

STATE RISK MANAGER'S REPORT
REVIEW OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
OF
ENDURIS WASHINGTON

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Results:

Based on audited financial information, Enduris Washington meets standards adopted by the State Risk Manager in the areas tested.

Background:

The State Risk Manager in the Office of Risk Management, a division of the Department of Enterprise Services, State of Washington, is responsible for regulatory oversight of local government joint self-insured risk pools formed under the authority of chapter 48.62 RCW. The law requires the State Risk Manager to adopt rules for risk pools to follow, adopted as Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 200-100. Those rules include standards for solvency, operations and management and require that risk pools maintain certain financial reserves in order to ensure that claims are funded.

The State Risk Manager determines whether risk pools are operating in a safe financial condition, according to the solvency regulations. The pool's compliance with those regulatory requirements is based on audited financial information provided by the Washington State Auditor's office. Pools that operate in an unsafe financial condition or in violation of statutory or regulatory requirements may cause the State Risk Manager to take administrative action.

Areas Covered:

We examined the Pool's compliance with regulatory standards adopted in rule by the State Risk Manager in the following areas:

1. Requirement for Annual Actuarial Study to Determine Unpaid Claims Liability
2. Financial Solvency/Required Assets
3. Presentation of Liabilities
4. Compliance with Reporting Requirements
5. Compliance with Membership Requirements
6. Financial Trends

Results of Review of Regulatory Compliance:

1. Requirement for Annual Actuarial Study to Determine Unpaid Claims Liability

Requirement: Risk pools must obtain an annual actuarial review which meets the following criteria:

WAC 200-100-03001 requires that "(1) All joint self-insurance programs shall obtain an annual actuarial review as of fiscal year end which provides estimates of the unpaid claims measured at the expected and the seventy percent confidence level. . ."

WAC 200-100-020 (1) "Actuary" means any person who is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Result: A review of the actuarial report of Kevin Wick, FCAS, MAAA, of Price Waterhouse Coopers, indicates that an actuary meeting the qualifications set forth above estimated the Pool's liability for both property and liability claims at both the expected and the 70% confidence level. Enduris Washington has met this requirement.

2. Financial Solvency/Required Assets

Requirement 2.a: Risk pools must ensure claims liabilities are funded at the expected level by meeting certain standards for solvency and liquidity as follows:

WAC 200-100-03001 states, in part ". . .(2) The governing body of the joint self-insurance program shall establish and maintain primary assets in an amount at least equal to the unpaid claims estimate at the expected level as determined by the program's actuary as of fiscal year end. . ."

WAC 200-100-020 (20) "Primary assets" means cash and investments (less any nonclaims liabilities).

Results: Enduris Washington met this requirement by maintaining sufficient primary assets to fund claims liabilities at the expected levels as determined by the Pool's actuary (see Attachment A).

Requirement 2.b: Risk pools must meet the above requirement to maintain primary assets and must also maintain other assets to fund claims liabilities at the 70% confidence level as follows:

WAC 200-100-03001 states, in part, ". . . (3) The governing body of the joint self-insurance program shall establish and maintain total primary and secondary assets in an amount equal to or greater than the unpaid claim estimate at the seventy percent confidence level as determined by the program's actuary as of fiscal year end. . ."

WAC 200-100-020 (23) states that "Secondary assets" means insurance receivables, real estate or other assets (less any nonclaims liabilities) the value of which can be independently verified by the state risk manager.

Results: Enduris Washington met this requirement by funding claims liabilities in excess of the 70% confidence level required as determined by the Pool's actuary. The secondary assets consist of additional cash reserves, investments and other assets (property and equipment are excluded from this calculation). Also excluded were nonclaims liabilities, including prepaid contributions.

	Test 1 - Primary Asset Test		Test 2 - Secondary Asset Test
	(WAC 200-100-03001(2))		(WAC 200-100-03001(3))
\$8,270,108	Primary Assets	\$11,361,000	Secondary Assets
\$7,285,133	Estimated Claim Liabilities at the expected level per actuarial estimate	\$8,995,000	Estimated Claim Liabilities at the 70% confidence level per actuarial estimate
RESULT:	PASS	RESULT:	PASS
	<i>Estimated outstanding liabilities at the expected level must be less than primary assets (cash and investments less nonclaims liabilities)</i>		<i>Estimated outstanding liabilities at the seventy percent confidence level must be less than combined primary assets and secondary assets (receivables, recoverables, real estate and other assets that can be independently verified by the State Risk Manager)</i>

(Note 1) The outstanding liabilities are estimated by an independent actuary meeting the requirements of WAC 200-100-020(1). Actuarial reports submitted as part of the annual report to the State Risk Manager are available by contacting Mark Kammers, Executive Director of Enduris Washington at 800-462-8418 or 509-838-0910. Contact information is also available by visiting the Pool's website at <http://www.enduris.us/index.php?mid=0> .

(Note 2) The information used to calculate assets used in the Primary and Secondary Asset Tests were obtained from the audited financial statements. The audit reports are available on the State Auditor's Office website at <http://www.sao.wa.gov/EN/Pages/default.aspx> , or by telephone at (360) 902-0370.

3. Presentation of Liabilities

Requirement 3.a: The estimated liability for unpaid claims as presented in the Pool’s financial statements is supported by the actuarial report.

RCW 43.09.200 Local government accounting — Uniform system of accounting. The state auditor shall formulate, prescribe, and install a system of accounting and reporting for all local governments, which shall be uniform for every public institution, and every public office, and every public account of the same class.

The system shall exhibit true accounts and detailed statements of funds collected, received, and expended for account of the public for any purpose whatever, and by all public officers, employees, or other persons.

The accounts shall show the receipt, use, and disposition of all public property, and the income, if any, derived therefrom; all sources of public income, and the amounts due and received from each source; all receipts, vouchers, and other documents kept, or required to be kept, necessary to isolate and prove the validity of every transaction; all statements and reports made or required to be made, for the internal administration of the office to which they pertain; and all reports published or required to be published, for the information of the people regarding any and all details of the financial administration of public affairs.

Result: Enduris Washington meets this requirement by reporting the amount of the total liability for unpaid claims in its 2012 audited financial reports as \$7,285,133 and is supported by the report of the independent actuary.

4. Compliance with Reporting Requirements

Requirement: The pool is required by WAC 200-100-60 to provide unaudited annual financial statements to the State Risk Manager within 150 days of fiscal year end, and audited financial statements are to be provided to the State Risk Manager within one year of the fiscal yearend date. If required by the State Risk Manager, a pool must provide quarterly reports based on its financial condition.

WAC 200-100-60 requires that “. . . (1) Every joint property and liability self-insurance program authorized to transact business in the state of Washington shall submit the annual report to the state risk manager.

(2) The annual report to the state risk manager shall require the following information to be submitted in electronic form:

(a) Unaudited annual financial statements, including attestation, as provided to the state auditor’s office;

(b) Actuarial reserve review report on which the net claims liabilities at fiscal yearend reported in the unaudited financial statements are based;

(c) Copies of all insurance coverage documents;

(d) List of contracted consultants;

(e) Details of changes in articles of incorporation, bylaws or foundation agreement;

(f) Details of services provided by contract to nonmembers;

(g) List of members added or terminated.

Such reports shall be submitted to the state risk manager no later than one hundred fifty days following the completion of the joint program’s fiscal year.

(3) Audited financial statements shall be provided to the state risk manager within one year of the program’s fiscal year end and comply with requirements for submission of audited financial statements established by the state risk manager.

(4) All joint self-insurance programs shall submit quarterly financial reports if, in the estimation of the state risk manager, the financial condition of a program warrants additional quarterly reporting requirements. . .”

Results: The Pool met this requirement by providing both audited and unaudited financial statements within the time required. The Pool is not required to report quarterly. Enduris Washington received an unqualified opinion on its audited financial statements for FY 2012 from the State Auditor.

5. Compliance with Membership Requirements

Requirement: Participants in the Pool's insurance program must sign the interlocal agreement and must also be responsible for the contingent liabilities of the program if assets are insufficient.

WAC 200-100-02005 provides that "Membership in a joint self-insurance program requires the execution of a foundation agreement. Only members may participate in risk-sharing. Only members may participate in the self-insured retention layer, and only members may participate in the joint purchase of insurance or reinsurance".

RCW 48.62.141 requires that "Every joint self-insurance program covering liability or property risks, excluding multistate programs governed by RCW 48.62.081, shall provide for the contingent liability of participants in the program if assets of the program are insufficient to cover the program's liabilities".

Results: The Pool is in compliance with this requirement. Our review of the membership list and interlocal agreements indicates that participation in the Pool's excess and self-insured retention layer is limited only to those members signing the Pool's interlocal agreement which provides for shared risk and joint responsibility for liabilities. The agreement also provides that members are responsible for the contingent liabilities of the program if assets are insufficient.

6. Financial Trends

Requirement: Risk pools are required to notify the State Risk Manager if solvency requirements are not met (WAC 200-10003001(2)) and the State Risk Manager is required to monitor trends over time and take action when programs experience adverse trends which may require the State Risk Manager to take additional actions.

WAC 200-100-03001 states, in part “. . . (4) The state risk manager shall evaluate the operational safety and soundness of the program by monitoring changes in liquidity, claims reserves and liabilities, member equity, self-insured retention, and other financial trends over time. Programs experiencing adverse trends may cause the state risk manager to increase frequency of on-site program review and monitoring, including increased communication with the governing body and requirements for corrective plans. . .”

Results: Financial trends show the increases and decreases in assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. The information below was taken directly from the audited financial statements of FY 2012. Upon review, no adverse financial trends were noted (See Attachments A & B).

Attachment A - Trends in Assets, Liabilities and Membership

Fiscal Year End	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Assets:						
Cash/Cash Equiv	17,374,686	17,895,677	19,617,291	12,888,966	9,797,497	12,900,670
Mbr Contributions Receivable	2,760,711	2,835,700	2,075,825	6,425,220	6,327,353	2,428,098
Accrued co-pays	108,058	99,060	149,671	229,042	96,071	
Accrued Recoveries	175,207	405,912	133,467	725,495	1,432,118	175,517
Prepaid Ins & Exp	1,101,429	840,551	966,619	1,110,544	1,057,237	839,326
Real Estate/Bldg	5,486,181	3,803,011	974,866			
Property & Equip	180,510	34,274	18,946	27,071	22,450	44,627
Equity in GEM	1,549,355	1,411,694	1,432,762	1,211,572	1,117,715	981,522
Total Assets	28,736,137	27,325,879	25,369,447	22,617,910	19,850,441	17,369,760
Liabilities:						
Accts Payable	66,294	514,011	46,978	67,933	26,322	28,764
Retainage Payable	187,961	117,322	0			
Benefits Payable	100,493	68,267	70,189	51,113	45,258	32,150
Unearned Mbr Cont	8,749,830	8,075,791	7,833,079	7,672,907	7,081,549	6,054,983
IBNR	5,187,850	4,759,054	4,589,726	4,500,038	4,069,680	3,720,058
Open Claims	1,627,283	2,241,693	2,040,505	1,764,430	2,015,838	1,452,206
ULAE	470,000	470,000	450,000	425,000		
Total Liabilities	16,389,711	16,246,138	15,030,477	14,481,421	13,238,647	11,288,161
Total Net Assets/Equity	12,346,426	11,079,741	10,338,970	8,136,489	6,611,794	6,081,599
Number of Members	477	468	451	444	427	422
Avg Equity per member	25,883	23,674	22,924	18,325	15,484	14,411

Attachment B - Trends in Revenues and Expenses

Fiscal Year End	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Revenues:						
Member Contributions	8,403,104	7,998,344	7,851,830	7,309,997	6,598,087	6,203,077
Interest Income	161,513	214,050	236,452	308,023	518,372	591,155
Change in Equity/GEM	137,661	-21,068	221,189	93,857	136,193	48,324
Gain/Loss on equip disposal			3,018			
Total Revenues	8,702,278	8,191,326	8,312,489	7,711,877	7,252,652	6,842,556
Expenses:						
Claims Pd, net of recoveries	3,231,648	3,065,756	1,841,042	1,947,873	2,441,889	2,618,186
chg in unpaid claims liability	-185,614	370,516	365,763	178,950	913,254	92,828
chg in ULAE reserve		20,000	25,000	425,000		
Excess Ins Premiums	1,844,113	1,707,444	1,850,798	1,794,387	1,653,625	1,716,970
Brokerage Fee	135,000	135,000	135,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Actuarial Services	31,300	31,300	29,300	38,550	28,000	28,000
Gen/Admin Svc	634,042	425,282	405,908	417,523	366,032	405,382
Contracted Svc	321,403	299,446	192,475	244,337	270,950	254,292
Payroll Expense	1,385,563	1,390,043	1,256,598	1,072,668	976,531	859,853
Depreciation	38,140	5,767	8,125	17,894	22,177	25,541
Total Expenses	7,435,594	7,450,554	6,110,009	6,187,182	6,722,458	6,051,052
Change in Net Assets	1,266,684	740,772	2,202,480	1,524,695	530,194	791,504

Conclusion: We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the staff and management of Enduris Washington during this process. No exceptions were noted and no recommendations were made as a result of this review.

About Enduris Washington:

Enduris Washington is a local government risk-sharing pool located in Spokane County. The Pool was established in 1987 to provide risk financing to its members for general liability, automotive liability and property damage, mobile equipment and other property coverage common to public entities. The Pool provides services to approximately 477 local governments in Washington, which include, but are not limited to, health, water, sewer, irrigation, weed, park and recreation, library, fire, air pollution control, mosquito control, port, regional support network, conservation and cemetery districts.

An elected, seven-member Board of Directors, composed of representatives from member governments, governs the Pool. For the fiscal year 2012 the Pool had 11 employees and annual operating expenses of approximately \$7.4 million.

About State Risk Manager Regulatory Compliance Reviews:

RCW 48.62 provides authority for local governments to join or form a self-insurance program together with other entities, to jointly purchase insurance or reinsurance with other entities, and to contract for or hire personnel to provide risk management, claims and other administrative services. The State Risk Manager in the Office of Risk Management, Department of Enterprise Services, is authorized by RCW 48.62 to adopt rules for self-insurance programs formed under this chapter to follow. The rules contain standards for operations and management, claims administration, solvency, including frequency of actuarial studies and claims audits, and standards for contracts between self-insurance programs and private businesses.

In order to ensure compliance with these standards, which are adopted as Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 200-100, the Local Government Self-Insurance Program, under the direction of the State Risk Manager, conducts periodic reviews of joint self-insurance programs and, when necessary, provides for further investigation of those programs that are not operating in a safe and sound financial manner as required. The State Risk Manager may take certain administrative actions, including the issuance of a cease and desist order, when a program operates in violation of chapter 48.62 RCW or does not operate in a financially safe manner.

Each local government member of a joint self-insurance program is responsible for providing monies to the pool to pay claims for the years in which they were a member of the pool. Even if a member leaves a pool, a reassessment, or “cash call”, can occur in later years, requiring local government members to provide additional monies for past funding deficiencies for years in which they were a member. For this reason, the Local Government Self-Insurance program takes proactive measures to monitor the financial health of local government risk pools and to communicate the results of monitoring and periodic compliance reviews before adverse financial trends affect the pool and its local government members. Frequent reviews of compliance with the State Risk Manager’s rules are undertaken and the results are reported, in writing, to the board of directors and management of the pool.

Questions about this report should be addressed to the Local Government Self Insurance Program or the State Risk Manager, located at the Department of Enterprise Services, by telephone at 360-407-8153, or at shannon.stuber@des.wa.gov . The Department of Enterprise Services is located at 1500 Jefferson Street, PO Box 41466, Olympia, WA 98504-1466.