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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