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REVIEW REQUIREMENTS	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION OF REVIEW STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS	LOCATION OF STANDARD IN FILING
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FILINGS			
EXEMPTION	MCLA 500.2401(2)(d)	When you place the prominent warning statement of MCLA 500.2236(8)(e)(ii) in each of your policies, you should not submit a filing to us as you are exempt from the requirements of Chapters 22 and 24 of the Michigan Insurance Code unless the Commissioner subsequently finds that competition does not exist for this type of coverage. The prominent warning statement will apply to the entire commercial package policy because it cannot be applied to just one type of coverage when multi-coverages are written.	
COPIES, RETURN ENVELOPES, ETC.	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	All filings must include a copy of the cover letter along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.	
COVER LETTER AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	All filings must include a cover letter and all filings except for new program filings must contain a filing memorandum that identifies and explains changes to previously filed policy forms, endorsements, rules, and rates by form number, rule number, and manual page number.	

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EFFECTIVE DATE WORDING	MCLA 500.2608(2)	The filing shall be on file for a waiting period of 15 days before it becomes effective, which period may be extended by the commissioner for 1 additional period not to exceed 15 days if the commissioner gives written notice within the waiting period to the insurer or rating organization which made the filing that her or she needs additional time for consideration of the filing.	
	MCLA 500.2236(1)	Failure of the commissioner to act within 30 days after submittal constitutes approval.	
FILING SUBMISSION	MCLA 500.2606	Every insurer shall file with the commissioner every manual of classification, every manual of rules and rates, every rating plan, and every modification of any of the foregoing that it proposes to use.	
	MCLA 500.2401(d)	An insurer shall not file rates and rules for any commercial insurance coverage if the policy form contains a prominent disclaimer which states, "This policy is exempt from the filing requirements of section 2236 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.2236." or words that are substantially similar.	
LIMITATIONS/RESTRICTIONS ON TRANACTING BUSINESS	MCLA 500.640	An insurer transacting business in this state shall not expose itself to any loss on any 1 risk or hazard in an amount exceeding 10% of its paid-up capital and surplus. However, no portion of a risk or hazard that has been reinsured in an insurer licensed to do insurance business in this state shall be included in determining the limitation of risk prescribed in this section.	
Line of Authority	MCLA 500.402	No person shall act as an insurer and no insurer shall issue any policy or otherwise transact insurance in this state except as authorized by a subsisting certificate of authority granted to it by the commissioner pursuant to this code.	

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NO FILE OR FILING EXEMPTIONS	Bulletin 97-03 MCLA 500.2236	Only rating organizations should file forms. Insurers must maintain a list of exempt forms.	
THIRD PARTY FILERS AUTHORITY	MCLA 500.2630	A corporation, an association, a partnership, or an individual, whether located within or outside this state, may make application to the commissioner for a license as a rating organization to make rates and insurance contract forms for the kinds of insurance or subdivisions thereof	
	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	General authority to third party must be granted with a letter from insurance company.	
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FILINGS			
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
AMBIGUOUS & MISLEADING	MCLA 500.2236(5)	Upon written notice to the insurer, the commissioner may disapprove, withdraw approval or prohibit the issuance, advertising or delivery of any form to any person in this state if it violates any provisions of this act, or contains inconsistent, ambiguous or misleading clauses, or contains exceptions and conditions that unreasonably or deceptively affect the risk purported to be assumed in the general coverage of the policy.	
		An unfair method of competition and an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance means the making, issuing, circulating an estimate, illustration, circular, statement, sales presentation, or comparison which by omission of a material fact or incorrect statement of a material fact causes a misrepresentation.	
CANCELLATION & NON-RENEWAL			
Calculation of Unearned/Return Premium	MCLA 500.2833	Pro-rata	

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Minimum Retained Premium	MCLA 500.2833	Not less than \$25 or the pro-rata premium for the expired time, whichever is greater.	
Notice of Cancellation/ Non-renewal		Not less than 10 day written notice to the last known address of the insured.	
Required Policy Period			
Suspension	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall contain a provision that identifies the conditions that result in the suspension or restriction of insurance.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
CONTENT OF POLICIES	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall contain a provision that identifies the property and perils that are not covered under the policy.	
		The policy shall contain a provision for waiving or changing a provision under the policy.	
		The policy shall contain a provision that the insurer may repair, replace, rebuild, or take the property	
DISCRIMINATION	MCLA 500.2027	It is unfair and deceptive to refuse to insure, or refuse to continue to insure, or limit the amount of coverage available to an individual or risk because of race, color, creed, marital status, sex, or national origin, residence, age, disability, or lawful occupation of the individual, or location of the risk, unless there is a reasonable relationship established between the classification and the extent of the risk.	
EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS			

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Terrorism	MCLA 500.2834	Notwithstanding section 2833, a commercial fire insurance policy issued or delivered in this state may exclude coverage for loss by fire or other perils insured against if the fire or perils were caused directly or indirectly by terrorism.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
LOSS SETTLEMENTS			
Appraisal	MCLA 500.2833	That if the insured and insurer fail to agree on the actual cash value or amount of the loss, either party may make a written demand that the amount of the loss or the actual cash value be set by appraisal.	
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall contain a provision that identifies the notification requirements when a loss occurs.	
Payment of Loss Time Period	MCLA 500.2836	Except as otherwise provided in section 2845, losses shall be paid within 30 days after receipt of proof of the amount of the loss, notwithstanding the provisions of any contract or statute to the contrary.	
MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONTENT (POLICIES AND STANDARD FORMS)	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall provide, at a minimum, coverage for the actual cash value of the property at the time of the loss, subject to all other provisions contained herein.	
	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall provide, at a minimum, coverage for direct loss by fire and lightning and pro rata coverage for 5 days for insured property removed to another location if it is moved to preserve it from damage by a covered peril.	
FORMS—POLICY PROVISIONS			
READABILITY	MCLA 500.2236(3)	Not less than 8 point type.	

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SUBROGATION	MCLA 500.2833	If the insurer claims that no liability existed as to the mortgagor or owner, it shall, to the extent of payment of loss to the mortgagee, be subrogated to all the mortgagee's rights of recovery, but without impairing the mortgagee's right to sue; or the insurer may pay off the mortgage debt and require an assignment of the debt and of the mortgage. Subrogation shall include contractual as well as tort rights of action, but only to the extent of the loss. An action may be maintained by either the insured or insurer or by both of them jointly, to recover their respective portions of the loss.	
		The policy shall contain a provision that the insurer is subrogated to the insured's right of recovery from other parties.	
FILE & USE	MCLA 500.2628	Every such filing under this section shall state the effective date thereof, shall take effect on said date, shall not be subject to any waiting period requirements, and shall be deemed to meet the ratemaking standards. If, at any time within 15 days from and after the date of any such filing, the commissioner may give written notice to the insurer or rating organization in what respect and to extend her contends such filing fails to comply with the ratemaking standards and fixing a date for hearing not less than 10 days from the date of mailing of such notice. In the event that no notice of hearing shall be issued within 15 days from the date of any such filing, the filing shall be deemed to be approved.	
VOIDANCE	MCLA 500.2833	The policy shall contain a provision that it may be void on the basis of misrepresentation, fraud, or concealment.	
RATE, RULE, RATING PLAN, CLASSIFICATION, AND TERRITORY FILING REQUIREMENTS			

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Individual Risk Rating	Procedures Manual for Non-SERFF Filings	Mandatory for excess rates for specific policyholders (rates that are different from those you wish to remain on file for underwriting all other policyholders).	
RATE, RULE, RATING PLAN, CLASSIFICATION, AND TERRITORY FILING REQUIREMENTS			
PRICING	MCLA 500.2603(d)	Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.	
Premiums	Administrative Rules 500.1305	For the purposes of section 2603(1)(d) of the code, a rate is unreasonably high for the insurance coverage provided if it is unreasonably high in relation to anticipated losses or expenses, or both, or to the uncertainty of loss for the insurance coverage provided.	
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RATE RANGES	R 500.1307	A reasonable classification system is a system designed to group individuals or risks with similar characteristics into rating classifications which are likely to identify significant differences in mean anticipated losses or expenses, or both, between the groups, as determined by sound actuarial principles and by actual and credible loss and expense statistics or, in the case of new coverages or classifications, by reasonably anticipated loss and expense experience.	
RATING PLAN REQUIREMENTS	MCLA 500.2404(1)	The insurer must establish a secondary or merit rating plan to adjust rates on the basis of risk management technique implemented by the insured.	
Expense Modification Plan	R 500.1308	The expense portion of a rate shall, with regard to each category of expense, be examined and evaluated independently of the loss portion of the rate. Expenses shall not be presumed to change by the same percentage as losses are anticipated to change.	

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Schedule Rating	Bulletin 2000-04	+/- 25% maximum for schedule rating type plans	
Competition	MCLA 500.2603	A rate shall not be held to be excessive unless the rate is unreasonably high for the insurance coverage provided and a reasonable degree of competition does not exist with respect to the classification, kind, or type of risks to which the rate is applicable.	
Expenses	R 500.1307	A rate is not unfairly discriminatory because it reflects differences in anticipated expenses for classifications of risks with similar anticipated losses or because it reflects differences in anticipated losses for classifications of risks with similar anticipated expenses.	
Experience	R 500.1307	That data used in developing classifications and rates are derived from the experience of a population or sample of risks that is sufficiently similar to the anticipated insured population.	
SUPPORTING DATA	Bulletin 94-5 MCLA 500.2603(d)	Support is not required to be submitted with the filing. However, we may subsequently ask you to provide justification for your rates. A rate is reasonably justified by differences in losses, expenses, or both, or by differences in the uncertainty of loss for the individuals or risks to which the rates apply. A reasonable justification shall be supported by a reasonable classification system; by sound actuarial principles when applicable; and by actual and credible loss and expense statistics	

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OTHER	MCLA 500.2616	If within the waiting period the commissioner finds that a filing does not the requirements of this chapter, he shall send to the insurer or rating organization which made such filing written notice of disapproval of such filing specifying then what respects he fins such filing fails to meet the requirements of this chapter and stating that such filing shall not become effective.	