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*http://www.soa.org/library/professional-actuarial-specialty-guides/professional-actuarial-specialty-guides/2003/september/spg0308alm.pdf