

CEFLI has developed a web-based Clearinghouse to allow a life insurance company (company) to obtain from a third party distributor (TPD) the annual certification of compliance with the supervision requirements under the NAIC Suitability in Annuity Transactions Model Regulation.

### **COMPANY – SUBSCRIPTION, TPD – ENROLLMENT**

The Clearinghouse allows companies to "subscribe" and TPD's to "enroll" in the Clearinghouse system via the Internet. The Clearinghouse will use a standardized annual certification form developed by the ACLI and insurance companies. The Clearinghouse system also allows companies and/or TPD's to use a customized certification form.

### **BENEFITS TO COMPANIES**

By subscribing to the Clearinghouse service, a life insurance company can obtain its required annual certifications from one source and avoid the burden of having to contact multiple TPD's to request the annual certifications - CEFLI's Clearinghouse will do it for them. The Clearinghouse will notify companies when their annual certifications are available for download and it will do the follow-up with TPD's when they do not respond to the request for a certification.

### **BENEFITS TO TPDS**

By enrolling in the Clearinghouse service, TPD's will avoid receiving multiple contacts and inquiries from several life insurance companies. By utilizing the Clearinghouse service, a TPD can send one annual certification to the Clearinghouse which can be used by multiple life insurance companies.

### **How can an Insurance Company or Third Party Distributor (TPD) get started in using the Clearinghouse?**

To get started using the Clearinghouse, go to <http://Clearinghouse.CEFLI.org>. The URL above displays the Clearinghouse home page. To enroll, TPD's should click on "TPD New Enrollment" on the left hand side of the page. Insurance Companies should click on "Company New Subscription" link. The user will be prompted to enter information about their organization including the organization's address and contact information.

### **What will the certificate look like?**

The Clearinghouse will use a standardized certification form that will contain the company's name, applicable dates of the certification, the name of the TPD, and the name and title of the senior manager at the TPD responsible for signing the certificate. The certificate will contain the date of the certificate creation and utilize an electronic signature of the TPD so there will be no actual signature on the certificate.

The Clearinghouse maintains the capability to allow a company or TPD to use a non-standard certificate form.

### **What if I lose my certificate? Can I retrieve another copy of a certificate from the Clearinghouse?**

The certificate will be housed within the Clearinghouse for a period of one year. Thereafter, it will be archived and will be available for retrieval for up to seven years.

### **What will it cost to subscribe/enroll in the Clearinghouse?**

The Clearinghouse is supported by insurance company subscribers.

CEFLI member companies will be charged an annual subscription fee of \$1,000 and contributing members 5,000. Non-CEFLI companies will be charged an annual subscription fee of \$ 10,000.

Companies will be billed for each certification obtained from the Clearinghouse according to the following schedule:

- 0-100 certificates \$60 per certificate
- 101-250 certificates \$40 per certificate
- 251 -750 certificates \$15 per certificate
- 751 or more certificates \$0 per certificate

### **There is currently no charge for TPD's to enroll in the Clearinghouse.**

Please contact CEFLI if you have questions about the Clearinghouse at (240) 744-3030 or via email at [clearinghouse@CEFLI.org](mailto:clearinghouse@CEFLI.org).