



# THE ACA & MPL REINSURERS: OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

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# Agenda

- MPL history and reinsurance usage
- ACA impacts on reinsurers
- How reinsurers can participate



### MPL HISTORY & REINSURANCE USAGE

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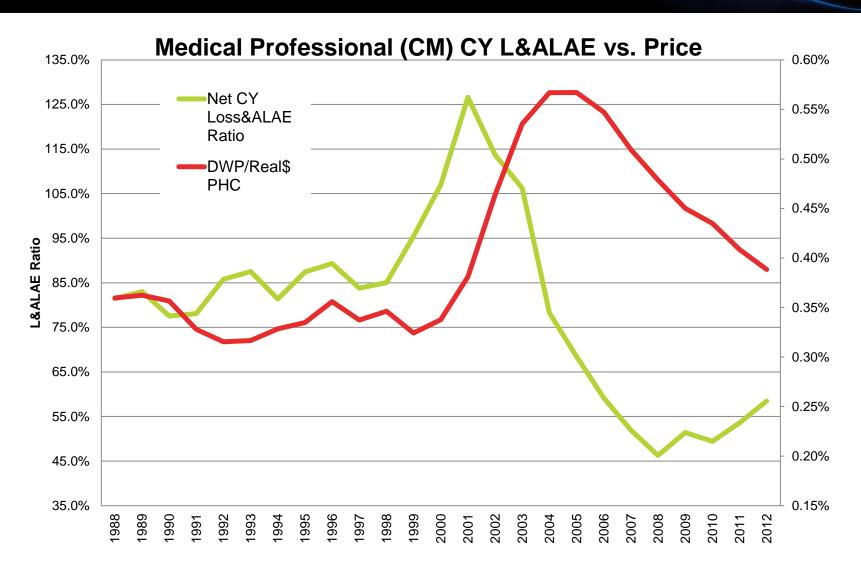


### Hammurabi's Code



- "If a physician make a large incision with an operating knife and cure it, or if he open a tumor (over the eye) with an operating knife, and saves the eye, he shall receive ten shekels in money."
- "If a physician make a large incision with the operating knife, and kill him, or open a tumor with the operating knife, and cut out the eye, his hands shall be cut off."

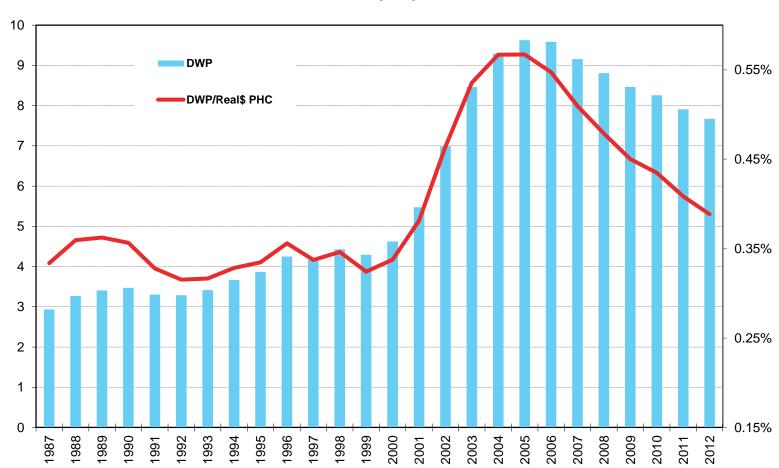
# CY results drive pricing



# WP responds

Written Premium (\$B)

#### Medical Professional (CM) WP and Price

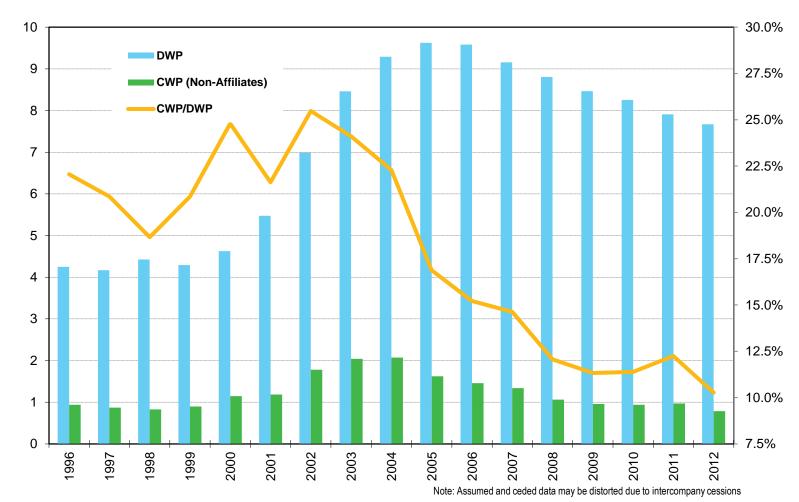


# Reinsurance: how low can we go?



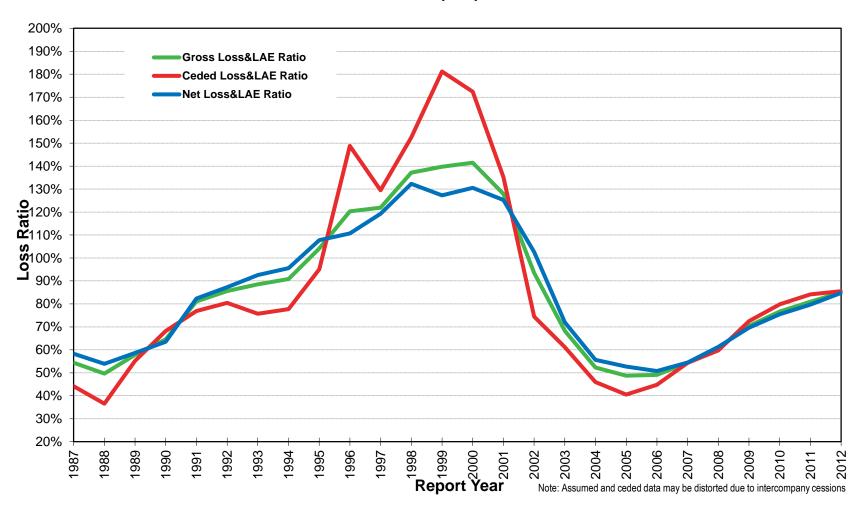
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#### Medical Professional (CM) Reinsurance Utilization



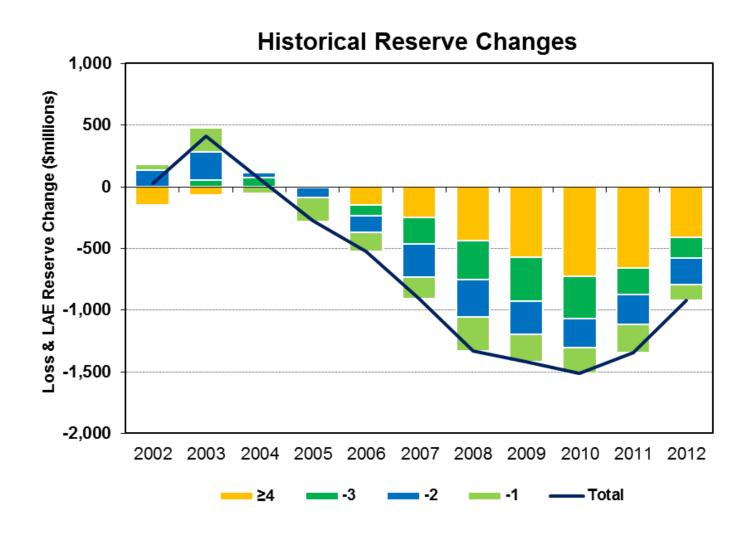
### MPL CM reinsurance results

#### **Medical Professional (CM) Gross Ceded Net**



# Favorable CY UW results driven Willis Re by reserve releases

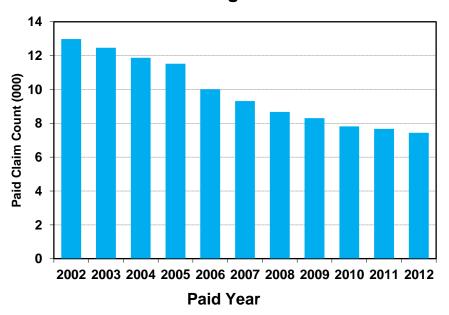




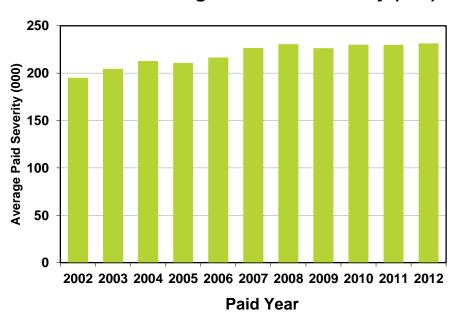
# MPL frequency continues to decline Willis Re with severity flattening post 2007



#### **Nationwide Avg Paid Claim Count**

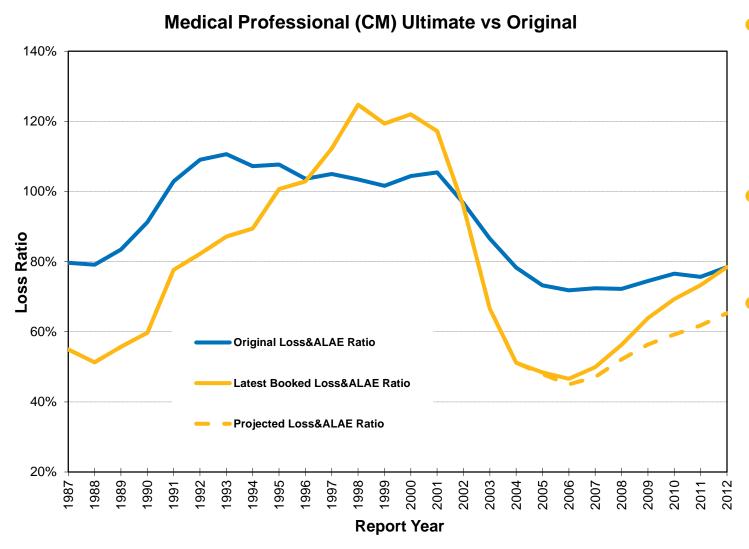


#### **Nationwide Avg Paid Claim Severity (000)**



Reserve releases have been driven by reductions in claim frequency as well as severity coming in far below initial expectations

## MPL CM projected



- Appears more redundancy to be harvested
- Freq decline continues
- Recession tempered severity

# MPL reinsurance marketplace observations



- Reinsurers' role in MPL is diminished
- Despite primary rate decreases, favorable trends driving continued profitability
- MPL primary carriers surplus growth unabated
- Reinsurance capacity adequate
  - Six new entrants in last five years

### ACA IMPACTS ON MPL REINSURERS





### Sense of the Senate

# **Subtitle I—Sense of the Senate Regarding Medical Malpractice**

SEC. 6801. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

- (1) health care reform presents an opportunity to address issues related to medical malpractice and medical liability insurance;
- (2) States should be encouraged to develop and test alternatives to the existing civil litigation system as a way of improving patient safety, reducing medical errors, encouraging the efficient resolution of disputes, increasing the availability of prompt and fair resolution of disputes, and improving access to liability insurance, while preserving an individual's right to seek redress in court; and
- (3) Congress should consider establishing a State demonstration program to evaluate alternatives to the existing civil litigation system with respect to the resolution of medical malpractice claims.

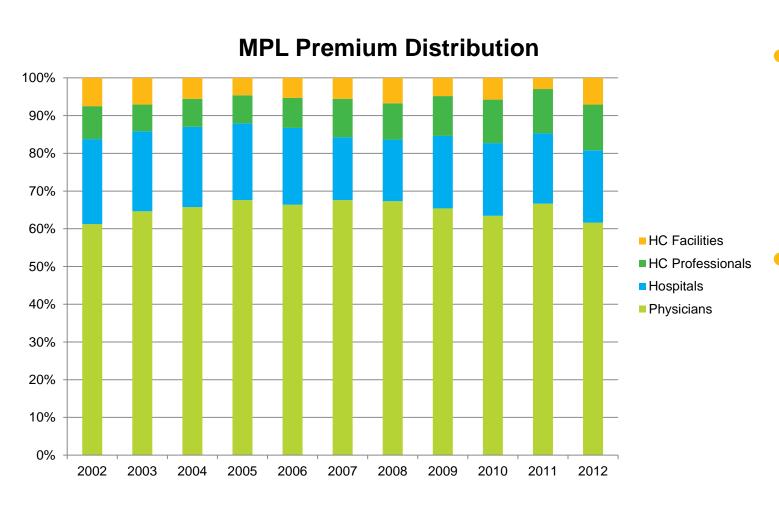


## **ACA** impacts

- Healthcare industry consolidation
- New exposures due to delivery system changes
- Potential frequency increase



### Consolidation potential



- More than 70% of hospital exposure self insured
  - Potential smaller pie for reinsurers, excess capacity for carriers

## Delivery system related

- ACOs and bundled payments
  - Mass torts as result of provider incentives
    - Have to show harm to numerous patients
- Significant unknown



## Frequency increase?

- More patients in the system
  - But not for high severity classes like ob/gyn
- Boomer doctors retiring
- Misdiagnosis risk goes up
- Reinsurer solutions
  - Aggregate stop loss or annual aggregate deductible structure
  - Multi-year structure



# ACA impacts on MPL reinsurers

- Uncertainty of ACA impact makes reinsurance more valuable
- For reinsurers opportunity to tap brakes on MPL reinsurance declines
  - Offering structures that address frequency
- Uncertainty around ACA is symmetrical

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