OBJECTIVES

The objective of this report is to update the December, 2012 report on Life Expectancy (LE) reports of the three major underwriters, to reflect recently taken extensions in LE’s. In doing so, two major changes in the past 15 months are addressed.

METHODOLOGY CHANGES

In November, 2011 AVS made changes to their processes, most notably for statin use. This had the effect of increasing the LE for statin users by approximately 4– 8 months. As only 50% of insureds are statin users, the average effect was smaller at 2 – 4 months.

In January 2013, 21st Services announced that they would be making much larger changes, effective immediately. More detailed information is not currently available other than is available on their website, but it appears that increases averaging 19% will be experienced.

SUMMARY LEVEL LE ANALYSIS

At a very high level of summary, LE’s show encouraging convergence once the older AVS and all 21st Services LE’s are adjusted. Where there was once a difference of opinion averaging 30 months, there is now a difference of opinion averaging 12 months. Chart 1.0 shows the 2009 – 2012 data from the original December 2012 report; based on actual LE reports. Chart 2.0 shows the same time period, but is based on adjusted AVS and recent 21st Services LE’s.
CONCLUSIONS

The differences of opinion are still larger than ideal. What would be best for the industry would be three underwriters with even smaller differences of opinion around an average LE that was indicative of a 100% actual/expected mortality ratio. Clearly, they are not there yet, but they appear to be closer this year than they were last year. This report will be updated as actual case data emerges.

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