

§6905. Policy forms and rates

(a) Policy forms and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the superintendent within thirty days of their use by the insurer if not otherwise filed prior to the effective date of this article. Every such policy shall provide that, in the event of a payment default by or insolvency of the obligor, there shall be no acceleration of the payment required to be made under such policy unless such acceleration is at the sole option of the corporation; provided that (1) policies may insure amounts payable under a credit default swap or interest rate, currency or other swap upon a credit event or termination event if the expected amount payable on an accelerated basis in respect of any individual obligation referenced by a credit default swap or in the aggregate under an interest rate, currency or other swap does not exceed the single risk limits prescribed in paragraph five of subsection (d) of section six thousand nine hundred four of this article and (2) policies insuring credit default swaps referencing an obligation shall be treated as if the insurer had directly insured the referenced obligation for all other purposes of this article, except that the currency of amounts owed under the credit default swap, rather than the currency of the obligations referenced by the credit default swap, shall apply for purposes of determining whether the obligation is a permissible guaranty under subsection (b) of section six thousand nine hundred four of this article. The superintendent may prescribe minimum policy provisions determined by the superintendent to be necessary or appropriate to protect policyholders, claimants, obligees or indemnitees.

(b) Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, unfairly discriminatory, destructive of competition, detrimental to the solvency of the insurer, or otherwise unreasonable. In determining whether rates comply with the foregoing standards, the superintendent shall include all income earned by such insurer. Criteria and guidelines utilized by insurers in establishing rating categories and ranges of rates to be utilized shall be filed with the superintendent for information prior to their use by the insurer if not otherwise filed prior to the effective date of this article.

(c) All such filings shall be available for public inspection at the department of financial services.

(f) The rate adjustments required by subsection (e) of this section shall be filed by the New York compensation insurance rating board in accordance with the provisions of section two thousand three hundred forty-seven of this article, and shall not become effective until approved by the superintendent.

(g) " Loss costs ," for the purpose of workers' compensation insurance in this article, means that portion of a rate intended to represent the anticipated costs of claim payments and loss adjustment expenses associated with such claim payments, and may include one or more trend factors. Loss costs do not include provisions for expenses (other than loss adjustment expenses) such as acquisition costs, overhead and taxes, or profit. For all other purposes, the superintendent, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, may promulgate regulations defining loss costs.

(h) A loss cost filing shall be deemed to be a rate filing under this article.

(i) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the application of payroll limitation provisions at the discretion of the superintendent, provided such programs were in effect prior to the effective date of this subsection.