

**510.6 Duties of insurers.**

1. An insurer shall have on file an independent financial examination, in a form acceptable to the commissioner, of each managing general agent with which the insurer does or has done business.

2. If a managing general agent establishes loss reserves, the insurer shall annually obtain the opinion of an actuary attesting to the adequacy of loss reserves established for losses incurred and outstanding on business produced by a managing general agent. This is in addition to any other required loss reserve certification.

3. An insurer shall periodically, but at least semiannually, conduct an on-site review of the underwriting and claims processing operations of each managing general agent with which the insurer is currently doing business.

4. Binding authority for all reinsurance contracts or participation in insurance or reinsurance syndicates shall rest with an officer of the insurer, who is not affiliated with the managing general agent.

5. Within thirty days of entering into or termination of a contract with a managing general agent, the insurer shall provide written notification of the appointment or termination to the commissioner. A notice of appointment of a managing general agent must include a statement of duties which the applicant is expected to perform on behalf of the insurer, the lines of insurance for which the applicant is to be authorized to act, and any other information the commissioner may request.

6. An insurer shall review its books and records each quarter and determine if any insurance producer, as defined by [section 510A.2](#), has become, by operation of [section 510.1B, subsection 4](#), a managing general agent as defined in that section. If the insurer determines that an insurance producer has become a managing general agent by operation of [section 510.1B, subsection 4](#), the insurer shall promptly notify the insurance producer and the commissioner of such determination and the insurer and insurance producer shall fully comply with the provisions of [this chapter](#) within thirty days.

7. An insurer shall not appoint to its board of directors an officer, director, employee, insurance producer, or controlling shareholder of a managing general agent of the insurer. [This subsection](#) shall not apply to relationships governed by [chapter 521A](#) relating to the regulation of insurance company holding systems, or, if applicable, by [chapter 510A](#) relating to the regulation of insurance producer controlled property and casualty insurers.

[91 Acts, ch 26, §5](#); [91 Acts, ch 258, §56](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1101, §71](#)

Referred to in [§510.5](#), [510.10](#)