



**CSURMA AORMA**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. L-7**

**SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY  
DEDUCTIBLE (EPL) OPTIONS**

**ADOPTED: MAY 12, 2011**

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**EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2011**

**POLICY:**

1. It is the policy of CSURMA AORMA that annually a minimum EPL deductible will be determined for each Member. The formula for determining the minimum EPL deductible is based on number and cost of EPL claims paid, at June 30, for the last five fiscal years. If a Member has more than one EPL claim payment within the last five fiscal years, then the total amount paid within those five years for all claims exceeding \$25,000 will be applied to the following schedule:

Level 1	Paid losses of \$75,000 or less .....	\$25,000 deductible
Level 2	Paid losses of \$75,001 to \$175,000 .....	\$50,000 deductible
Level 3	Paid losses of \$175,001 to \$275,000 .....	\$75,000 deductible
Level 4	Paid losses in excess of \$275,001 .....	\$100,000 deductible

EPL EXPENSE PAYMENTs made in a fiscal year subsequent to the fiscal year in which the final EPL LOSS PAYMENT was made will be considered to have been made in the same fiscal year as the final EPL LOSS PAYMENT.

Annually, based on the formula above, the JPA Program Administrator will determine the minimum EPL deductible for each Member.

To assist Members in budget forecasting, the minimum EPL deductible will be limited to one EPL deductible level increase per year, regardless of the minimum EPL deductible calculated based on the schedule above.

- 2. Each Member will have the option of electing an EPL deductible in excess of the minimum deductible.
- 3. Should a Member elect an EPL deductible in excess of the minimum EPL deductible, then that Member will be required to maintain the same EPL deductible for three full program years



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(July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) before selecting a new EPL deductible. EPL deductibles can only be changed at the beginning of the coverage term – July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If, however, the formula for determining the minimum EPL deductible results in a deductible level higher than the EPL deductible level elected by the Member, the Member's EPL deductible will increase to the deductible level determined by the formula. Because the election of higher EPL deductibles can only be changed once per every three full program years, CSURMA AORMA strongly recommends a review of prior years' claims and consultation with the JPA Program Administrator before making any decisions regarding these higher EPL deductibles.

4. As outlined in Policy and Procedure L-1, Claims Reporting, it is the policy of CSURMA AORMA that written notice of any claim within the AORMA Liability Coverage Program be given to the Third Party Claims Administrator as soon as practicable. Failure to report a claim is cause for a reduction in or denial of coverage by AORMA.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Annually, based on the formula above, the JPA Program Administrator will determine the minimum EPL deductible for each Member.
2. The JPA Program Administrator will provide the Members with the costs for each of the different EPL deductibles options.
3. If the Member chooses an EPL deductible higher than the minimum EPL deductible as approved by the AORMA Committee for that Member, then the Member will be required to sign the attached Consent to Change Employment Practices Liability Deductible letter.
4. A Member may appeal its minimum EPL deductible to the AORMA Committee in writing prior to the commencement of the coverage year, and the AORMA Committee will make a final decision.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**EPL EXPENSE PAYMENT:** Allocated loss adjustment expenses that are assignable to the claim. This may include but is not limited to fees to attorneys, experts, investigators, court reporters as well as third-party claims administrators incurred in defense of an EPL claim.

**EPL LOSS PAYMENT:** Compensatory damages which the Member is legally obligated to pay as a result of a claim.

**EPL:** Employment Practices Liability.

## Consent to Change Employment Practices Liability Deductible

I am authorizing CSURMA AORMA to increase the Employment Practices Liability deductible within the CSURMA AORMA Liability Coverage Program for this Auxiliary Organization effective \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that I must maintain this same deductible for three full program years (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) before selecting a new deductible. I am also aware that the following coverage provisions apply to all Employment Practices Liability claims regardless of the probable size of the claim. The Auxiliary Organization's or the Covered Party's failure to comply with any of these provisions will cause a reduction in, or denial of, coverage by CSURMA AORMA.

### CLAIMS REPORTING PROVISIONS

If a Auxiliary Organization or Covered Party becomes aware of an event, occurrence or offense, which **may** result in a claim, suit or proceeding, the event must be reported to the Third Party Claims Administrator (TPA) as soon as practicable. If the event is not reported to the TPA within the timeframe set below; the following late reporting penalties shall apply;

### LATE REPORTING PENALTIES

1. If an **occurrence**, offense, claim or suit is reported 1-6 months late as determined by the TPA, a 25% reduction of coverage will apply;
2. If an **occurrence**, offense, claim or suit is reported 7-12 months late as determined by the TPA, a 50% reduction of coverage will apply; or
3. If an **occurrence**, offense, claim or suit is reported more than 12 months late as determined by the TPA, no recovery will be available to the **Member** or other involved **Covered Party**.

### DEFENSE COVERAGE PROVISIONS

If an Auxiliary Organization or Covered Party becomes aware of an event, occurrence or offense, which **may** result in a claim, suit or proceeding, CSURMA AORMA will reimburse any costs incurred by the Auxiliary Organization or Covered Party to defend the covered claim **but only if** the event is reported to the TPA within thirty (30) days of becoming aware of the event. CSURMA AORMA will not, however, reimburse any costs incurred more than thirty (30) days prior to notification to the TPA.

### CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS

An Auxiliary Organization or Covered Party will not be reimbursed by CSURMA AORMA if the Auxiliary Organization or Covered Party settles a claim without prior written authorization of the Liability Claims Administrator.

I have read the above coverage provisions and I have a thorough understanding of my claims reporting obligations within the CSURMA AORMA Liability Program and consent to a change in my Employment Practices Liability deductible to:

\$50,000 /  \$75,000 /  \$100,000

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date