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# Reserve

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

METEOR identifier: 460218

Registration status: Health, Standard 07/12/2011

**Definition:** The dollar amount that is the best current estimate of the likely cost of a claim when

closed.

**Context:** The reserve allows an insurer or self-insurer to monitor its potential financial liability

with respect to a claim. The setting of a reserve marks an acknowledgement by an

insurer or self-insurer that it may incur costs in closing a claim.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Comments:** An insurer or self-insurer can obtain an estimate of its potential liability for finalising

claims that are still open by adding up the outstanding reserve amounts for its claims that are still open. Accordingly, the reserve amounts set against open claims are important for an insurer or self-insurer in its budgeting and funds management.

#### Source and reference attributes

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#### Relational attributes

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