Important Exam Information:

Exam Date and Time A read-through time will be given prior to the start of the exam—15

minutes in the morning session and 15 minutes in the afternoon session.

Exam Registration Candidates may register online or with an application.

Order Study Notes Study notes are part of the required syllabus and are not available

electronically but may be purchased through the online store.

Introductory Study Note The Introductory Study Note has a complete listing of all study notes as

well as errata and other important information.

Case Study A copy of the case study will be provided with the examinations.

Candidates will not be allowed to bring their copy of the case study into

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Past Exams from 2000-present are available on SOA web site.

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page periodically for additional corrections or notices.

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Learning Objectives

1. Analyze medical quality measures and their importance to companies, plan sponsors and members

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Describe impact of quality measures and how used by the stakeholders
- b) Identify performance indicators that would be considered meaningful in developing or evaluating the performance of a health plan
- Provide guidance on methodologies to use in developing or evaluating these reports, including statistical credibility of the underlying data, and the methodology inherent in the calculations as well as the method of displaying and the reliability of the results
- d) Compare the role of comparative effectiveness research and evidence based medicine in the quality of medicine

Syllabus Resources

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Seventh Edition, 2011
 - Chapter 9, Health Care Quality: Are We Getting Our Money's Worth

Candidates may also use:

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Sixth Edition, 2005
 - Chapter 9, Health Care Quality: Are We Getting Our Money's Worth
- GH-C100-07: Health Plan Performance Measurement Reports
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials, 2009 Health Spring Meeting, Session 45 PD, Quality and Efficiency II, "Government Sponsored Research and Initiatives"
- Measurement of Healthcare Quality and Efficiency: Resources for Healthcare Professionals (excluding Appendix D, the Inventory)

http://www.soa.org/research/research-projects/health/research-quality-report.aspx

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Learning Objectives

2. Typical markets: Understands customer segments and how products are marketed to each.

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Compare group vs. individual product vs. government financed markets
- b) Describe common marketing channel to each major customer segment.
- c) Describe the effect of the distribution channel on pricing and underwriting
- d) Compare the relationship between different marketing channels and the underlying needs of the consumers.

- Individual Health Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., 2007,
 - Chapter 10, Other Insurance Functions, pp 295 301 only
- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007

- Chapter 1, The Group Insurance Marketplace
- Managed Health Care Handbook, Kongstvedt, P.R., Fourth Edition, 2001
 - Chapter 41, Sales and Marketing / The Distribution Process
 - Chapter 42, The Employer's view of Managed Health Care

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Learning Objectives

3. Evaluate techniques for claims and disease management

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Compare techniques used to manage claims utilization
- b) Apply principles of intervention outcomes measurement
- c) Apply principles of study design to the measurement of intervention outcomes to specific situations
- d) Describe operational issues in the development of a study including acceptable methods for dealing with the issues
- e) Perform a literature review about program evaluation
- f) Estimate savings, utilization rate changes and return on investments
- g) Describe value chain analysis as it applies to the planning and management of disease management and other intervention analysis
- h) Apply the actuarially adjusted historical control methodology
- i) Calculate chronic and non-chronic trends in a manner that reflects patient risk
- j) Apply methodologies to reduce random fluctuation and maintain validity for disease management effectiveness studies
- k) Compare methodologies for calculating chronic and non-chronic trends
- l) Test actuarial methods for evaluating disease management savings outcomes

- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007
 - o Ch 27 Claim Administration and Management
- Individual Health Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., 2007, Chapter 10, pages 302 310
- Managed Health Care Handbook, Kongstvedt, Fourth Edition, 2001
 - o Ch. 64, Legal Liability Related to Medical Management Activities
- Managing and Evaluating Healthcare Intervention Programs, Duncan, 2008
 - o Ch. 1, Introduction
 - o Ch. 2, Care Management Programs and Interventions
 - o Ch. 3, Actuarial Issues in Care Management Evaluations
 - o Ch. 4, Estimating Savings, Utilization Rate Changes and Return on Investment A Selective Review of the Literature on Program Evaluation, Exclude Appendix 4.2
 - o Ch. 5, The Use of the Value Chain in Disease Management Program Planning
 - o Ch. 6, Understanding the Economics of Disease Management Programs
 - o Ch. 7, Measuring Disease Management Savings Outcomes
 - o Ch. 8, An Actuarial Method for Evaluating Disease Management Outcomes
 - o Ch. 9, Understanding Patient Risk and Its Impact on Chronic and on-Chronic Trends
 - o Ch. 10, Random Fluctuations and Validity in Measuring Disease Management Effectiveness for Small Populations
 - o Ch. 11, Comparative Analysis of Chronic and Non-Chronic Insured Commercial Member Cost Trends
 - o Ch. 12, Testing Actuarial Methods for Evaluating Disease Management Outcomes
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials, Health Spring Meeting, 2009, Session #14 PD: Disease Management

- the Next Generation
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials, Health Spring Meeting, 2009 Session #23 PD Predictive Modeling Hybrids Gaining Increased Mileage

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Learning Objectives

4. Formulate and evaluate insurer claim reserving techniques

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Describe the types of claim reserves (e.g., due and unpaid, ICOS, IBNR, LAE, PVANYD)
- b) Explain the limitations and applications of the various valuation methods:
 - Lag methods
 - Tabular methods
 - Case reserves
 - Projection methods
 - Loss ratio methods
- c) Calculate appropriate claim reserves given data
- d) Identify adjustments to IBNR (margins, trend, seasonality, claims processing changes, etc.)
- e) Evaluate data resources and appropriateness for calculating reserves
- f) Test adequacy of the reserves vs. actual claims experience

- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007
 - Chapter 40, Short-Term Reserves
 - Chapter 41, Claim Reserves for Long Term Benefits
- U.S. GAAP for Life Insurers, Herget, T., Second Edition, 2006
 - Ch. 10 Individual Health Insurance, Section 10.9 Claim Reserves;
 - Ch. 12 Group Insurance Section 12.1.4 Claim Reserves
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session materials, 2009 SOA Spring Meeting, Session 78, "The Art of Reserving"
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session materials ,2009 Spring Meeting, Session 17 Claims Payment Issues
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials, 2006 Valuation Actuary Symposium, "LTC Reserves," #13PD
- GH-C102-07: Health Reserves
- ASOP 5 Incurred Health and Disability Claims
 - http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop005 076.pdf
- ASOP 23 Data Quality
 - http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop023 097.pdf
- Canadian Standards of Practice Section 2100 (Valuation of Policy Liabilities: All Insurers)
 http://www.actuaries.ca/members/publications/2009/SOP_e_Insurers_2000_Dec09.pdf
- Canadian Standards of Practice Section 2300 (Valuation of Policy Liabilities: Life & Health Insurers) http://www.actuaries.ca/members/publications/2009/SOP e Insurers 2000 Dec09.pdf
- LTC News, 9/2009 "Claims Reserves Model: How Actuaries Rely Upon the Claim Data they Use" http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/long-term-care/2008/september/ltc-2008-iss21.pdf

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Learning Objectives

5. Formulate and evaluate insurer reserving techniques for other liabilities

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Describe different types of reserves and explain when each is required
 - Deficiency reserves,
 - Active life reserves,
 - Premium reserves,
 - Deferred acquisition costs
 - Claim administration expense reserves,
 - Calculate the reserves given data
- b) Demonstrate adequacy of the reserve
 - Gross premium valuation
 - Asset adequacy analysis
 - Recast analysis

- Individual Health Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., 2007
 - Chapter 6, Reserves and Liabilities, including applicable CD files
 - Appendix D
- U.S. GAAP for Life Insurers, Herget, T., Second Edition, 2006
 - Chapter 10 (Individual Health Insurance)
 - Chapter 12 (Group Insurance) Sections 12.1.2, 12.1.3, 12.1.5, 12.1.6, 12.1.7, 12.1.8
- GH-C102-07 Health Reserves
- GH-C30-10:SOA Session Materials, 2008 Valuation Actuary Session 30 PD, Premium Deficiency Reserves for Health Insurance
- ASOP 7 Analysis of Life, Health, or Property/Casualty Insurer Cash Flows http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop007 089.pdf
- ASOP 18 Long Term Care Insurance
 - http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop018_064.pdf
- ASOP 22 Statements of Opinion Based on Asset Adequacy Analysis by Actuaries for Life or Health Insurers http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop022 083.pdf
- Asset Adequacy Practice Note, December 2004. (pp 1-7,10-17,62-66) http://actuary.org/pdf/practnotes/life_asset.pdf
- Canadian Standards of Practice Sections 2100 (Valuation of Policy Liabilities: All Insurers) http://www.actuaries.ca/members/publications/2009/SOP_e_Insurers_2000_Dec09.pdf
- Canadian Standards of Practice Section 2300 (Valuation of Policy Liabilities: Life & Health Insurers) http://www.actuaries.ca/members/publications/2009/SOP e Insurers 2000 Dec09.pdf
- AAA Premium Deficiency Reserves Discussion Report, March 2007 http://www.actuary.org/pdf/health/pdr march07.pdf

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Learning Objectives		
	6. Evaluate financial performance measures for insurers for both short-term and long-term products	

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Assess key financial measures used by various entities (insurers, HMOs, provider-owned plans)
- b) Project financial outcomes and recommend strategy to management to achieve financial goals
- c) Compare key differences and similarities in measures by accounting basis (statutory, tax, GAAP)
- d) Compare measures for long-term and short-term products

- Analysis for Financial Management, Higgins, Ninth Edition, 2009
 - Chapter 1, Interpreting Financial Statements
 - Chapter 2, Evaluating Financial Performance
 - Chapter 3, Planning Future Financial Performance
 - Chapter 4, Managing Growth
 - Chapter 8, Risk Analysis in Investment Decisions
- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007
 - Chapter 17, Group Insurance Financial Reporting: US
 - Chapter 18, Group Insurance Financial Reporting: Canada
 - Chapter 37, Forecasting
 - Chapter 43, Analysis of Financial and Operational Performance
 - Chapter 45, Planning and Control
- U.S. GAAP for Life Insurers, Herget, T., Second Edition, 2006
 - Chapter 1 Overview
 - Chapter 2 Authorities
 - Chapter 3, Expense and Capitalization
 - Chapater 19. Annual Statement Presentation, Sections 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4.9.
- GH-C108-07: Calculated Risk A Provider's Guide to Assessing and Controlling the Financial Risk of Managed Care
- GH-C109-07: Value-Based Financial Measurement pages 1 -16
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials: 2007 Health Spring Meeting, Session 17 "Communication of Financial Results"
- ASOP 7, Analysis of Life, Health or Property/Casualty Insurer Cash Flows http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop007 089.pdf
- ASOP 8, Regulatory Filings for Rates and Financial Projections for Health Plans http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop008 100.pdf
- Financial Reporter, Volume 48, "Why More USA Life Insurance Companies Are Considering Economic Value as an Additional Internal Accounting System" http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/financial-reporter/2001/december/frn0112.pdf
- Financial Reporting Section Monograph "Economics Value Added for a Life Insurance Company (XVI)" http://www.soa.org/library/monographs/50th-anniversary/financial-reporting-section/1999/january/m-as99-1-16.pdf

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Learning Objectives	

7. Integrate reinsurance arrangements with overall financial strategy of company plan / sponsor

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Analyze the key risks that reinsurance will stabilize for a company's given line of business
- b) Recommend a type of reinsurance for a given scenario
- c) Assess the financial impact reinsurance has on the ceding company and reinsurance company in a given scenario
- d) Propose key considerations for a self-funded employer considering stop-loss coverage on a group health plan

Syllabus Resources

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Seventh Edition, 2011
 - Chapter 29, Funding Health Benefit Plans: Insured Arrangements
 - Chapter 30, Funding Health Benefits: Self-Funded and Captive Arrangements

Candidates may also use:

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Sixth Edition, 2005
 - Chapter 43, Alternative Insured and Self-Funded Arrangements
- GH-C110-07: Reinsurance for Group Accident & Health Insurance
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials: Spring Meeting 2009, Session 44, Update on Employer Stop-loss

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Learning Objectives

8. Evaluate the impact of taxation on company / plan sponsor financial management

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Assess the tax implications of benefit offerings from a plan sponsor perspective
- b) Explain malformations of the market generated by tax policies

Syllabus Resources

- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007
 - Chapter 16, Regulation in Canada, pp 325 – 327 only
- Managed Health Care Handbook, Kongstvedt, P.R., Fourth Edition, 2001
 - Chapter 48, Tax Issues Relating to Health Risk-Bearing Entities (exclude appendix)
- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Seventh Edition, 2011
 - Chapter 25, Cafeteria Plan design and Administration, pp. 709-716 only

Candidates may also use:

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Sixth Edition, 2005
 - Chapter 11, Alternative Prescription Drug Plans and Their Impact on Employers, pp 274 277 only
 - Chapter 37, Cafeteria Plan design and Administration, pp. 1003 1007 only
- GH-C106-07: US Health Insurance Taxation
- GH-C107-07: Taxation: Canada
- GH-C123-10: The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Sixth Edition, Ch. 11, pp. 274-277 only

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Learning Objectives	
9. Evaluate the impact of regulation on company / plan sponsor financial management	
Learning Outcomes	

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Evaluate the interrelationship of state versus federal regulation on company financial management and marketing
- b) Compare the primary federal regulations with which an employer must comply when offering benefit plans

Syllabus Resources

- Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007
 - Chapter 14, Principles of Health Insurance Regulation
 - Chapter 15, Regulation in the United States
 - Chapter 16, Regulation in Canada
- Managed Health Care Handbook, Kongstvedt, P.R., Fourth Edition, 2001
 - Chapter 41, Sales and Marketing, pages 801 804
 - Chapter 67, The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
 - Chapter 68, Health Plan Corporate Compliance Programs
- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Seventh Edition, 2011
 - Chapter 26, Fiduciary Liability Issues under ERISA

Candidates may also use:

- The Handbook of Employee Benefits, Rosenbloom, J.S., Sixth Edition, 2005
 - Chapter 39, Fiduciary Liability Issues under ERISA
- GH-C101-07: NAIC Model Regulation I-40-1 Advertisements of Accident and Sickness Insurance Model Regulation
- GH-C122-11: Kaiser Summary of New Health Reform Law, June 18, 2010
- Responsible Health Care Reform, Parts 1-4, The Actuary, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, August/September, 2010

 $\underline{http://www.soa.org/news-and-publications/publications/magazines/the-actuary-magazine/pub-the-actuary-magazine-detail.aspx}$

Learning Objectives

10. Evaluate the risks associated with health insurance

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Evaluate the risk associated with a specific product, including
 - Identify risks inherent in the product
 - Describe the types of analysis used to measure the risk
 - Discuss methods for mitigating the risks
- b) Evaluate an enterprise risk management (ERM) system, including
 - Describe the components on an ERM program
 - Describe ERM-type risks
 - Describe the types of analysis used to measure the risk
 - Discuss methods for mitigating the risks
- c) Evaluate the risks assumed by a provider, including
 - Describe the components on an ERM program
 - Describe ERM-type risks
 - Describe the types of analysis used to measure the risk
 - Discuss methods for mitigating the risks

- Enterprise Risk Management: From Incentives to Controls, Lam, 2003
 - Chapter 4, What is Enterprise Risk Management
 - Chapter 8, Risk Transfer
 - Chapter 9, Risk Analysis
 - Chapter 15, Business Applications
- Managed Health Care Handbook, Kongstvedt, P.R., Fourth Edition, 2001
 - Chapter 46, Common Operational Problems in Managed Health Care Plans
- GH-C108-07: Calculated Risk A Provider's Guide to Assessing and Controlling the Financial Risk of Managed Care
- GH-C112-07: DFCA Handbook, Ch. 2 and 6. (Ch.1 for background only)
- GH-C113-07: Mapping of Health Company Risks
- GH-C114-07: 3rd Annual ERM Symposium "Economics Capital Recent Trends in Implementation
- GH –C118-07: Value-at-Risk, Part 1 For Part 2, *Financial Reporter*, Volume 39 http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/financial-reporter/1999/may/frn9905.pdf,
- GH C119-07: Views on Risk Capital; Economic Capital vs. Rating Agency Capital vs. Regulatory Capital

- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials, 2006 Spring Meeting, 48 PD Risk Management for Individual Medical Insurance
- ERM Practice as Applied to health Insurers, etc http://www.soa.org/files/pdf/research-erm-pract-health.pdf
- RSA 17, #3 B (p. 1359-1375) Health Valuation Actuary http://www.soa.org/files/pdf/RSA91V17N3B9.PDF
- Health Section News 1/06 "Enterprise Risk Management" http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/health-watch-newsletter/2006/january/hsn0601.pdf
- Financial Reporter, Number 48 "A New Perspective on Risk Management: Creating Value by Managing Risk http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/financial-reporter/2001/december/frn-2001-iss48-sabatiniweiss.pdf
- Risk and Rewards, Number 30 "Measuring Financial Risk: The Layperson's Introduction to Value at Risk" http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/risks-and-rewards/1998/march/rar-1998-iss30-schachter.pdf

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Learning Objectives		
11. Complete a capital needs assessment		
Learning Outcomes		
The candidate will be able to:		
a) Calculate capital needs for a given insurer		
b) Assess capital needs against assets		
c) Determine actions needed to address issues identified by assessment		
d) Understand key elements of NAIC RBC model		
Syllabus Resources		
• Group Insurance, Bluhm, W.F., Fifth Edition, 2007		
Chapter 19, Risk Based Capital Formulas		
• GH-C114-07: 3 rd Annual ERM Symposium Economic Capital :Recent Trends in Implementation		
• GH –C118-07:Value-at-Risk, Part 1 – see link For part 2, <i>Financial Reporter</i> , Volume 39		
• GH – C119-07:3 rd Annual ERM Symposium Views on Capital vs. Regulatory Capital	Risk Capital; Economic Capital vs. Rating Agency	
GH-C121-10: Risk Based Capital Overview		

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Learning Objectives	

12. Prepare a Statement of Actuarial Opinion (SAO) for selected health matters

Learning Outcomes

The candidate will be able to:

- a) Describe the U.S. Qualifications Standards and Statements of Actuarial Opinion (SAOs) as outlined in the Standard
- b) Discuss specific issues with respect to these classes of SAOs
 - Valuation report for an employer report of retiree medical under FAS 106
 - Certification of health reserves
- c) Develop documentation for an SAO
- d) Discuss approaches to deal with obstacles to producing an unqualified SAO
- e) Describe common situations where insurance regulations or Medicare laws call for a signed SAO by a qualified actuary
- f) Describe the continuing education credits for signing SAOs

- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials: 2009 SOA Health Spring Meeting, Session 89, US Qualification Standards
- GH-C30-10: SOA Session Materials: 2009 SOA Health Spring Meeting, Session 69, The Code of Professional Conduct
- ASOP 23, Data Quality http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop023 097.pdf
- ASOP 25, Credibility Procedures Applicable to Accident and Health, Group Term Life and Property/Casualty Coverages, pp. 1-5
 - http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop025_051.pdf
- Health Section News, 10/2004, Read, Write, Think http://www.soa.org/library/newsletters/health-section-news/2004/october/hsn-2004-iss48-DobsonSnook.pdf
- Qualification Standards for Actuaries Issuing Statements of Actuarial Opinion in the United States, effective January 1, 2008, including the FAQs
 - http://www.actuary.org/qualstandards/qual.pdf
 - http://actuary.org/qualstandards/qualfaqs.asp
- The Revised Code of Conduct (2001), including Memorandum from the Joint Committee http://www.soa.org/about/membership/about-code-of-professional-conduct.aspx
- Practice Note on the Revised Actuarial Statement of Opinion Instructions for the NAIC Health Annual Statement effective December, 31 2009
 - http://www.actuary.org/pdf/practnotes/sao_sept09.pdf

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Learning Objectives			
13. Understand an actuarial appraisal			
Learning Outcomes			
The candidate will be able to:			
a) Describe applicable ASOP's and other guidelines			
b) Describe components of an actuarial appraisal			
c) Describe an approach for preparing and actuarial appraisal			
d) Describe risks associated with interpreting an actuarial appraisal			
Syllabus Resources			
GH-C103-07: The Actuary and Health Insurance Mergers and Acquisitions			
• GH-C104-07: Mergers and Acquisitions, Toole and Herget			
 Chapter 4, Valuation Techniques 			
 GH-C105-07: Components of Insurance Firm Value and the Present Value of Liabilities 			
ASOP 23, Data Quality			

• RSA, Vol. 30, No. 2 Session 15 PD, Actuarial Appraisals – Process and Issues http://www.soa.org/files/pdf/hsprng04-015-all.pdf

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Learning Objectives		
14. Demonstrate an understanding of the requirements regarding retiree life and health benefits		
Learning Outcomes		
The candidate will be able to:		
a) Determine appropriate baseline assumptions for benefit	fits and population	
b) Project future retiree benefit costs		
c) Describe principles outlined in ASOP #6		
d) Describe funding alternatives for retiree benefits		
Syllabus Resources		
• Fundamentals of Retiree Group Benefits, Yamamoto, 2006		
Chapter 7, U.S. Accounting		
Chapter 8, Other Accounting		
Chapter 9 Actuarial Methods and Assumption	ons	
Appendix F		

ASOP 6, Measurement of Retiree Group Liabilities
 http://www.actuarialstandardsboard.org/pdf/asops/asop006_084.pdf