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Sometimes it just takes one idea to spark an entire publication. The idea for *The ACA@5: An Actuarial Retrospective* came from Rowen Bell. Rowen—thank you for allowing us to put your idea into motion and thank you for your contributions to this publication as well!

I would like to give a big thank you to all the authors for their time, effort and patience in contributing to this publication.

The goal for this publication was to document the last five years since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the effect the legislation had on the health actuary. How did these reforms impact our roles as an actuary? What happened and how is our industry still changing? I hope that the readership is able to see that theme throughout the publication. Further, there are comments made in this publication that are already dated or could be taken to be an author's view of events that took place. This should not be a surprise as information continues to change as these programs mature. Please keep in mind that opinions are those of the authors.

Finally, this publication could not cover everything related to the ACA that impacted actuaries. If we did, this publication would be twice the size. However, there are many articles already written on ACA topics that this publication purposely missed. For prior publications of *Health Watch*, please check

out the publications section at www.soa.org/health/. For prior publications of *The Actuary*, please check out the link at www.soa.org/actuarymag.

It has been a pleasure to work on *ACA@5: An Actuarial Retrospective*. It will be interesting to see what the next five years bring. ■



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