# BUSINESS INSURANCE

CAPTIVE FORUM

# General Track: Pre-Conference 101 Workshop



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#### What is a Captive?

Differentiators (in handout)

To regulators (and the NAIC!) – Cells included?

To the IRS

To the DOL (Benefits)

To managers and service providers

And...their owners! ...or members

#### Other forms of Captive

**Risk Retention Groups** 

Reciprocals

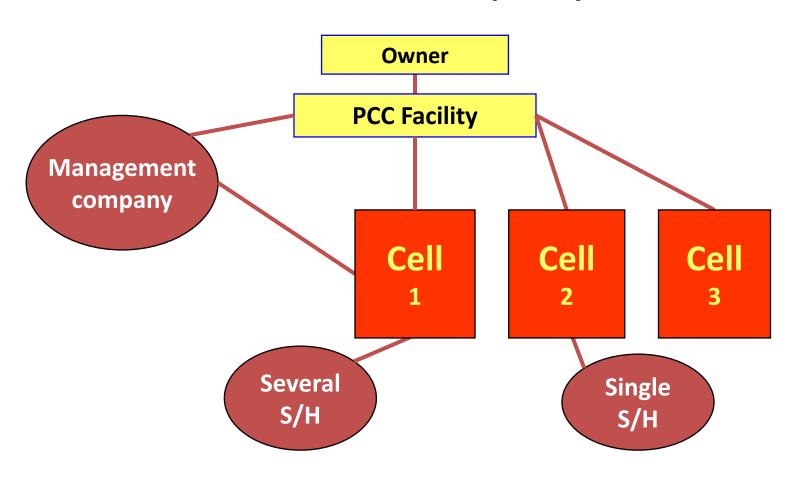
PORCs and agency-owned captives

SPVs and XXX entities

Mini or micro ("831-b") captives

**Pools of Captives** 

### Other forms cont'd Protected Cell Company - Structure



# Cell or Captive?

	Captive	Cell
Full control	More	Less
Capital	More	Less
Regulatory fees	More	Less
Management fees	More	Less
Auditor's fees	More	Maybe none
Directors' fees	More	None
Indirect costs	same	same
Liquidator's fees	Higher	lower

## More on cells vs stand-alone

Security risk	Higher	Lower
Regulation of each cell Onshore	Yes	Yes
Offshore	Yes but not in Bermuda	Yes
Core capital at risk Onshore	Yes	Yes
Offshore	Yes but not in Bermuda	Yes
Inter-cell transactions Onshore	Yes	Most domiciles
Offshore	Only some domiciles	Yes

### Kinds of cells – comparison

	Protected/Segregated Cell	Incorporated Cell	Series LLC
Governing Law	Insurance	Insurance	Corporate & Insurance
Ownership/Control	Cell ownership, no control	Stock ownership, full control	LLC
Self-Governing?	No	Yes	No
Core - Risk Bearing	Typically no	Typically no	May or may not
Governing Document	Participation Agreement	Participation Agreement/ Incorporation Documents	Participation Agreement/ Series Agreement
Ease of creation	Quick <2 weeks	Longer 4-6 weeks	Moderate 2-3 weeks
Registration	No	Yes	Yes
File income tax return	Yes	Yes	Yes
Capital & Surplus required	lf	Yes	Yes

### Captives: What they write



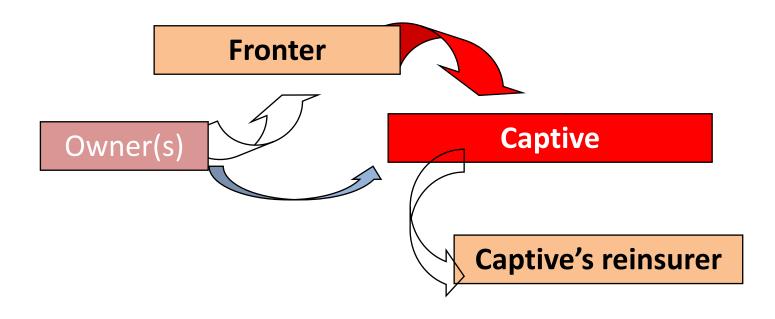
#### Risk Insured in Captives?

- Property, Business Interruption
- General Liability
- Professional Liability
- Automobile
- Completed Operations Liability

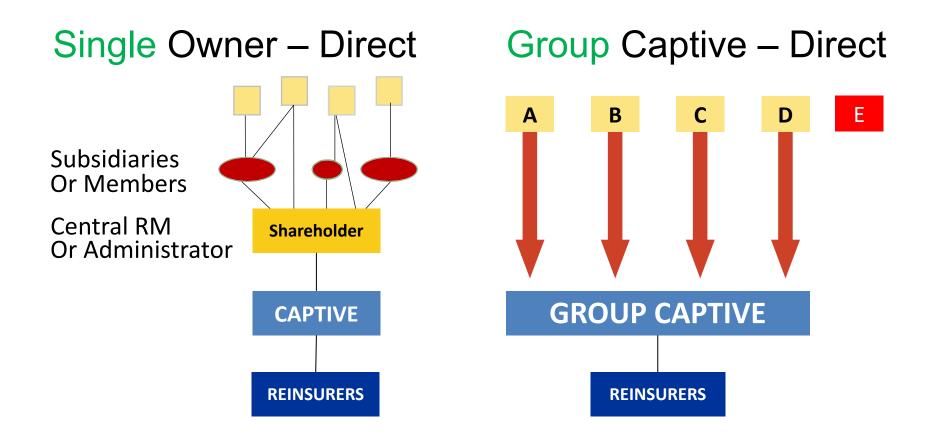
#### Risk Insured in Captives (cont'd)

- Marine, transportation
- Terrorism
- Workers Compensation
- Employee Benefits
- Cyber Liability
- Customer, dealer, franchisee ins coverages

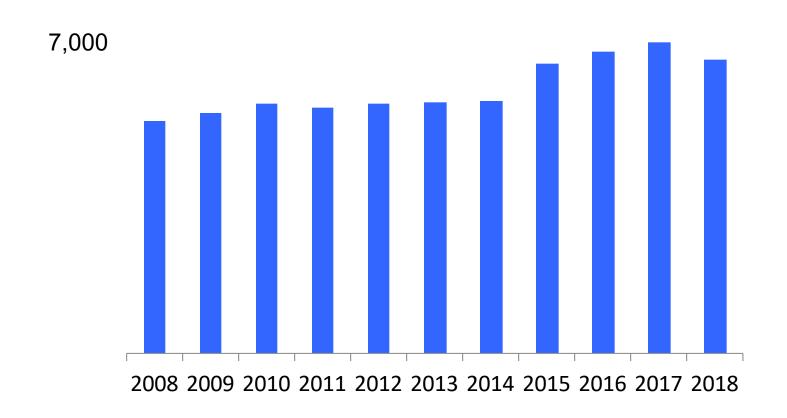
#### Direct or Reinsurance Captives?



#### Single Owner / Group Captives



#### Number of Captives: Continual Growth?



### Why Captives? The Key Reasons

**Cost reduction Access to reinsurance Investment income Administrative tool** 

#### Audience? which of these?

Details of all 4 in the appendix

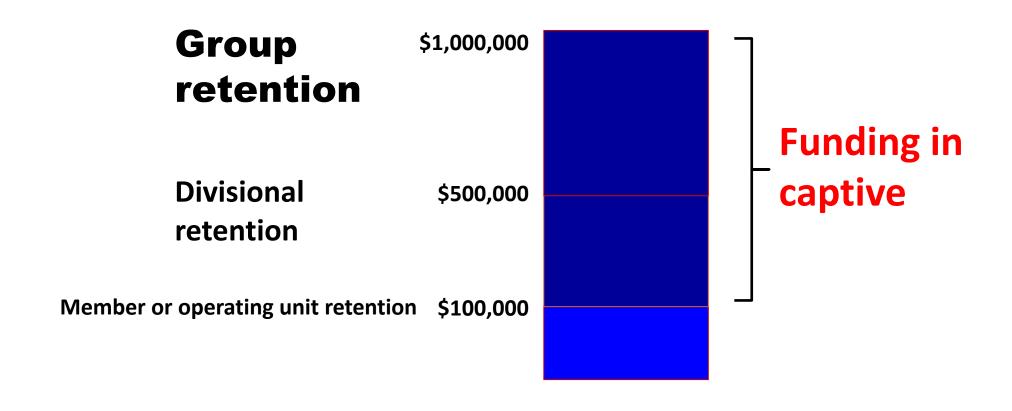
#### 1. Cost Reduction: How?

#### 2. Reinsurance

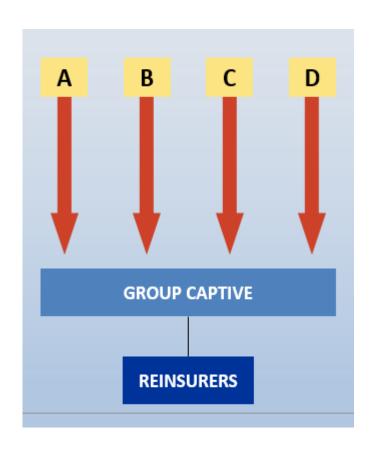
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#### 3. Investment Income

#### 4. Administrative Tool

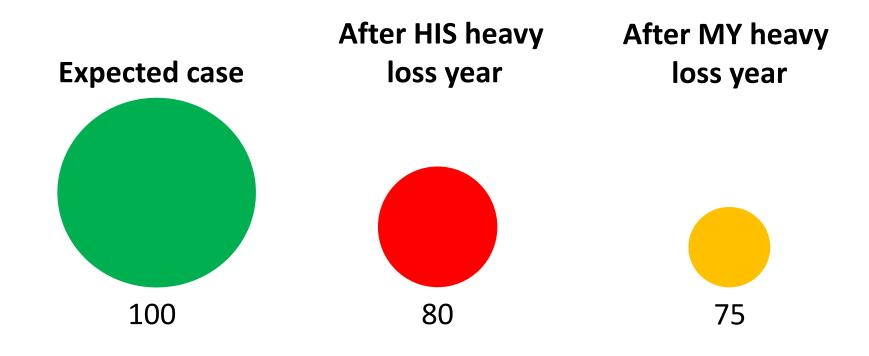


#### Group Captive – (reminder)



### Risk sharing – obstacle or mutuality

Size of my account....



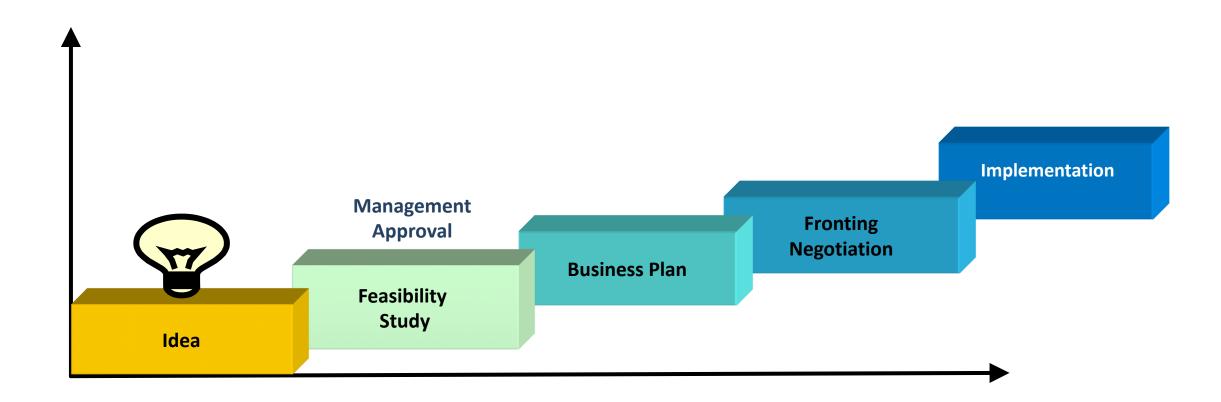
### Feasibility of a Captive



### Feasibility: The Numbers!

Proforma Projections						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Underwriting results	1,156,452	1,252,952	1,186,200	1,251,360	1,542,340	6,389,303
Investment Income	94,459	<u>151,402</u>	<u>194,286</u>	238,520	286,213	964,880
Captive net income	1,250,911	1,404,354	1,380,485	1,489,879	1,828,553	
Income tax (if any)						
After-tax income	1,250,911	1,404,354	1,380,485	1,489,879	1,828,553	7,354,183

### Start up Captives: The Timeline



#### Captives: The Big Issues

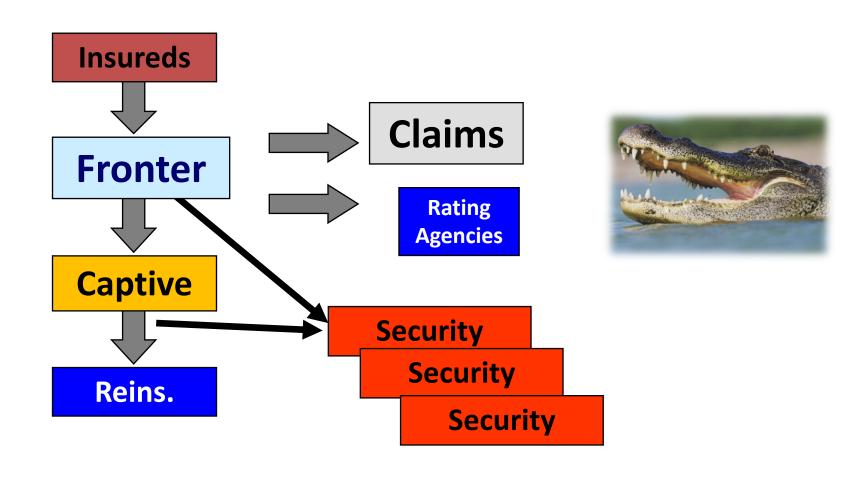
Fronting – what, why, how (in 2020)

Domicile and regulation

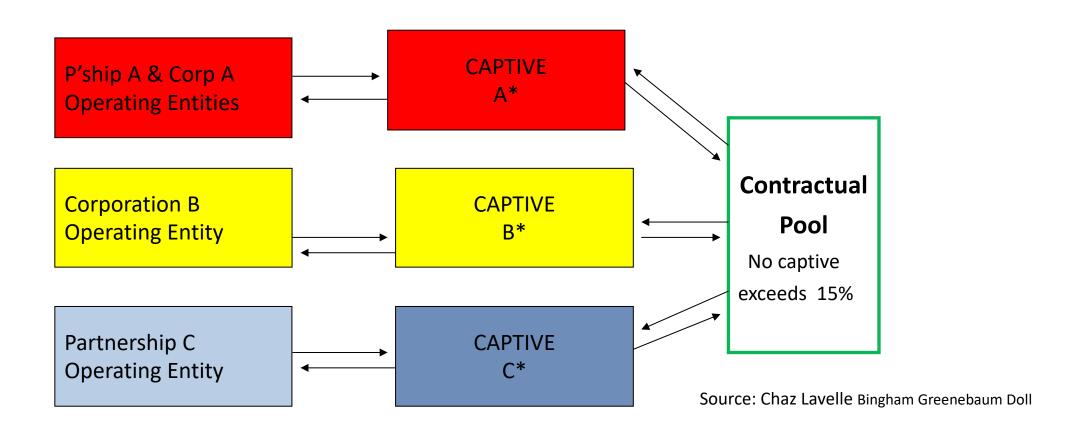
Captive management

....Tax factors

#### Fronting: 2020 Problem #1



### Other issues: Pooling



#### Captive Domiciles

Onshore – offshore: the major factors in 2020

#### Perception

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Regulation (..and FATCA – a non-issue for captives)

Accessibility (....also of the regulator!)

Tax factors (onshore, offshore, self-proc.)

... Costs
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#### Captive by Domicile / Number

2019 the top nine	(out o	f 70!)
Bermuda	711	
Cayman	674	
Vermont	580	
Utah	443	
Delaware	421	(1200)
Guernsey	206	(500+)
Barbados	276	
North Carolina	240	
Luxembourg	198	

Top 10 = 2/3 of total. US domiciles = 1/3 of all captives

#### **Domicile Selection**

#### Onshore? Offshore?

- Capitalization and surplus requirements
- Receptiveness, stability of regulatory environment
- Quality of local infrastructure
- Availability of expertise
- Costs



#### Domicile Selection (continued)

#### Onshore? Offshore?

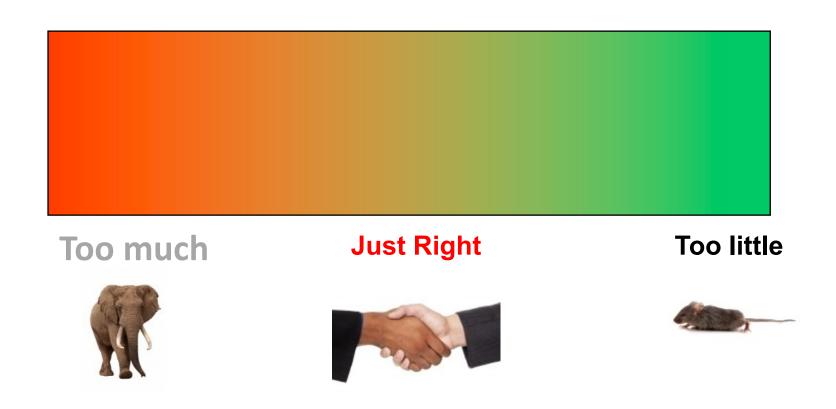
- Investments: flexibility
- Other captives like us domiciled there?
- Experience in our business?
- Tax issues: US Federal, State selfprocurement, premium taxes



# Regulation



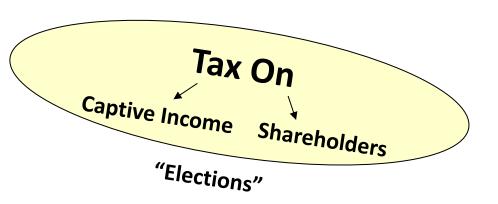
## Regulation Differences



### Tax Factors: The three things



Must resemble "normal" insurance



#### **Premium Taxes**

- State
- Federal Excise
- Self-Procurement

#### And...

Offshore/onshore "non-profits" 831-b small ones

#### Tax Factors - Deductibility

#### Must demonstrate

- Risk shifting
- Risk distribution
- Business purpose
- Attributes similar to the existing marketplace

#### Taxation — Current Issues

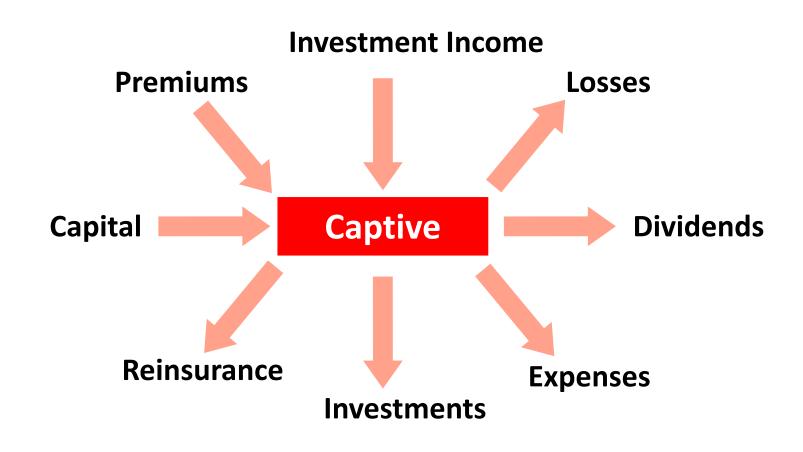
831b structures : use and abuse, IRS "attacking"

More intrusive activity for offshore

Example: FATCA

Other issues (Come to the round table!)

### How It Works: Cash flow, management



### Unrelated business?

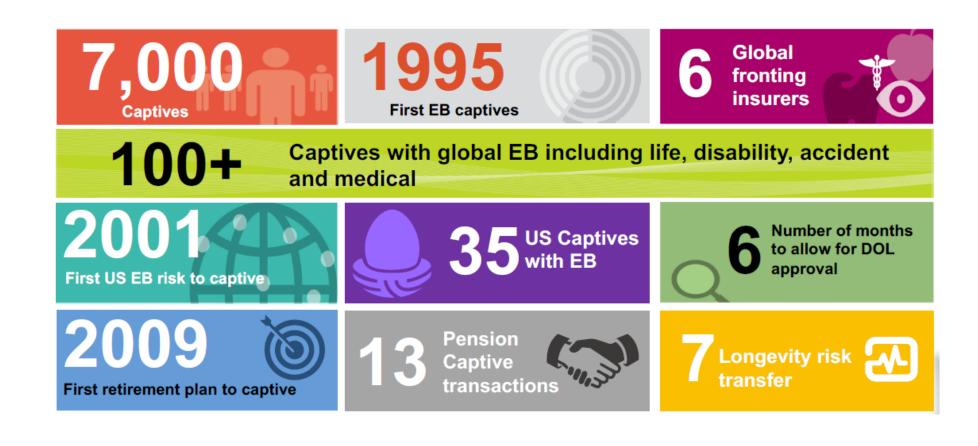
Necessary, profitable, dangerous?



Your own (employee benefits)

Controlled unaffiliated

### EB in captives 2019 per Mark Cook



### Employee Benefits in Captives 2019

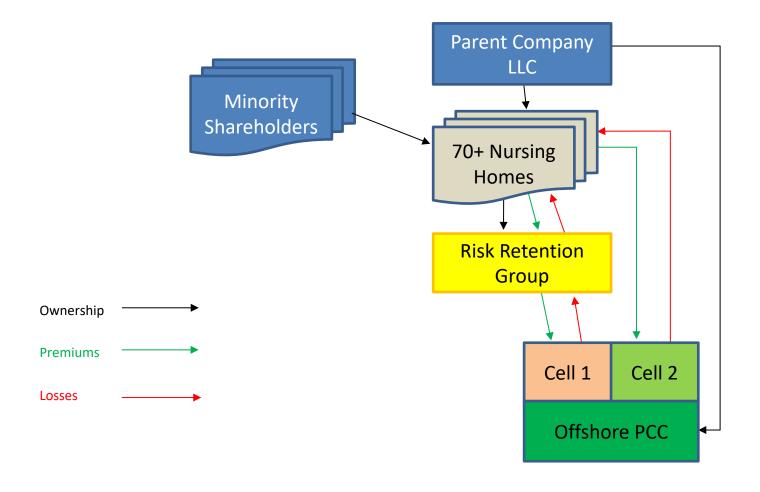
**Estimated Number of Programs** 

Pensions	10
Pension longevity	5
Retiree Medical	11
US Life and Disability	40
International EB	100
Medical Stoploss	500(e)
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Estimated total number	650

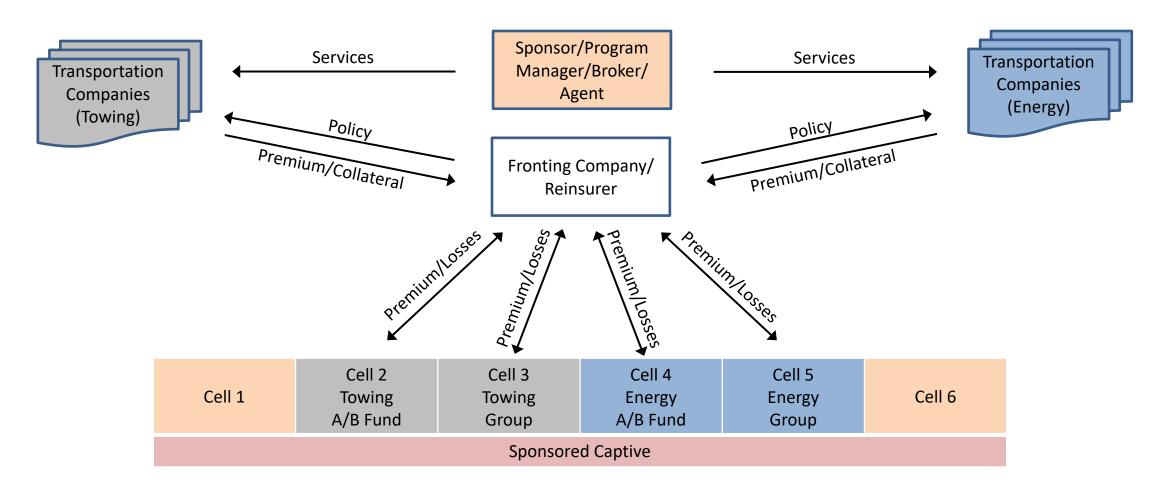
# What are the savings?

Coverage	Savings Range*
Retiree medical	7% – 10%+ of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation
Long-term disability	15% – 25% of commercial insurance     On self-insurance, accelerated deduction of claims cost and tax-effective investment accumulation on reserves
Term life insurance	• 10% – 15% of commercial insurance
Multinational pooling	• 10% – 15% of the pooled premium
Active medical	First year only, incurred but not yet paid     After first year, medical trend
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Active medical stop loss	• 10% – 12% of the cost of stop loss

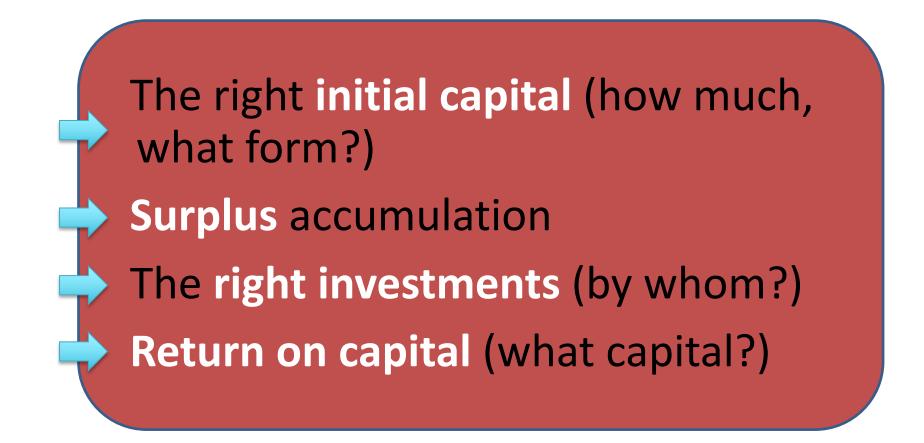
# Case Study#1 – Nursing Homes



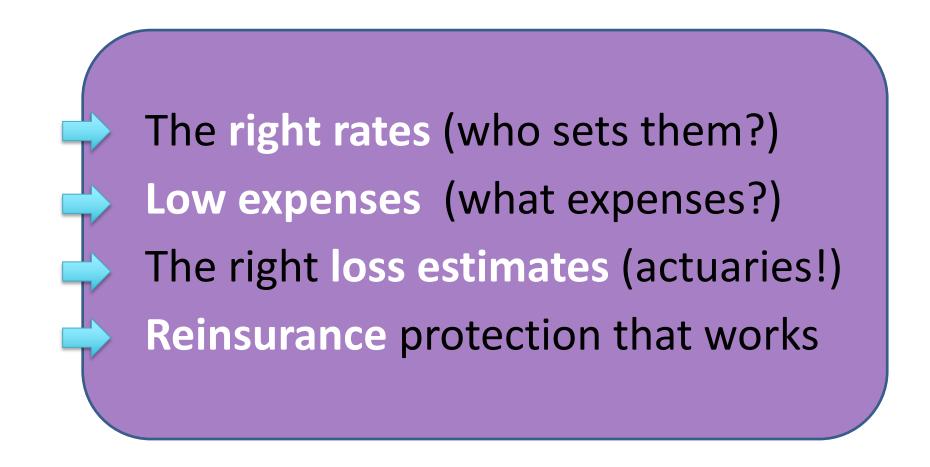
### Case Study #2 – Transportation Firms



### Financial Keys to Captive Financial Success



### Operational Keys to Captive Financial Success



### Two more keys to Captive Success



Risk management

(of the captive's risks!)

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# Appendix

• Reasons for captives - details

#### 1. Cost Reduction: How?

- Reduce high commercial rates
- Eliminate non-essential services
- Eliminate pooling charges
- Avoid charges for guarantee funds

#### 1. Cost Reduction

"I want to reduce insurance costs."

Obvious example:

"Low loss ratio?"

Losses incurred

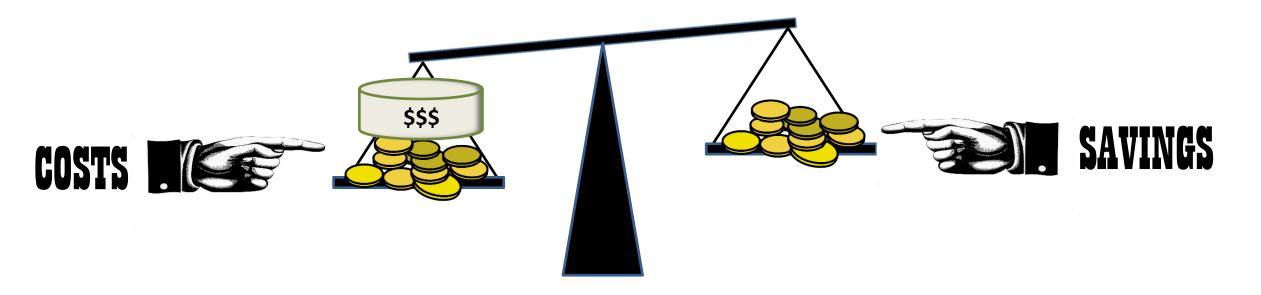
Premiums retained

Less than 30%

**Retentions:** The group could take higher retentions, but the individual members or business units can't.

# Cost Savings? Discuss!

\*Adverse/Catastrophic Claims Activity



#### 2. Reinsurance

"I want access to reinsurance capacity."

#### **Example:**

A large healthcare group found reinsurers were

more willing to reinsure a captive

...than excess insurers willing to insure above a SI trust

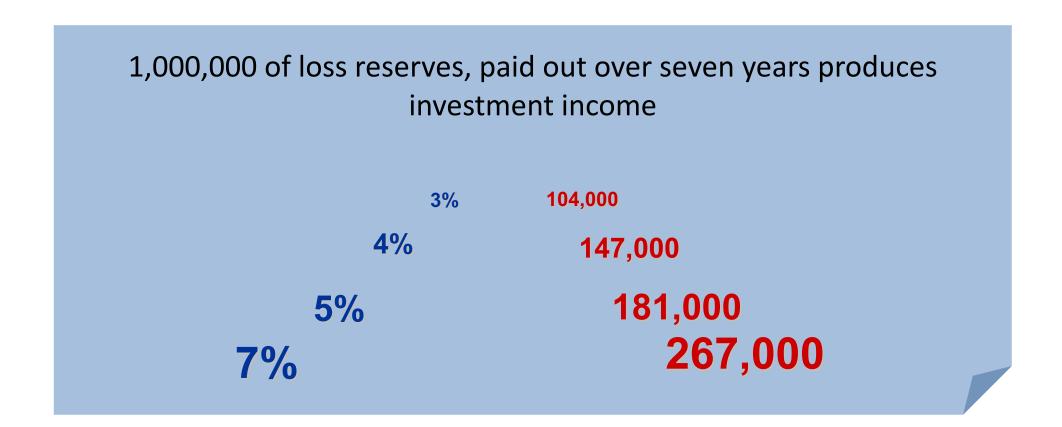
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#### 3. Investment Income



When interest rates are high enough, loss reserves for lines with longer payout patterns generate extra income

### 3. Investment Income (2)



### 4. Administrative Tool (cont.)

There might be economies of scale in a group captive

All the previous reasons plus ...

The value of shared retentions, shared aggregates, shared services

**Example: Risk Retention Groups (Session on Friday)** 

-an "escape from fronting"

# Management Matters

