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# Strategic Uses of Reinsurance

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of risk solutions offered by reinsurers, including the risk and rewards of each
- Strategic uses of reinsurance, including examples
- Future developments in reinsurance

# Overview of Risk Solutions Offered by Reinsurers



# Common reasons for purchasing reinsurance

- Capacity relief/surplus relief
- Catastrophe protection
- Stabilization
- Market withdrawal
- Market entrance
- Expertise/experience

# Pro Rata and Excess of Loss Reinsurance

## Pro rata (proportional reinsurance)

- Reinsurance in which a constant percentage of each policy is reinsured
- Percentage determined at issue
- Percentage can change with changes in net amount at risk

## Excess of Loss (non-proportional reinsurance)

- Reinsurance that indemnifies a ceding company against the amount of loss in excess of a specified retention
- Typically applies to a block of policies

# Pro Rata versus Excess of Loss

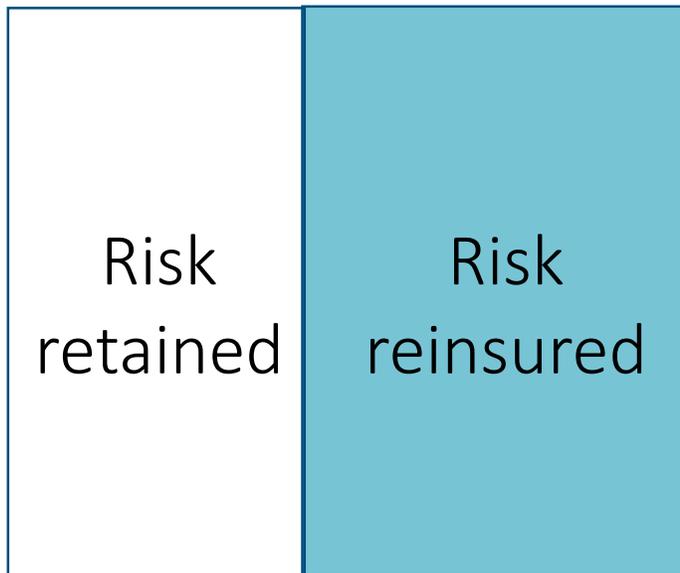
Pro Rata	Excess of Loss
<b>Advantages</b>	
Easy to administer	Good protection against frequency or severity potential
Provides some protection against frequency/severity potential	Allows a greater net premium retention
Protection of net retention on first-dollar basis	More economical in terms of reinsurance premium and cost of administration
Permits recovery on smaller losses	
<b>Disadvantages</b>	
Direct company is still impacted by higher than expected claims	No statutory reserve credit

# Determining amount reinsured for proportional reinsurance

## Quota share

Reinsurer takes constant percentage of every policy

60% quota share



## Excess

Reinsurer takes all risk over excess limit

\$1MM excess limit



## Combination

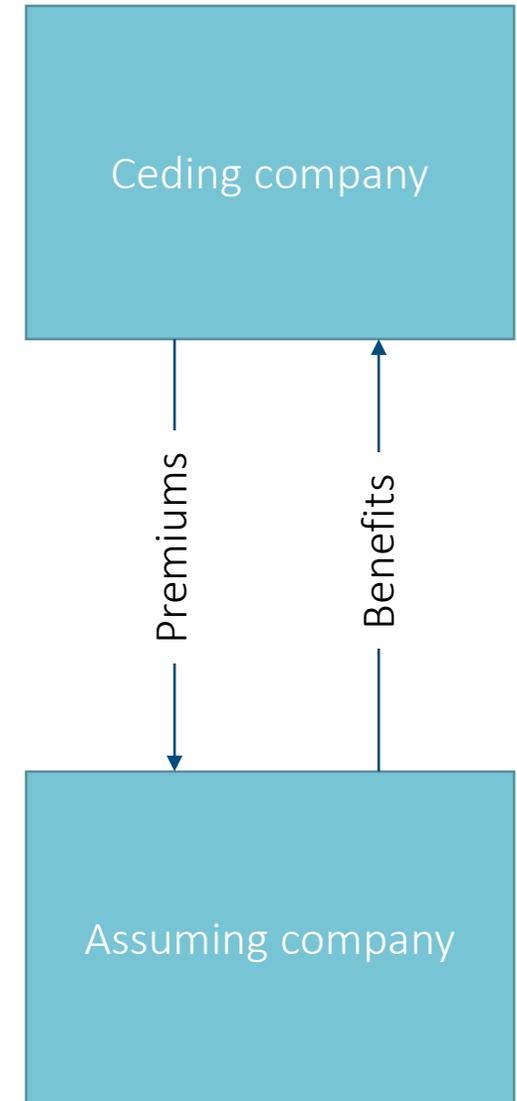
Constant percentage until company reaches their excess limit

60% quota share with \$500K excess limit



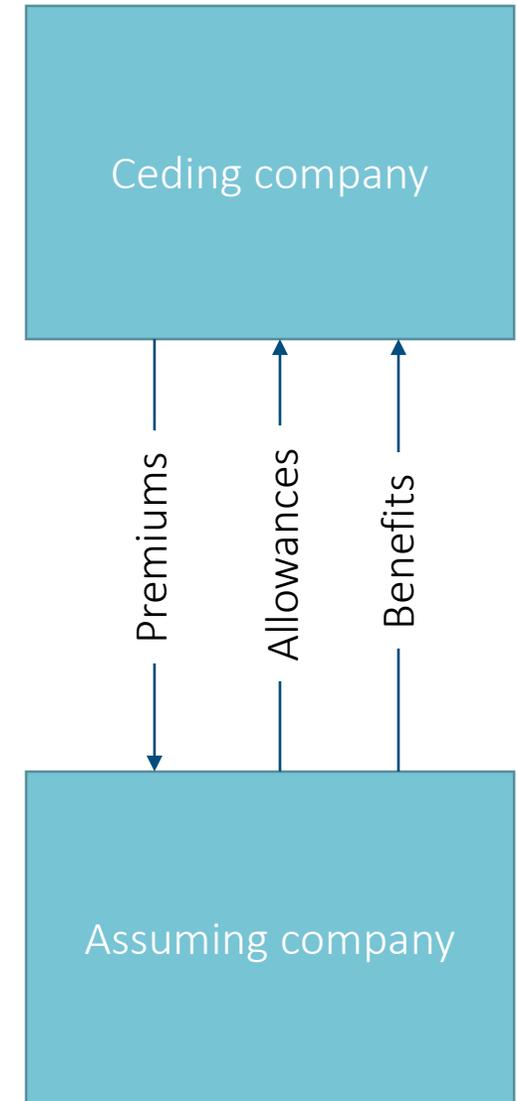
# Proportional - YRT

- Proportional transfer of risk (usually mortality)
- Reinsurer charges ceding company yearly premium
- Reinsurer pays its share of any incurred benefits
- Reinsurer typically sets up a  $\frac{1}{2} C_x$  reserve



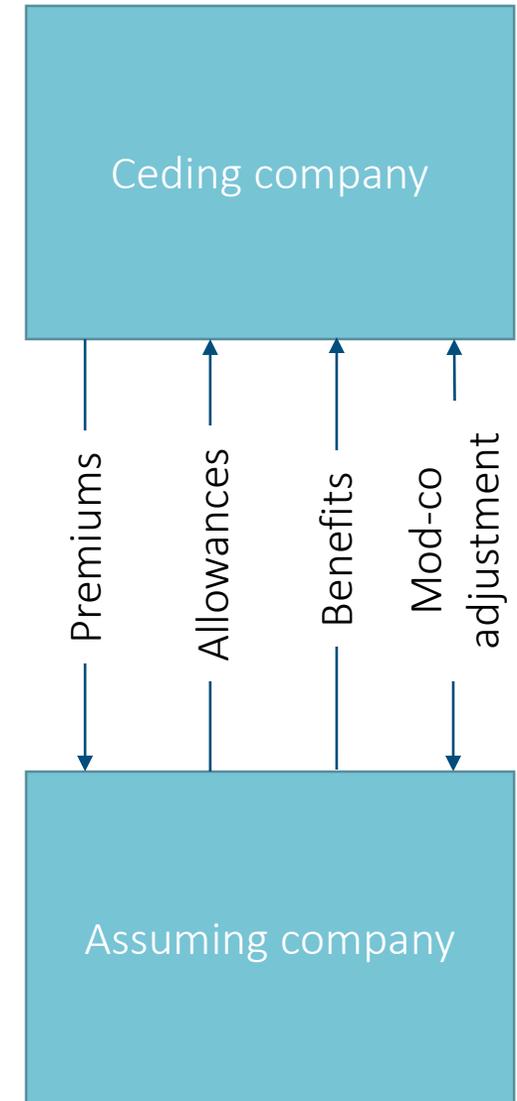
# Proportional - Coinsurance

- Proportional transfer of all risks
  - Death/Surrender other
- Reinsurer gets its share of gross premium
  - Usually pays a 1<sup>st</sup> year and renewal allowances
- Reinsurer sets up its own reserve
- Reinsurer pays its share of all benefits
- Slight inefficient from a capital prospective
  - Ceding company sets up RBC for credit risk



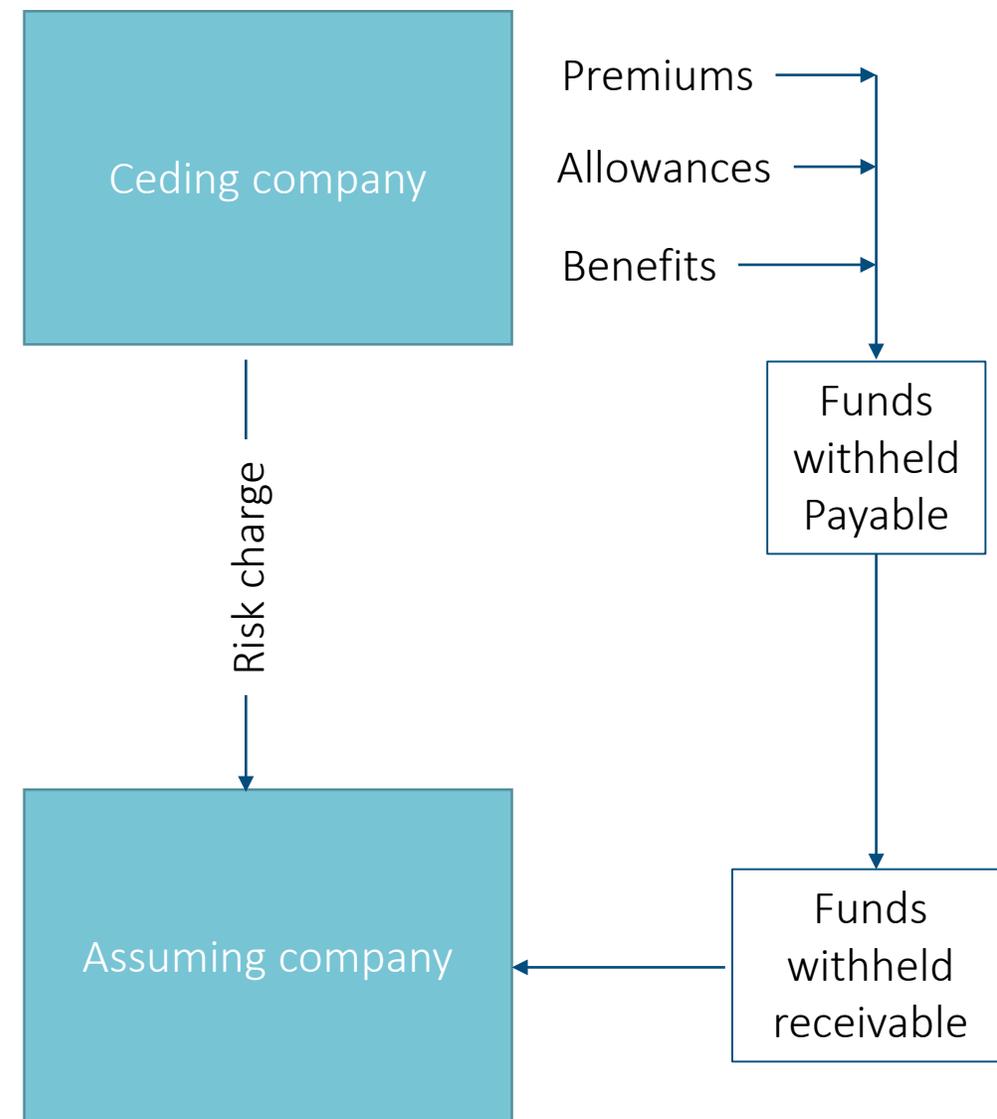
# Proportional – Modified Coinsurance

- Similar to coinsurance, but ceding company keeps reserves on its book
- Reinsurer gets proportional share of premiums and pays its share of benefits
- Also pays the "mod-co" adjustment
  - Increase in reserves less investment income earned by assets backing reserves
- Since ceding company keeps the assets, there is no RBC credit risk charge



# Proportional – Funds Withheld Coinsurance

- Proportional transfer of all risks
  - Death/Surrender other
- Reinsurer gets credit for its share of gross premium, but cash stays at ceding company
- Reinsurer sets up its own reserve
- Reinsurer is charged its share of all benefits, but no cash changes hands
- Net result of all transactions is to increase a payable at the ceding company and a receivable at the assuming company



# Non Proportional Stop loss/excess of loss

- These arrangements provide for financial protection to the ceding entity for aggregate losses rather than providing indemnification on an individual policy basis
- Catastrophic and stop loss reinsurance are written on an annual basis to protect the ceding entity from excessive aggregate losses
- Usually, the coverage does not extend over the life of the underlying policy nor is there any requirement on the ceding entity to renew the arrangement

# Non-traditional financial solutions

- Credit linked notes
- Swaps
  - Longevity
  - Mortality
  - Total return
  - Credit default
- Derivatives

# Strategic Uses of Reinsurance Examples



# Disinvestment of blocks

- **Objective:** Insurance company needs capital for investments or to support new business
- **Actions:** Insurance company cedes a block of in force business to a reinsurer
- **Result:** Reinsurance pays a ceding commission to direct company equal to the value of the ceded business

# Examples

Day 0 Summary of Operations – Ceding Company (\$MM)	
Premiums	(1,200)
Capital gains	200
Ceding commission	100
Change in reserve	1,000
<b>Pre tax stat income</b>	<b>100</b>
Tax	-15
<b>After tax income</b>	<b>115</b>

Assumptions:

- \$1BN reserve ceded
- Market value assets equals 120% of book value
- \$158MM IMR ceded
- \$100MM ceding commission
- Life business

# Improve Capital Usage *via financial reinsurance*

- **Objective:** Insurance company has low returns on target capital. Seeks to improve.
- **Actions:** Insurance company enters into a funds withheld coinsurance transaction to reduce the statutory surplus strain
- **Result:** Insurance company achieves desired returns on target capital

# Financial Reinsurance Example

## *Case Study: Inforce Insurance Block*

- Inforce block of insurance
- With high required regulatory capital above economic capital
- Goal is lower RBC capital for cedant
- Treaty structure is funds withheld coinsurance
- All numbers are pre-tax with no expenses
- Cedant exercises right to recapture after 5 years

# Financial Reinsurance of Inforce Block

## *Before Reinsurance*

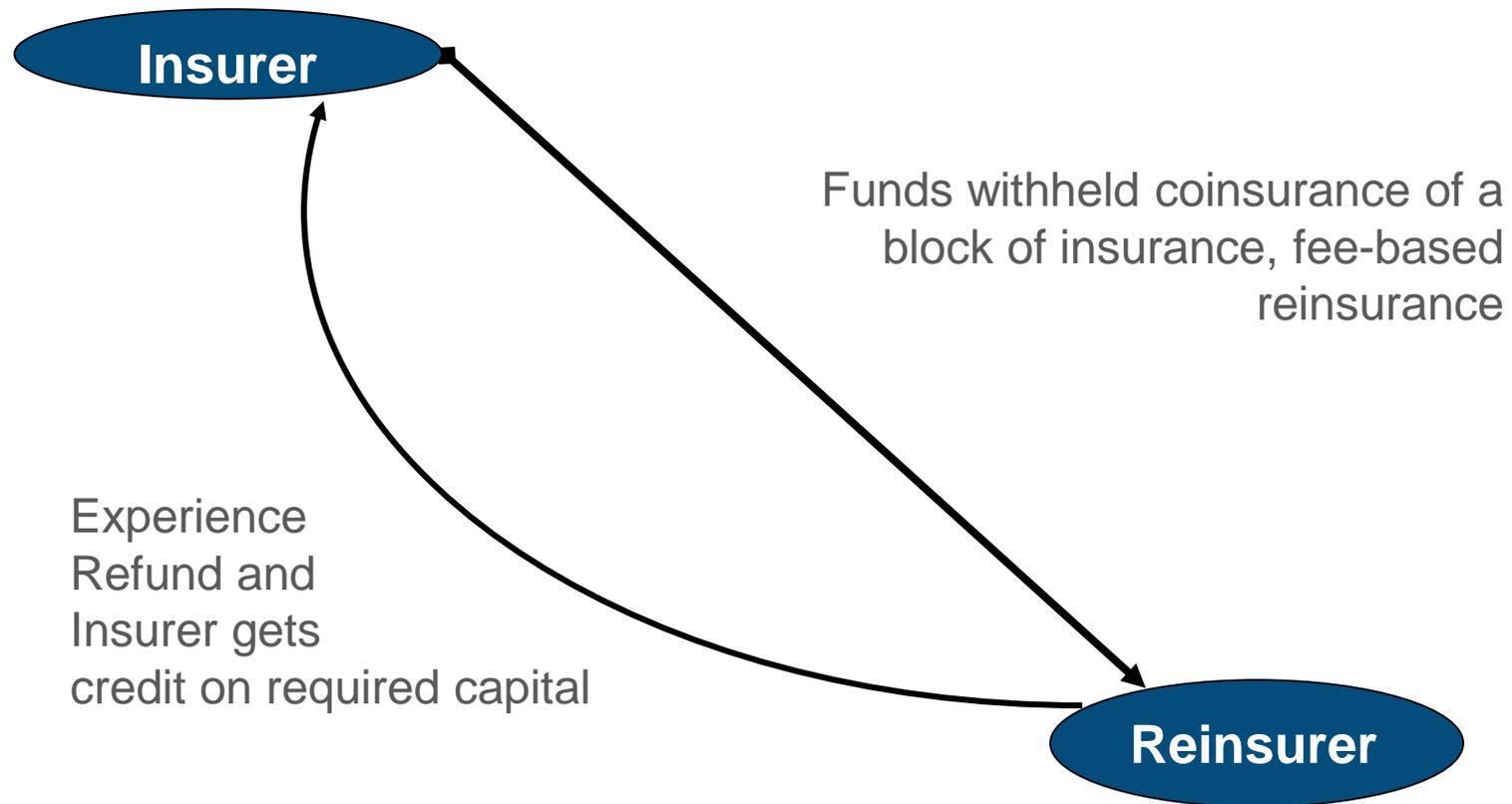
Year	Statutory Reserve	Target Capital <sup>^</sup>	Benefits	Invest Income	Book Profit*
0	100,000	15,000			
1	88,500	13,300	15,200	4,600	900
2	78,000	11,700	13,700	4,100	900
3	68,500	10,300	12,200	3,600	900
4	60,000	9,000	10,900	3,200	800
5	52,000	7,800	10,000	2,800	800

\* Book Profit = Invest Income – Benefits – Change in Statutory Reserve (ignores target capital)

<sup>^</sup> Target capital is a multiple of RBC

# Financial Reinsurance of Inforce Block

*Illustrating the relationship*



# Financial Reinsurance of Inforce Block

## *After Reinsurance at a 60% quota share*

Year	Statutory Reserve	Target Capital	Benefits	Invest Income	Book Profit*	Reins Fee	Exper Refund
0	40,000	6,900					
1	35,400	6,200	6,080	1,840	360	160	380
2	31,200	5,400	5,480	1,640	360	150	390
3	27,400	4,800	4,880	1,440	360	130	410
4	24,000	4,200	4,360	1,280	320	110	370
5	20,800	3,600	4,000	1,120	320	100	380

\* Book Profit = Invest Income – Benefits – Change in Statutory Reserve (ignores target capital)

^ Target capital is a multiple of RBC

# Key Points for Financial Reinsurance

## *Case Study: Inforce Insurance Block*

- Reinsurer has assumed the risk on its quota share of the business
- In return for its share of the reserve and funds withheld interest, the reinsurer agrees to pay its share of all future claims
- Reinsurer's capital replaces part of ceding company's capital
  - May use modified coinsurance, too, if RBC relief only
  - May lower funds withheld to get reserve and RBC relief
- **C4 does not transfer.**
  - May have additional C1 counterparty capital
- Under expected circumstances, profits less fees will be returned to ceding company via the **experience refund mechanism**

# Achieve Planned Sales Growth

*via capital support and underwriting support*

- **Objective:** Insurance company seeks to grow but constrained by surplus strain and technology
- **Actions:** Insurance company partners with reinsurer for simplified issue underwriting capabilities and reinsurance support for high surplus strain business
- **Result:** Insurance company achieves desired returns and with improved placement rate

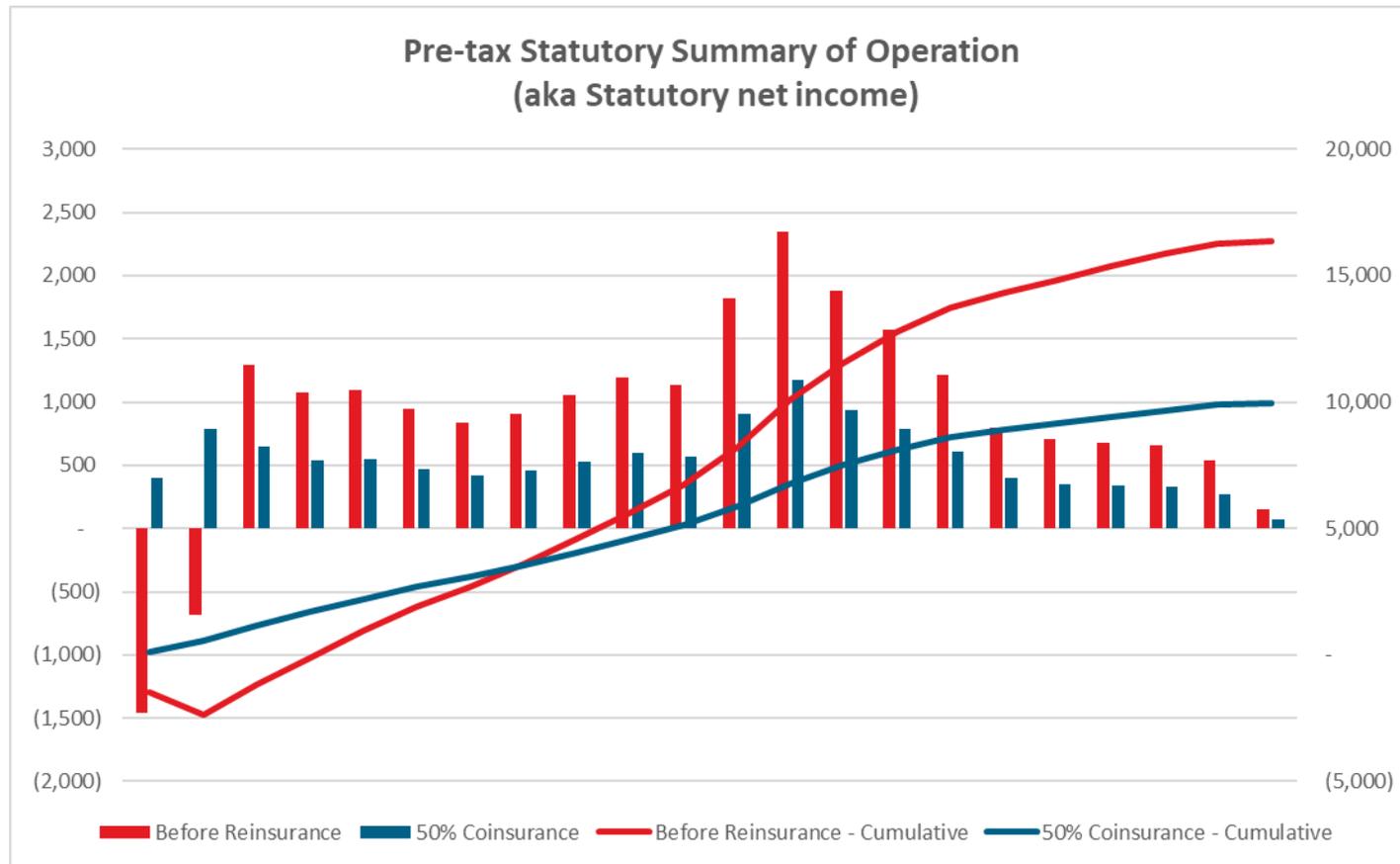
# Sales Growth Example

## *via capital support and underwriting support*

- 2 years of new business on block of profitable insurance business
- Company constrained by lack of resources
- Contracts with reinsurer to
  - 50% coinsurance of block of business
  - Reinsurer pays cedant a ceding commission
  - Provide underwriting support through technology and people solutions

# Sales Growth Example

## *Results*



- Before Reinsurance
  - High statutory surplus strain
  - Profitable business thereafter
  - Lower IRR
- After Reinsurance
  - Statutory capital reduced to more than half
  - Lower profits
  - Higher IRR

# Sales Growth Example

## *Services support...*

- Facultative underwriting
- Training of underwriters and claims teams
- Underwriting manual support
- Simplified issue underwriting systems
- Advanced data analytics
- Partner in the business

# Manage Claims Volatility

*via YRT, swaps, and non-proportional reinsurance*

- **Objective:** Insurance company has seen high claims volatility negatively impacting income and surplus
- **Actions:** Insurance company partners with reinsurer for risk sharing solutions
- **Result:** Insurance company achieves desired levels of claims volatility while balancing costs

# Manage Claims Volatility Example



- Expected
  - Pricing shows earnings every year!
- Actual
  - Results will vary from Pricing
  - Consider strategies for managing the volatility

# Manage Claims Volatility

## *Consider...*

- What do you want to protect?
  - Earnings volatility
  - Surplus volatility
  - Staffing volatility
  - Something else
- At what level?
  - Every year
  - Above a tolerance
- Balance financial and servicing impacts on business

# Tools to Manage Claims Volatility

## *Knowing what risks you want manage...*

- **YRT**
  - Traditional approach
  - Rates guaranteed?
- **Swaps**
  - Becoming more common
  - Trade an unpredictable claims cost for a predictable (albeit higher) claims costs
- **Non proportional**
  - Enter into a stop loss or excess of loss transaction to manage claims above an attachment point
- **Servicing**
  - Claims management
  - Servicing capabilities

# Additional Considerations when Working with a Reinsurer



# Meeting Regulatory Requirements

## *Regulatory considerations for when using a Reinsurer*

- **Getting Reinsurance Credit:** Generally, need a licensed or accredited or certified reinsurer, reserve credit trust, letter of credit, or funds withheld. Need risk transfer.
- **Collateral:** May seek additional collateral for security not reserve credit, depending on exposure to Reinsurer
- **Required Regulatory Filings:** May need to notify your regulator. 8K with SEC, if material. Within holding company and for material transactions, reinsurers may need a Form D filing. Proforma for the transaction. Give regulator 60 days.

# Considerations in selecting reinsurance partners



# Future Developments Impacting Reinsurance

Regulatory; Accounting; Other



# Future Developments - Regulatory

- NAIC
  - Changes to credit for reinsurance model law and regulations
    - Covered Agreements
    - Qualified jurisdictions and passporting
    - Regulatory transactions
  - Insurance business transfer legislation
  - YRT reinsurance under PBR – impact of interim vs final solution?
  - Group Capital calculations – potential impact on related party transactions
  - Data privacy trends impacting reinsurance – CA, NY

# Future Developments – Accounting (and a PBR plug)

- Long Duration Targeted Improvements “LDTI” & International Financial Reporting Standard 17 “IFRS17”
- LDTI – implementation 1/1/2022 (large filers) and 1/1/2024 (all others):
  - Fair Value model with more ‘understandable’ results and higher level of ongoing disclosure
- IFRS17 – implementation 1/1/2022
  - Issues with implementation for reinsurance remain open but are converging to a reasonable position
  - Contractual Service Margin liabilities offset any gains at contract inception
- Potential impact on reinsurance – New markets for reinsurance customized solutions
  - Additional information required to support LDTI and IFRS (and PBR) disclosures (both directions)
  - Establishing tracking cohorts will require substantive systems changes
  - LDTI and IFRS17 both generate additional income and surplus volatility
    - → reinsurance has been a tool to assist where volatility exists
- Ultimately, Cash remains King! – While earnings impact timing will change, reinsurance transactions will continue to be utilized to manage capital and earnings sensitivity

# Future Developments – Other

- Big data
  - Direct and reinsurance companies all playing in their sandboxes
  - Coming up with new innovative ways to select risks
- Move from insurance to wellness
  - Trend to ongoing interaction
  - Wearable medical devices
- New risks and New consumer views
  - Vaping, Opioid, Marijuana legalization
- New solutions – medical advancements and predictive technology driving improved outcomes for policyholders
- Reinsurers partnering with tech firms
- Reinsurers partnering with direct writing companies

Questions?

