

THE STATE OF FLORIDA FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION MARKET INVESTIGATIONS

MARKET CONDUCT FINAL EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

GLOBE LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2006, the Florida Legislature enacted the Freedom to Travel Act, which modified Florida's Unfair Trade Practices Act by placing prohibitions on life insurance limitations upon an individual based solely on the individual's past lawful foreign travel or future lawful travel plans. The Florida Unfair Trade Practices Act also prohibits the refusal to insure, or continue to insure, based on the individual's race, color, creed, marital status, sex, or national origin.

Rule 69D-2 Florida Administrative Code became effective in October 2006 to implement the provisions of Section 626.9891, Florida Statutes. This rule requires a higher level of detail and accountability for Insurer Anti-Fraud Special Investigative Unit (SIU) Description filings and Insurer Anti-Fraud Plan filings.

A target market conduct examination of Globe Life and Accident Insurance Company was performed to determine compliance with Sections 626.9541(1)(g), 626.9541(1)(j) 626.9541(1)(x), 626.9541(1)(dd) and Section 626.9891, Florida Statutes and Rules 69O-125.003 and 69D-2, Florida Administrative Code.

The following represent general findings, however, specific details are found in each section of the report.

TABLE OF TOTAL VIOLATIONS						
Finding #	Statute/Rule	Description	Files Reviewed	Number of Violations		
#1	626.9541(1)(j), F.S.	Complaint handling procedures.	20	1		

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The Office of Insurance Regulation (Office), Market Investigations, conducted a target market conduct examination of Globe Life and Accident Insurance Company (Company) pursuant to Section 624.3161, Florida Statutes. The examination was performed by Examination Resources, LLC, at the offices of the Torchmark Corporation, the parent company's headquarters, at 3700 S. Stonebridge Dr., McKinney, TX. The scope period of this examination was January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2008. The examination began February 2, 2009 and ended on February 5, 2009.

The purpose of this examination was to verify the Company's compliance with Sections 626.9541(1)(g), 626.9541(1)(x), 626.9541(1)(dd), 626.9541(1)(j) and Section 626.9891, Florida Statutes, and Rules 690-125.003 and 69D-2, Florida Administrative Code. Examination procedures included the review of underwriting and agent training manuals, forms, underwriting practices and the new business issue process; complaint handling procedures; and the Company's anti-fraud plan.

In reviewing materials for this report, the Examiners relied on records provided by the Company. Procedures and conduct of the examination were in accordance with the *Market Regulation Handbook* produced by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

COMPANY OPERATIONS

The Company is a foreign life and health insurer licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida on January 20, 1960. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Torchmark Corporation, a publicly traded insurance holding company. It is authorized to write Life, Group Life and Annuity, Credit Life, Credit Disability and Accident & Health lines of business in the State of Florida. Insurance is marketed primarily through direct mail. The Company's Total Direct Premiums Written in Florida for Life Insurance was as follows:

Year	Total Written Life Premium In Florida	
	(Per Schedule T of the	
	Financial Statement)	
2004	\$26,917,285	
2005	\$29,423,656	
2006	\$31,312,656	
2007	\$32,426,749	
2008*	\$25,290,133	

^{*}YTD as of September 30, 2008

LIFE INSURANCE APPLICATION REVIEW

The Company received 442,612 life insurance applications during the examination period of January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2008. The examination targeted the review of life insurance applications for compliance with Sections 626.9541(1)(g), 626.9541(1)(x), and 626.9541(1)(dd), Florida Statutes.

The Company does not capture an applicant's place of birth or past travel or future travel plans on any of its life insurance applications. No applications were postponed, declined, or issued in a manner other than applied for due to lawful foreign travel or due to place of birth.

One hundred (100) cancelled or declined applications were randomly selected for review.

Application File Review Summary

Total Population of Applications Received During Exam Period	412,612
Total Applications cancelled or declined	64,912
Application Files Reviewed	100
Total Application Files With Exceptions Noted	0

Finding

No exceptions were noted.

COMPLAINT HANDLING REVIEW

The Company's complaint handling procedures were reviewed to test compliance with Section 626.9541(1)(j), Florida Statutes. The company complaint log was requested and provided by the Company. All 20 complaints were reviewed to verify that all complaints on the Department of Financial Services (DFS) listing had been entered into the Company's complaint log.

Finding

One (1) instance of a complaint or grievance received by the DFS was not properly recorded in the Company's complaint log.

Corrective Action

The Company should review its complaint handling procedures and maintain a complete record of all complaints in compliance with Section 626.9541(1)(j), Florida Statutes.

ANTI-FRAUD REVIEW

The Company provided a document entitled "Torchmark Anti-Fraud Program," which states the Company has established a Special Investigative Unit (SIU) to investigate potential fraud claims. The document also contains a section that outlines fraud indicators and a section describing the referral process to the SIU. The program was filed and approved on July 14, 2007.

Finding

No exceptions were noted.

EXAMINATION FINAL REPORT SUBMISSION

This Final Report is based upon information from the examiner's draft report, additional research conducted by the Office, and additional information provided by the Company. Procedures and conduct of the examination were in accordance with the Market Conduct Examiner's Handbook produced by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

The courtesy and cooperation of the officers and employees of the Company during the examination are acknowledged.

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Respectfully submitted.

Examination Resources, LLC