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This forum is used to inform you of changes and enhancements we've made to our Reinsurance Administration System as we continue to improve the processing of R² - *The Reinsurance Resolution*.

Beginning Reinsurance Paid-to-Date

We are in the process of enhancing the reinsurance paid-to-date that is displayed in the transaction database and output files. We are currently working on adding a beginning, or starting, paid-to-date to the display. This new date will be optional on the printer ready reports and controlled by the existing CF flag **RE PaidToDate** under the qsre02a options. In the past, this flag indicated whether the (ending) reinsurance paid-to-date was displayed on the reports. Now, if this flag is set to show the date, both the beginning and ending paid-to-dates will display for the duration. However, DI information, if present, will continue to overwrite this feature. If the CF flag is set not to show the date, neither beginning nor ending date on the printer ready reports will appear. The transaction database and electronic files will display both dates regardless of the CF setting. The beginning reinsurance Paid-to-Date can be found directly before the ending Paid-to-Date. In the transaction database the dates can be found on the X4 record; on the electronic files it will be found on the T3 record and in position 300 in the transaction soa file.

Electronic Viewing Package

Due to the addition of the Beginning RE paid-to-date and the introduction of dual use programs, you, your reinsurers, or your ceding companies may be having trouble converting or viewing some of the files that are being produced. An update to the Electronic Viewing Package is needed to make use of the enhancements that are being added to the system. The newer version of

the Electronic Viewing Package will work on all files, old and new, and can be downloaded from our website. While we have tried contacting everyone that may be using the package, we have found that many of the users have changed over time and we no longer have accurate contact information. Please contact your reinsurers and/or ceding companies and let them know about this necessary update. If you wish, you could send a list of contact emails and we'll take care of the details, informing the companies about how to receive the newest version. Please contact Kim for details - KimWilliams@qsi-r2.com

Also - for those of you that make use of the package, we have heard for a while now that you are not overly fond of having to convert files, and that while the SOA files are great because they follow a standard layout, they are not so helpful with information spread across multiple lines. We are currently working on a solution for that, and are hoping to debut it in our next newsletter. Please stay tuned for details.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the number of decimals visible in a premium rate table (after loading in R²) can make a difference on premium calculations? When loading rate tables, you may recall the questions asking about decimal accuracy and decimals showing. Decimals showing has a direct impact on the number used by the transaction generator. So the next time you are testing policies and the premiums are close, but appear off due to rounding, try adjusting how many decimals are displayed when viewing the MF. The difference may be just the answer you're looking for.

We would be delighted to answer any questions you might have. If you would like a back issue of Q² please check our website at www.qsi-r2.com and visit the Documentation page. The main topics of past issues were:

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The current version of the Electronic Output Viewing Package is 02d.



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