relationship.
- (j)(h) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver an opt\_out notice-by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.

## Section <u>8.9.</u> Revised Privacy Notices.

- (a) General rule. Except as otherwise authorized in this regulation, a licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party other than as described in the initial notice that the licensee provided to that consumer under Section 45, unless:
- (i) The licensee has provided to the consumer a clear and conspicuous revised notice that accurately describinges its policies and practices;
  - (ii) The licensee has provided to the consumer a new opt-out notice;
- (iii) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before the licensee discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt-out of the disclosure; and
  - (iv) The consumer does not opt-out.

## (b) Examples.

- (b)(i) Except as otherwise permitted by <u>S</u>sections 14, 15, and 16, a licensee shall <del>provide</del> provide a revised notice before it:
- (i)(A) Discloses a new category of nonpublic personal financial information to any nonaffiliated third party;
- (ii)(B) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new category of nonaffiliated third party; or
- (iii)(C) Discloses nonpublic personal financial information about a former customer to a nonaffiliated third party, if that former customer has not had the opportunity to exercise an opt-out right regarding that disclosure.
- (c)(ii) A revised notice is not required if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a new nonaffiliated third party that the licensee adequately described in its prior notice.

- (d)(e) Delivery. When a licensee is required to deliver a revised privacy notice by this section, the licensee shall deliver it according to Section 10.
- Section 9. Privacy Notices to Group Policyholders. Unless a licensee is providing privacy notices directly to covered individuals described in section 3(e)(v)(A), (B), or (C), a licensee shall provide initial, annual, and revised notices to the plan sponsor, group or blanket insurance policyholder or group annuity contract holder, or workers' compensation policyholder, in the manner described in sections 4, 5, and 8 of this regulation, describing the licensee's privacy practices with respect to nonpublic personal information about individuals covered under the policies, contracts, or plans.

## Section 10. Delivery.

- (a) How to provide notices. A licensee shall provide any notices that this regulation requires so that each consumer can reasonably be expected to receive actual notice in writing or, if the consumer agrees, electronically.
- (b) (i) Examples of reasonable expectation of actual notice. A licensee may reasonably expect that a consumer will receive actual notice if the licensee:
  - (i)(A) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the consumer;
- (ii)(B) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the consumer separately, or in a policy, billing, or other written communication;
- (iii)(C) For a consumer who conducts transactions electronically, pPosts the notice on the electronic site and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining a particular insurance product or service; or
- (iv)(D) For an isolated transaction with a consumer, such as the licensee providing an insurance quote or selling the consumer travel insurance, posts the notice and requires the consumer to acknowledge receipt of the notice as a necessary step to obtaining the particular insurance product or service.
- (c)(ii) Examples of unreasonable expectation of actual notice. A licensee may not, however, reasonably expect that a consumer will receive actual notice of its privacy policies and practices if it:
- $\underline{\text{(i)}(A)}$  Only posts a sign in its office or generally publishes advertisements of its privacy policies and practices; or
- (ii)(B) Sends the notice via electronic mail to a consumer who does not obtain an insurance product or service from the licensee electronically.

- (d)(e) Annual notices only. A licensee may reasonably expect that a customer will receive actual notice of the licensee's annual privacy notice if:
- (i) The customer uses the licensee's <u>website</u> to access insurance products and services electronically and agrees to receive notices at the <u>website</u> and the licensee posts its current privacy notice continuously in a clear and conspicuous manner—on the <u>website</u>; or
- (ii) The customer has requested that the licensee refrain from sending any information regarding the customer relationship, and the licensee's current privacy notice remains available to the customer upon request.
- (e)(d) Oral description of notice insufficient. A licensee may not provide any notice required by this regulation solely by orally explaining the notice, either in person or over the telephone.

## (e) Retention or accessibility of notices for customers.

- $\underline{(f)(i)}$  For customers only, a licensee shall provide the initial notice required by <u>Ssection 54(a)(i)</u>, the annual notice required by <u>Ssection 65(a)</u>, and the revised notice required by <u>Ssection 89</u> so that the customer can retain them or obtain them later in writing or, if the customer agrees, electronically.
- (g)(ii) Examples of retention or accessibility. A licensee may provides a privacy notice to the customer so that the customer can retain it or obtain it later if the licensee:
  - (i)(A) Hand-delivers a printed copy of the notice to the customer;
- (ii)(B) Mails a printed copy of the notice to the last known address of the customer; or
- (iii)(C) Makes its current privacy notice available on a <u>website</u>web site (or a link to another <u>website</u>web site) for the customer who obtains an insurance product or service electronically and agrees to receive the notice at the websiteweb site.
- (h)(f) Joint notice with other financial institutions. A licensee may provide a joint notice from the licensee and one or more of its affiliates or other financial institutions, as identified in the notice, as long as the notice is accurate with respect to the licensee and the other institutions. A licensee also may provide a-accurate notice on behalf of another financial institution.
- (i)(g) Joint relationships. If two (2) or more consumers jointly obtain an insurance product or service from a licensee, the licensee may satisfy the initial, annual, and revised notice requirements of Sections 54(a), 65(a) and 98(a), respectively, by providing one notice to those consumers jointly.

## ARTICLE 3III. LIMITS ON DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Section 11. Limits on Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information to Nonaffiliated Third Parties.

- (a) (i) Conditions for disclosure. Except as otherwise authorized in this regulation, a $\underline{A}$  licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information information about a consumer to a nonaffiliated third party unless:
- $\underline{\text{(i)}}(A)$  The licensee has provided to the consumer an initial notice as required under Section  $\underline{45}$ ;
- $\underline{\text{(ii)}}$  The licensee has provided to the consumer an opt-out notice as required in Section 78;
- (iii)(C) The licensee has given the consumer a reasonable opportunity, before it discloses the information to the nonaffiliated third party, to opt\_out of the disclosure; and
  - (iv)(D) The consumer does not opt-out.
- (b)(ii) Opt out definition. Opt\_out means a direction by the consumer that the licensee not disclose nonpublic personal financial information about that consumer to a nonaffiliated third party, other than as permitted by Sections 14, 15, and 16.
- (c)(iii) Examples of reasonable opportunity to opt out. A licensee provides a consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt-out if:
- (i)(A) By mail. The licensee mails the required notices required in Paragraph (i) of this subsection to the consumer and allows the consumer to opt\_out by mailing a form, calling a toll-free telephone number, or any other reasonable means within thirty (30) days from the date the licensee mailed the notices.
- <u>(ii)(B)</u> By electronic means. A customer opens an on-line account with a licensee licensee and agrees to receive the required notices required in Paragraph (i) of this subsection electronically, and the licensee allows the customer to opt\_out by any reasonable means within thirty (30) days after the date that the customer acknowledges receipt of the notices in conjunction with opening the account.
- (iii)(C) Isolated transaction with consumer. For an isolated transaction such as providing the consumer with an insurance quote, a licensee provides the consumer with a reasonable opportunity to opt\_out if the licensee provides the required\_notices required in—Paragraph (i) of this subsection—at the time of the transaction and requests that the consumer decide, as a necessary part of the transaction, whether to opt\_out before completing the transaction.
- (b) Application of opt out to all consumers and all nonpublic personal financial information.

- (iv)(i) A licensee shall comply with this section, regardless of whether the licensee and the consumer have established a customer relationship.
- (v)(ii) Unless a licensee complies with this section, the licensee may not, directly or through any affiliate, disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about a consumer—that—the licensee has collected, regardless of whether the licensee collected it before or after receiving the direction to opt\_out from the consumer.
- (d)(e) Partial opt out. A licensee may allow a consumer to select certain nonpublic personal financial information or certain nonaffiliated third parties with respect to which the consumer wishes to opt-out.

# Section 12. Limits on Redisclosure Re-disclosure and Reuse of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

- (a) (i) Information the licensee receives under an exception. If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this regulation, the licensee's disclosure and use of that information is limited as follows: The licensee may disclose:
- (i)(A) The licensee may disclose the iInformation to the affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information;
- (ii)(B) The licensee may disclose the iInformation to its affiliates, but the licensee's affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose and use the information; and
- (iii)(C) The licensee may disclose and use the iInformation pursuant to an exception exception in Sections 15 and 16 of this regulation, in the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which the licensee received the information.
- (b)(ii) Example. If a licensee receives information from a nonaffiliated financialinstitution institution for claims settlement purposes, the licensee may disclose the information for fraud prevention, or in response to a properly authorized subpoena. The licensee may not disclose that information to a third party for marketing purposes or use that information for its own marketing purposes.
- (c)(b)(i) Information a licensee receives outside of an exception. If a licensee receives nonpublic personal financial information from a nonaffiliated financial institution other than under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this regulation, the licensee may disclose the information only:
- $\underline{\text{(i)}}(A)$  To the affiliates of the financial institution from which the licensee received the information;

- $\underline{\text{(ii)}}$  To its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose the information only to the extent that the licensee may disclose the information; and
- (iii)(C) To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if made directly to that person by the financial institution from which the licensee received the information.
- (d)(ii) Example. If a licensee obtains a customer list from a nonaffiliated financial institution outside of the exceptions in this regulationSections 15 or 16:
  - (i)(A) The licensee may use that list for its own purposes; and
- (ii)(B) The licensee may disclose that list to another nonaffiliated third party only if the financial institution from which the licensee purchased the list could have lawfully disclosed the list to that third party. That is, the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with the privacy policy of the financial institution from which the licensee received the list, as limited by the opt\_out direction of each consumer whose nonpublic personal financial information the licensee intends to disclose, and the licensee may disclose the list in accordance with an exception in Sections 15 or 16this regulation, such as to the licensee's attorneys or accountants.
- (iii)(c) Information a licensee discloses under an exception. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party under an exception—in—Sections 15 or 16 of this regulation, the third party may disclose and use that information only as follows: The third party may disclose the information:
- $\underline{(A)(i)}$  The third party may disclose the information  $\underline{t}\underline{T}o$  the licensee's affiliates;
- $\underline{(B)(ii)}$  The third party may disclose the information  $\underline{t}\underline{T}o$  its affiliates, but its affiliates may, in turn, disclose and use the information only to the extent that the third party may disclose and use the information; and
- (C)(iii) The third party may disclose and use the information pursuant to an exception in Sections 15 or 16 iIn the ordinary course of business to carry out the activity covered by the exception under which it received the information.
- (iv)(d) Information a licensee discloses outside of an exception. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party other than under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 of this regulation, the third party may disclose the information only:
  - (A)(i) To the licensee's affiliates;
- (B)(ii) To the third party's affiliates, but the third party's affiliates, inturn, may disclose the information only to the extent the third party can disclose the information;

 $\underline{(C)(iii)}$  To any other person, if the disclosure would be lawful if the licensee made it directly to that person.

# Section 13. Limits on Sharing Account Number Information for Marketing Purposes.

- (a) General prohibition on disclosure of account numbers. A licensee shall not, directly or through an affiliate, disclose, other than to a consumer reporting agency, a policy number or similar form of access number or access code for a consumer's policy or transaction account to any nonaffiliated nonaffiliated third party for use in telemarketing, direct mail marketing, or other marketing through electronic mail to the consumer.
- (b) Exception. Subsection Section 13(a) of this section does not apply if a licensee discloses a policy number or similar form of access number or access code:
- (i) To the licensee's service provider solely in order to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services, as long as the service provider is not authorized to directly initiate charges to the account;
- (ii) To a licensee who is a producer solely in order to perform marketing for the licensee's own products or services; or
- (iii) To a participant in an affinity or similar program where the participants in the program are identified to the customer when the customer enters into the program.
  - (c) Examples. Policy number or transaction account.
- (i) Policy number. A policy number, or similar form of access number or access code, does not include a number or code in an encrypted form, as long as the licensee does not provide the recipient with a means to decode the number or code.
- (ii) Policy or transaction account. For the purposes of this section, a policy or transaction account is an account other than a deposit account or a credit card account. A policy or transaction account does not include an account to which third parties cannot initiate charges.

# ARTICLE 4-<u>IV</u>. EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITS ON DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Section 14. Exception to Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Service Providers and Joint Marketing.

#### (a) General rule.

- (a)(i) The opt\_out requirements in <u>Ssections 78</u> and 11 do not apply when a licensee provides nonpublic personal financial information to a nonaffiliated third party to perform services for the licensee or functions on the licensee's behalf, if the licensee:
  - (i)(A) Provides the initial notice in accordance with Section 45; and
- (ii)(B) Enters into a contractual agreement with the third party that-prohibitings the third party from disclosing or using the information other than to carry out the purposes for which the licensee disclosed the information, including use under an exception in-Sections 15 or 16 in the ordinary course of business to carry out those purposes.
- (b)(ii) Example. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under this section to a financial institution with which the licensee performs joint marketing, the licensee's contractual agreement with that institution meets the requirements of section 14(a)(ii)Paragraph (i)(B) of this subsection—if it prohibits the institution from disclosing or using the nonpublic personal financial information except as necessary to carry out the joint marketing or under an exception in Sections 15 or 16 in the ordinary course of business to carry out that joint marketing.
- (c)(b) Services may include joint marketing. The services a nonaffiliated third party performs for a licensee under section 14(a)Subsection (a) of this section may include marketing of the licensee's own products or services or marketing of financial products or services offered pursuant to joint agreements between the licensee and one or more financial institutions.
- (d)(c) <u>Definition</u> of "joint agreement." For purposes of this section, "jJoint agreement" means a written contract pursuant to which a licensee and one or more financial institutions jointly offer, endorse, or sponsor a financial product or service.

# Section 15. Exceptions to Notice and Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information for Processing and Servicing Transactions.

- (a) Exceptions for processing transactions at consumer's request. The requirements for initial notice in Section 4(a)5(a)(ii), the opt-out in Sections 78 and 11, and service providers and joint marketing in Section 14 do not apply if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information as necessary to effect, administer, or enforce a transaction that a consumer requests or authorizes, or in connection with:
- (i) Servicing or processing an insurance product or service that-a consumer requests or authorizes;
- (ii) Maintaining or servicing the consumer's account with a licensee, or with another entity as part of a private label credit card program or other extension of credit on behalf of such entity;
  - (iii) A proposed or actual securitization, secondary market sale (including sales

of servicing rights), or similar transaction related to a transaction of the consumer; or

- (iv) Reinsurance, of stop loss, or excess loss insurance.
- (b) "Necessary to effect, administer, or enforce a transaction" means that the disclosure is:
- (i) Required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out the financial transaction or providing the product or service; or
  - (ii) Required, or is a usual, appropriate, or acceptable method:
- (A) To carry out the transaction or the product or service business of which the transaction is a part, and record, service, or maintain the consumer's account in the ordinary course of providing the insurance product or service;
- (B) To administer or service benefits or claims relating to the transaction or the product or service business of which it is a part;
- (C) To provide a confirmation, statement, or other record of the transaction, or information on the status or value of the insurance product or service to the consumer or the consumer's agent or broker;
- (D) To accrue or recognize incentives or bonuses <u>provided by a licensee or any other party</u> associated with the transaction that are provided by a licensee or any other party;
- (E) To underwrite insurance at the consumer's request or for any of the following purposes as they relate to a consumer's insurance: account administration, reporting, investigating or preventing fraud or material misrepresentation, processing premium payments, processing insurance claims, administering insurance benefits (including utilization review activities), participating in research projects, or as otherwise required or specifically permitted by federal or state law; or

## (iii)(F) In connection with:

- (A)(1) The authorization, settlement, billing, processing, clearing, transferring, reconciling, or collection of amounts charged, debited, or otherwise paid using a debit, credit, or other payment card, check or account number, or by other payment means;
  - (B)(II) The transfer of receivables, accounts, or interests therein; or
  - (C)(III) The audit of debit, credit, or other payment information.

# Section 16. Other Exceptions to Notice and Opt-Out Requirements for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Financial Information.

- (a) Exceptions to opt out requirements. The requirements for initial notice to consumers in Ssection 4(a)5(a)(ii), the opt\_out in Ssections 78 and 11, and service providers and joint marketing in Ssection 14 do not apply when a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information:
- (i) With the consent or at the direction of the consumer, provided that the consumer has not revoked the consent or direction:
- (ii) (A) To protect the confidentiality or security of a licensee's records pertaining to the consumer, service, product, or transaction;
- (B) To protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud or unauthorized transactions;
- (C) For required institutional risk control or for resolving consumer disputes or inquiries;
- (D) To persons holding a legal or beneficial interest relating to the consumer; or
- (E) To persons acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity on behalf of the consumer.;
- (ii)(iii) To provide information to insurance rate advisory organizations, guaranty funds or agencies, agencies that are rating a licensee, persons that are assessing the licensee's compliance with industry standards, and the licensee's attorneys, accountants, and auditors;
- (iii)(iv) To the extent specifically permitted or required under other provisions of law and in accordance with the federal Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.), to law enforcement agencies (including the Federal Reserve Board, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of Thrift Supervision, National Credit Union Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Subchapter II (Records and Reports on Monetary Instruments and Transactions) and 12 U.S.C. Chapter 21 (Financial Recordkeeping), a state insurance authority, and the Federal Trade Commission), self-regulatory organizations, or for an investigation on a matter related to public safety;
- $\underline{\text{(iv)}(v)}$  (A)To a consumer reporting agency in accordance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.);  $\Theta$ 
  - (v)(B) From a consumer report reported by a consumer reporting agency;

- (vi) In connection with a proposed or actual sale, merger, transfer, or exchange of all or a portion of a business or operating unit if the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information concerns solely consumers of the business or unit;
- (vii)—(A) To comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, and other applicable legal requirements;
- (B) To comply with a properly authorized civil, criminal, or regulatory investigation, or summons by federal, state, or local authorities; or
- (C) To respond to judicial process or government regulatory authorities having with jurisdiction over a licensee for examination, compliance, or other purposes as authorized by law; or
- (vii)(viii) For purposes related to the replacement of replacing a group benefit plan, a group health plan, a group welfare plan, or workers' compensation plan.
- (b) Example of revocation of consent. A consumer may revoke consent by subsequently exercising the right to opt\_out of future disclosures of nonpublic personal information as permitted under Section 78(f).

## ARTICLE 5V. RULES FOR HEALTH INFORMATION

# Section 17. When Authorization Required for Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Health Information.

- (a) A licensee shall not disclose nonpublic personal health information about a consumer or customer unless an authorization is obtained from the consumer or customer whose nonpublic personal health information is sought to be disclosed.
- Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or require an authorization for the (b) disclosure of nonpublic personal health information by a licensee for the performance of the following insurance functions by or on behalf of the licensee: claims administration; claims adjustment and management; detection, investigation or reporting of actual and potential fraud, misrepresentation or criminal activity; underwriting; policy placement or issuance; loss control; ratemaking and guaranty fund functions; reinsurance and excess loss insurance; risk management; case management; disease management; quality assurance; quality improvement; performance evaluation; provider credentialing verification; utilization review; peer review activities; actuarial, scientific, medical or public policy research; grievance procedures; internal administration of compliance, managerial, and information systems; policyholder service functions; auditing; reporting; database security; administration of consumer disputes and inquiries; external accreditation standards; the replacement of a group benefit plan or workers compensation policy or program; activities in connection with a sale, merger, transfer or exchange of all or part of a business or operating unit; any activity that permits disclosure without authorization pursuant to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

privacy rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; disclosure that is required, or is one of the lawful or appropriate methods, to enforce the licensee's rights or the rights of other persons engaged in carrying out a transaction or providing a product or service that a consumer requests or authorizes; and any activity otherwise permitted by law, required pursuant to governmental reporting authority or to comply with legal process. Health information may be shared by affiliates for the specific purpose of processing claims. Additional insurance functions may be added with the approval of the eCommissioner to the extent they are necessary for appropriate performance of insurance functions and are fair and reasonable to the interest of consumers.

## Section 18. Authorizations.

- (a) A valid authorization to disclose nonpublic personal health information pursuant to this Article V shall be in written or electronic form and shall contain all of the following:
- (i) The identity of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information; and
- (ii) A general description of the types of nonpublic personal health information to be disclosed:
- (iii) General descriptions of the parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal health information, the purpose of the disclosure and how the information will be used;

## (b) Requirements.

- $\underline{\text{(i)(iv)}}$  The signature of the consumer or customer who is the subject of the nonpublic personal health information, or the individual who is legally empowered to grant authority, and the date signed; and
- (ii)(v) Notice of the length of time for which the authorization is valid, and that the consumer or customer may revoke the authorization at any time, and the procedure for making a revocation.
- (c)(b) An authorization for the purposes of this—Article V shall specify a length of time for which—the authorization shall remain valid, which in no event shall be for more than twenty-four (24) months.
- (d)(e) A consumer or customer who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information may revoke an authorization provided pursuant to this. Article V at any time, subject to the rights of an individual who acted in reliance on the authorization prior to notice of the revocation.
- (e)(d) A licensee shall retain the authorization or a copy thereof in the record of the individual who is the subject of nonpublic personal health information.

**Section 19. Authorization Request Delivery.** A request for authorization and an authorization form may be delivered to a consumer or a customer as part of an opt-out notice pursuant to <u>Section 10</u>, provided that the request and the authorization form are clear and conspicuous. An authorization form is not required to be delivered to the consumer or customer or included in any other notices unless the licensee intends to disclose protected health information pursuant to <u>Section 17(a)</u>.

## **Section 20.** Relationship to Federal Rules

Irrespective of whether a licensee is subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy rule as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 45 C.F.R. pts. 160-164 (the "federal rule"), if a licensee complies with all requirements of the federal rule except for its effective date provision, the licensee shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article V.

## **Section 21.** Relationship to State Laws

Nothing in this article shall preempt or supersede existing law related to medical records, health or insurance information privacy.

## ARTICLE VI. SAFEGUARDING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Section 20. Information Security Program. Each licensee shall implement a comprehensive written information security program that includes administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for protecting customer information. The information security program shall be appropriate to the size and complexity of the licensee and the nature and scope of its activities.

## Section 21. Objectives of Information Security Program.

- (a) A licensee's information security program shall be designed to:
  - (i) Ensure the security and confidentiality of customer information;
- (ii) Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the information; and
- (iii) Protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer.

## Section 22. Methods of Development and Implementation.

- (a) In assessing the risk, the licensee:
  - (i) Identifies reasonably foreseeable internal or external threats that could

result in unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, or destruction of customer information or customer information systems;

- (ii) Assesses the likelihood and potential damage of these threats, taking into consideration the sensitivity of customer information; and
- (iii) Assesses the sufficiency of policies, procedures, customer information systems, and other safeguards in place to control risks.
  - (b) In managing and controlling the risk, the licensee:
- (i) Designs its information security program to control the identified risks, commensurate with the sensitivity of the information, as well as the complexity and scope of the licensee's activities;
- (ii) <u>Tains staff, as appropriate, to implement the licensee's information</u> security program; and
- (iii) Regularly tests or otherwise regularly monitors the key controls, systems, and procedures of the information security program. The frequency and nature of these tests or other monitoring practices are determined by the licensee's risk assessment.
  - (c) In overseeing the service provider arrangements, the licensee:
    - (i) Exercises appropriate due diligence in selecting its service providers; and
- (ii) Requires its service providers to implement appropriate measures designed to meet the objectives of this regulation, and, where indicated by the licensee's risk assessment, takes appropriate steps to confirm its service providers have satisfied these obligations.
  - (d) In adjusting the program, the licensee:
- (i) Monitors, evaluates, and adjusts, as appropriate, the information security program in light of any relevant changes in technology, the sensitivity of its customer information, internal or external threats to information, and the licensee's own changing business arrangements, such as mergers and acquisitions, alliances and joint ventures, outsourcing arrangements, and changes to customer information systems.

## ARTICLE 6<u>VII</u>. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

**Section 24 22. Protection of Fair Credit Reporting Act.** Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to modify, limit, or supersede the operation of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), and no inference shall be drawn on the basis of the provisions of this regulation regarding whether information is transaction or experience information under Section 603 of this Act.

## Section <u>25.-23.</u> Nondiscrimination.

- (a) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against any consumer or customer who because that consumer or customer has opted-out from the disclosure of his or hernonpublic personal financial information pursuant to the provisions of this regulation.
- (b) A licensee shall not unfairly discriminate against a consumer or customer who because that consumer or customer has not granted authorization for the disclosure of his or her nonpublic personal health information pursuant to the provisions of this regulation.

#### Section 24. Violation

Any violation of this Regulation constitutes a undefined unfair or deceptive trade practice as set forth in W.S. § 26-13-116 and shall be subject to penalties set forth at W.S. § 26-1-107.

## Section 25. Severability

If any section of portion of a section of this regulation or its applicability to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court, the remainder of the regulation or the applicability of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

- **Section 26.** Effective Date. This regulation shall be becomes effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. In order to provide sufficient time for licensees to establish policies and systems to comply with the requirements of this regulation, the commissioner has extended the time for compliance with this regulation with respect to financial information to January 1, 2002 and with respect to health information to January 1, 2003.
- (b) (i) Notice requirement for consumers who are the licensee's customers on the compliance date. By January 1, 2002, a licensee shall provide an initial notice, as required by Section 5, to consumers who are the licensee's customers on January 1, 2002.
- (ii) Example. A licensee provides an initial notice to consumers who are its customers on January 1, 2002, if, by that date, the licensee has established a system for providing an initial notice to all new customers and has mailed the initial notice to all the licensee's existing customers.
- (c) Two year grandfathering of service agreements. Until January 1, 2004, a contract that a licensee has entered into with a nonaffiliated third party to perform services for the licensee or functions on the licensee's behalf satisfies the provisions of Section 14(a)(i)(B) of this regulation, even if the contract does not include a requirement that the third party maintain the confidentiality of nonpublic personal information, as long as the licensee entered into the agreement on or before January 1, 2002.

#### SAMPLE CLAUSES

Licensees, including a group of financial holding company affiliates that use a common

privacy notice, may use the following sample clauses, if the clause is accurate for each institution that uses the notice. (Note that disclosure of certain information, such as assets, income and information from a consumer reporting agency, may give rise to obligations under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as a requirement to permit a consumer to opt out of disclosures to affiliates or designation as a consumer reporting agency if disclosures are made to nonaffiliated third parties.)

## A-1 Categories of information a licensee collects (all institutions)

A licensee may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirement of Section 7(a)(i) to describe the categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee collects.

## Sample Clause A-1:

We collect nonpublic personal financial information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

# A-2 Categories of information a licensee discloses (institutions that disclose outside of the exceptions)

A licensee may use one of these clauses, as applicable, to meet the requirement of Section 7(a)(ii) to describe the categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee discloses. The licensee may use these clauses if it discloses nonpublic personal financial information other than as permitted by the exceptions in Sections 14, 15 and 16.

## Sample Clause A-2, Alternative 1:

We may disclose the following kinds of nonpublic personal financial information about you:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your name, address, social security number, assets, income, and beneficiaries"];
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your policy coverage, premiums, and payment history"]; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your creditworthiness and credit history"].

## Sample Clause A-2, Alternative 2:

We may disclose all of the information that we collect, as described [describe location in the notice, such as "above" or "below"].

# A-3 Categories of information a licensee discloses and parties to whom the licensee discloses (institutions that do not disclose outside of the exceptions)

A licensee may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirements of Sections 7(a)(ii), (iii), and (iv) to describe the categories of nonpublic personal financial information about customers and former customers that the licensee discloses and the categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses. A licensee may use this clause if the licensee does not disclose nonpublic personal financial information to any party, other than as permitted by the exceptions in Sections 15 and 16.

## Sample Clause A-3:

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal financial information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law.

# A-4 Categories of parties to whom a licensee discloses (institutions that disclose outside of the exceptions)

A licensee may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirement of Section 7(a)(iii) to describe the categories of affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties to whom the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information. This clause may be used if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information other than as permitted by the exceptions in Sections 14, 15 and 16, as well as when permitted by the exceptions in Sections 15 and 16.

#### Sample Clause A-4:

We may disclose nonpublic personal financial information about you to the following types of third parties:

- Financial service providers, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "life insurers, automobile insurers, mortgage bankers, securities broker dealers, and insurance agents"];
- \*Non financial companies, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "retailers, direct marketers, airlines, and publishers"]; and
  - Others, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "non profit organizations"].

We may also disclose nonpublic personal financial information about you to nonaffiliated third parties as permitted by law.

## A-5 Service provider/joint marketing exception

A licensee may use one of these clauses, as applicable, to meet the requirements of

Section 7(a)(v) related to the exception for service providers and joint marketers in Section 14. If a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information under this exception, the licensee shall describe the categories of nonpublic personal financial information the licensee discloses and the categories of third parties with which the licensee has contracted.

## Sample Clause A 5, Alternative 1:

We may disclose the following information to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf or to other financial institutions with which we have joint marketing agreements:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your name, address, social security number, assets, income, and beneficiaries"];
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or others, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your policy coverage, premium, and payment history"]; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency, such as [provide illustrative examples, such as "your creditworthiness and credit history"].

## Sample Clause A-5, Alternative 2:

We may disclose all of the information we collect, as described [describe location in the notice, such as "above" or "below"] to companies that perform marketing services on our behalf or to other financial institutions with whom we have joint marketing agreements.

## A-6 Explanation of opt out right (institutions that disclose outside of the exceptions)

A licensee may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirement of Section 7(a)(vi) to provide an explanation of the consumer's right to opt out of the disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties, including the method(s) by which the consumer may exercise that right. The licensee may use this clause if the licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial information other than as permitted by the exceptions in Sections 14, 15 and 16.

## Sample Clause A-6:

If you prefer that we not disclose nonpublic personal financial information about you to nonaffiliated third parties, you may opt out of those disclosures, that is, you may direct us not to make those disclosures (other than disclosures permitted by law). If you wish to opt out of disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties, you may [describe a reasonable means of opting out, such as "call the following toll free number: (insert number)].

## A-7 Confidentiality and security (all institutions)

A licensee may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirement of Section-

7(a)(viii) to describe its policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal financial information.

## Sample Clause A-7:

We restrict access to nonpublic personal financial information about you to [provide an appropriate description, such as "those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you"]. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal financial information.

## CHAPTER 55 STANDARDS FOR SAFEGUARDING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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# Chapter 55 Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information

## Section 1. Purpose and Scope

- (a) This regulation establishes standards for developing and implementing administrative, technical and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of customer information, pursuant to Sections 501, 505(b), and 507 of the Gramm Leach-Bliley Act, codified at 15 U.S.C. §§ 6801, 6805(b) and 6807 and authorized by W.S. § 26 2 133.
- (b) Section 501(a) provides that it is the policy of the Congress that each financial institution has an affirmative and continuing obligation to respect the privacy of its customers and to protect the security and confidentiality of those customers' nonpublic personal information. Section 501(b) requires the state insurance regulatory authorities to establish appropriate standards relating to administrative, technical and physical safeguards: (1) to ensure the security and confidentiality of customer records and information; (2) to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such records; and (3) to protect against unauthorized access to or use of records or information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to a customer.
- (c) Section 505(b)(2) calls on state insurance regulatory authorities to implement the standards prescribed under Section 501(b) by regulation with respect to persons engaged in providing insurance.
- (d) Section 507 provides, among other things, that a state regulation may afford persons greater privacy protections than those provided by subtitle A of Title V of the Gramm Leach-Bliley Act. This regulation requires that the safeguards established pursuant to this regulation shall apply to nonpublic personal information, including nonpublic personal financial information and nonpublic personal health information.

#### Section 2. Definitions

For purposes of this regulation, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Customer" means a customer of the licensee as the term customer is defined in Wyoming Insurance Department Regulations, Chapter 54 § 4(i).
- (b) "Customer information" means nonpublic personal information as defined in Wyoming Insurance Department Regulations, Chapter 54 § 4(s) about a customer, whether in paper, electronic or other form, that is maintained by or on behalf of the licensee.
- (c) "Customer information systems" means the electronic or physical methods used to access, collect, store, use, transmit, protect or dispose of customer information.
  - (d) "Licensee" means a licensee as that term is defined in Wyoming Insurance

Department Regulations, Chapter 54 § 4(q)(i), except that "licensee" shall not include: a purchasing group; or an unauthorized insurer in regard to the surplus line business conducted pursuant to W.S. § 26 11 101 et seq.

(e) "Service provider" means a person that maintains, processes or otherwise is permitted access to customer information through its provision of services directly to the licensee.

## **Section 3. Information Security Program**

Each licensee shall implement a comprehensive written information security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards for the protection of customer information. The administrative, technical and physical safeguards included in the information security program shall be appropriate to the size and complexity of the licensee and the nature and scope of its activities.

## Section 4. Objectives of Information Security Program

A licensee's information security program shall be designed to:

- (a) Ensure the security and confidentiality of customer information;
- (b) Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the information: and
- (c) Protect against unauthorized access to or use of the information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer.

## Section 5. Examples of Methods of Development and Implementation

The actions and procedures described in Sections 6 through 9 of this regulation are examples of methods of implementation of the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this regulation. These examples are non exclusive illustrations of actions and procedures that licensees may follow to implement Sections 3 and 4 of this regulation.

#### Section 6. Assess Risk

The licensee:

- (a) Identifies reasonably foreseeable internal or external threats that could result in unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration or destruction of customer information or customer information systems;
- (b) Assesses the likelihood and potential damage of these threats, taking into consideration the sensitivity of customer information; and

(c) Assesses the sufficiency of policies, procedures, customer information systems and other safeguards in place to control risks.

### Section 7. Manage and Control Risk

The licensee:

- (a) Designs its information security program to control the identified risks, commensurate with the sensitivity of the information, as well as the complexity and scope of the licensee's activities:
- (b) Trains staff, as appropriate, to implement the licensee's information security program; and
- (c) Regularly tests or otherwise regularly monitors the key controls, systems and procedures of the information security program. The frequency and nature of these tests or other monitoring practices are determined by the licensee's risk assessment.

## Section 8. Oversee Service Provider Arrangements

The licensee:

- (a) Exercises appropriate due diligence in selecting its service providers; and
- (b) Requires its service providers to implement appropriate measures designed to meet the objectives of this regulation, and, where indicated by the licensee's risk assessment, takes appropriate steps to confirm that its service providers have satisfied these obligations.

## Section 9. Adjust the Program

The licensee monitors, evaluates and adjusts, as appropriate, the information security program in light of any relevant changes in technology, the sensitivity of its customer information, internal or external threats to information, and the licensee's own changing business arrangements, such as mergers and acquisitions, alliances and joint ventures, outsourcing arrangements and changes to customer information systems.

## Section 10. Determined Violation

Any violation of this Regulation constitutes an undefined unfair or deceptive trade practice as set forth in and subject to W.S. § 26-13-116 and shall be subject to penalties set forth at W.S. § 26-1-107.

### Section 11. Severability

If any section or portion of a section of this regulation or its applicability to any person or

circumstance is held invalid by a court, the remainder of the regulation or the applicability of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

## **Section 12. Effective Date**

Each licensee shall establish and implement an information security program, including appropriate policies and systems pursuant to this regulation by July 1, 2003.

## **REPEALED**