

RULES – IMPLEMENTATION

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GENERAL LIABILITY

LI-GL-2023-058

MARYLAND GENERAL LIABILITY RULE 24. REVISION TO BE IMPLEMENTED

KEY MESSAGE

General Liability revised annual individual payroll amounts for executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners specific to Maryland to be implemented.

ISO ACTION

Filing [GL-2023-RBOP](#) revises the annual individual payroll for executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners in Rule 24.E.2.m. to \$35,100 for Maryland.

Refer to the attached explanatory material for complete details about this filing.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

The ISO revision is subject to the following rule of application:

These changes are applicable to all policies effective on or after November 1, 2023.

COMPANY ACTION

If you have authorized us to file on your behalf and decide:

- To use our revision and effective date, you are not required to file anything with the Insurance Department.
- To use our revision with a different effective date, to use our revision with modification, or to not use our revision, you must make an appropriate submission with the Insurance Department.

For guidance on submission requirements, consult the ISO State Filing Handbook.

WE WILL SUBMIT THIS REVISION TO THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 2, 2023. IF STATE FILING REQUIREMENTS DICTATE THAT YOU MAKE A SUBMISSION WITH THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, DO NOT SUBMIT IT PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

In all correspondence with the Insurance Department on this revision, you should refer to ISO Filing Number [GL-2023-RBOP](#) and SERFF Tracking Number [ISOF-133579713](#), NOT this circular number. Communications with the regulator concerning a filing affecting multiple lines of business (i.e., CL, PL, AL filing designation) should specify the line(s) of business that you are addressing.

RATING SOFTWARE IMPACT

No new attributes are being introduced with this revision.

POLICYHOLDER NOTIFICATION

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REVISION DISTRIBUTION

We will issue a Notice to Manualholders with an edition date of 11-23 (or the earliest possible subsequent date), along with any new and/or revised manual pages.

RELATED LOSS COSTS REVISION

We are announcing in a separate circular the implementation of a corresponding loss costs revision. Please refer to the Reference(s) block for identification of that circular.

REFERENCE(S)

- [LI-GL-2023-057](#) (03/08/2023) Maryland General Liability Advisory Prospective Loss Cost Revision To Be Implemented
- [LI-CL-2022-006](#) (02/22/2022) Revised Lead Time Requirements Listing

[ATTACHMENT\(S\)](#)

Filing [GL-2023-RBOP](#)

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Statistical plan data reported to ISO is first processed through a system of rigorous automated data verification procedures so that only valid data would be used for ratemaking. Subsequent to this initial data submission review, additional analyses on the statistical plan data involving an even more customized data review for this line were performed by staff. During these processes, various data records were excluded from the review. The ISO staff responsible for this circular also reviewed the data for reasonableness.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACTUARIAL QUALIFICATIONS

The American Academy of Actuaries' "Qualifications Standards for Actuaries Issuing Statements of Actuarial Opinion in the United States" requires that an actuary issuing a Statement of Actuarial Opinion should include an acknowledgment with the opinion that he/she has met the qualification standards of the AAA. ISO considers this rules filing a Statement of Actuarial Opinion; therefore, we are including the following acknowledgment:

I, Chun Lam, am a Senior Actuarial Associate for ISO, and I, Timothy McCarthy, am an Actuarial Product Senior Director for Commercial Liability for ISO. We are jointly responsible for the content of this Statement of Actuarial Opinion. We are both members of the American Academy of Actuaries and we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

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Revision of Executive Officers, Individual Insureds and Co-Partners Payroll Amounts (Rule 24)

About This Filing

This filing revises the annual individual payroll for executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners in Rule 24.E.2.m (Bases of Premium) in Division Six General Liability of the Commercial Lines Manual (CLM) to \$35,100. The revised payroll amount in this filing is specific to the state of Maryland and is with respect to premium computation purposes.

Revised Rule

We are revising Rule 24. Bases of Premium in the state of Maryland.

- ◆ Rule 24.E.2.m (Bases of Premium)

We have used a format of ~~striking-through~~ deletions, underlining additions and inserting a revision bar in the left margin to indicate changes.

Related Filing(s)

- ◆ GL-2023-BGL1 (Loss Costs)

Background

The premium computation applicable to most Contracting classes of business is based on payroll as outlined in Rule 24.E. For executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners however, the payroll amount used in premium determination as described in Rule 24.E.2.m. is a fixed (flat) amount that varies by state. These payroll amounts have not been recently revised. This filing provides an update to the payroll amounts in Rule 24.E.2.m. for executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners to reflect current wages.

Actuarial Support

The Maryland individual state payroll amounts for executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners have not been revised in over 20 years. Given that the increases in payroll since the last revision are significant, payroll amounts will be revised in annual increments in coordination with the state basic limit loss cost experience review until an appropriate level is achieved. Average annual wage data for Construction Occupations as of May 2018 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics was used. For executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners, the revised payroll amount in this filing is determined as follows:

State	Current Individual	BLS	Selected		Revised
	Annual Payroll	Average Annual	%	%	Individual Annual Payroll
<u>State</u>	<u>Rule 24.E.2.m.</u>	<u>Wage</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Rule 24.E.2.m.</u>
Maryland	\$28,100	\$50,700	80%	25%	\$35,100

Since the intention is to introduce this change on a revenue neutral basis, an adjustment of 0.989 has been applied to the related proposed loss costs in companion filing GL-2023-BGL1 to offset the increase in the payroll amount in Rule 24.E.2.m. The ISO statistical plan data does not separately identify payroll for executive officers, individual insureds, and co-partners from other employees. As a result, data from the Census Bureau was analyzed to estimate the impact of the revision in payroll amount (2016 Statistics of US Business Annual Data Tables by Establishment Industry). Specifically, since the classes affected are predominantly construction classes, data for Construction (NAIC Code 23) was used to estimate the impact. Given the limited detail available, assumptions were made to develop the offset. Estimates for the average number of executive officers, individual insureds and co-partners per firm in each firm size range were made. Additional assumptions were made regarding individuals doing clerical work, percent of contractors who are insured, and how the firm size distribution compares to the General Liability insured distribution.

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24. BASES OF PREMIUM

The following is added to Paragraph **E.2.m.**:

For premium computation purposes, use \$28,10035,100 as the annual individual payroll for executive officers.

For premium computation purposes, use \$28,10035,100 as the annual individual payroll for individual insureds or co-partners.