

514G.106 Incontestability period.

1. An insurer may rescind a long-term care insurance policy or certificate or deny an otherwise valid long-term care insurance claim if the policy or certificate has been in force for less than six months upon a showing of misrepresentation that is material to the insurer's acceptance for coverage.

2. An insurer may rescind a long-term care insurance policy or certificate or deny an otherwise valid long-term care insurance claim if the policy or certificate has been in force for at least six months but less than two years, upon a showing of misrepresentation that is both material to the acceptance for coverage and pertains to the condition for which benefits are sought.

3. An insurer shall not contest a long-term care insurance policy or certificate that has been in force for two or more years solely upon the grounds of misrepresentation. Such a policy or certificate may be contested only upon a showing that the insured knowingly and intentionally misrepresented relevant facts relating to the insured's health.

4. A long-term care insurance policy or certificate may be field-issued if the compensation paid to the field issuer is not based on the number of policies or certificates issued. For the purposes of this subsection, a "*field-issued*" policy means a policy or certificate issued by a producer or third-party administrator pursuant to the underwriting authority granted to the producer or third-party administrator by an insurer and using the insurer's underwriting guidelines.

5. An insurer that has paid benefits under a long-term care insurance policy or certificate shall not recover such benefit payments if the policy or certificate is rescinded.

6. The provisions of this section are applicable to life insurance policies or certificates that accelerate benefits for long-term care. However, if an insured dies, the remaining death benefits of a life insurance policy that accelerates benefits for long-term care are not governed by this section but by the provisions of section 508.28. In all other situations, this section shall apply to life insurance policies that accelerate benefits for long-term care.

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