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**long-term care** assistance and care for persons with chronic disabilities who require help with the activities of daily living or who suffer from cognitive impairment

**long-term care insurance** insurance coverage designed to help pay some or all of any necessary long-term care costs

**long-term liability** obligation due longer than one year from the date of classification

**loss on drying (LOD)** quantitative expression of the decrease in weight of a given quantity of material that has been dried

**loss ratio** the result of paid claims and incurred claims plus expenses divided by the paid premiums. SEE ALSO *incurred claims loss ratio; net loss ratio; paid claims loss ratio; medical loss ratio*

**lot** batch or portion of a batch having a specified quality and a specific identifying “lot number”

**lotion** liquid preparation, suspension, or thixotropic emulsion, for external use, usually applied with little or no rubbing

**lotion, emulsion** small globules of a liquid dispersed throughout another liquid with which it is immiscible, and stabilized by means of an emulsifying agent; example: hand lotion

**lotion, suspension** liquid containing finely divided insoluble solids suspended in a liquid medium, usually with the aid of a dispersing or suspending agent; example: calamine lotion

**Lou Gehrig’s disease** SEE *amyotrophic lateral sclerosis*

**louse** SEE *lice*

**Lovi’s beads** glass beads of varying densities used to determine the specific gravity of liquids

**low-energy solid or liquid 1:** substance whose molecules are held together by weak attractive forces of the van der Waal type **2:** (pharmacy) nonionic, organic, hydrophobic, or nonpolar substance

**lower esophageal sphincter** sphincter located at the lower end of the esophagus that normally prevents stomach contents from refluxing back into the esophagus; when not functioning properly can cause gastroesophageal reflux

**lozenge** solid preparation containing one or more medicaments, usually in a flavored, sweetened base, intended to dissolve or disintegrate slowly in the mouth; synonyms: troche, pastille