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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011

Commission file number 001-11252

Hallmark Financial Services, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	87-0447375
(State or other jurisdiction of	(I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)
777 Main Street, Suite 1000, Fort Worth,	76102
Texas	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (817) 348-1600

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No⁻⁻

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No⁻⁻

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer "	Accelerated filer x
Non-accelerated filer "	Smaller reporting company "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: Common Stock, par value \$.18 per share – 19,263,457 shares outstanding as of November 7, 2011.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (\$ in thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30 2011 (unaudited)	December 31 2010
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Debt securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (cost: \$405,612 in 2011 and \$383,530		
in 2010)	\$ 403,244	\$ 388,399
Equity securities, available-for-sale, at fair value (cost: \$33,424 in 2011 and \$32,469		
in 2010)	41,241	44,042
Total investments	444,485	432,441
Cash and cash equivalents	49,416	60,519
Restricted cash	4,180	5,277
Ceded unearned premiums	18,685	25,504
Premiums receivable	58,159	47,337
Accounts receivable	4,582	7,051
Receivable for securities	11	2,215
Reinsurance recoverable	44,078	39,505
Deferred policy acquisition costs	24,441	21,679
Goodwill	44,695	44,695
Intangible assets, net	27,551	30,241
Federal income tax recoverable	7,156	4,093
Deferred federal income taxes, net	1,801	-
Prepaid expenses	1,835	1,987
Other assets	13,290	15,207
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Total assets	\$ 744,365	\$ 737,751
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Note payable	\$ 4,050	\$ 2,800
Subordinated debt securities	56,702	56,702
Reserves for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	293,201	251,677
Unearned premiums	150,796	140,965
Unearned revenue	73	116
Reinsurance balances payable	2,445	3,122
Accrued agent profit sharing	1,438	1,301
Accrued ceding commission payable	1,139	4,231
Pension liability	2,338	2,833
Payable for securities	5,778	2,493
Payable for acquisition	-	14,000
Deferred federal income taxes, net	-	4,602
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	13,551	15,786
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Total liabilities	531,511		500,628	
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 18)				
Redeemable non-controlling interest	1,261		1,360	
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$.18 par value, authorized 33,333,333 shares in 2011 and 2010; issued 20,872,831 in 2011 and 2010	l 3,757		3,757	
Additional paid-in capital	122,355		121,815	
Retained earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income	94,692 2,347		105,816 9,637	
Treasury stock (1,609,374 shares in 2011 and 748,662 shares in 2010), at cost	(11,558)	(5,262)
Total stockholders' equity	211,593		235,763	
Liabilities and Equity, Total	\$ 744,365	\$	5 737,751	
The accompanying notes are an integral part				

of the consolidated financial statements

Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited) (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

		lonths Ended ember 30	Nine Months Ended September 30			
	2011	2010	2011	2010		
Gross premiums written	\$89,751	\$82,199	\$270,834	\$247,238		
Ceded premiums written	(11,869) (10,152) (37,762) (29,263)		
Net premiums written	77,882	72,047	233,072	217,975		
Change in unearned premiums	(2,814) (1,641) (16,313) (10,606)		
Net premiums earned	75,068	70,406	216,759	207,369		
Investment income, net of expenses	3,980	4,036	11,765	10,513		
Net realized gains	394	311	3,177	5,757		
Finance charges	1,683	1,833	5,148	5,247		
Commission and fees	2,445	(392) 2,617	(1,204)		
Other income	178	23	203	45		
Total revenues	83,748	76,217	239,669	227,727		
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	56,136	51,293	181,841	146,449		
Other operating expenses	24,809	21,602	71,770	65,956		
Interest expense	1,159	1,151	3,470	3,447		
Amortization of intangible assets	897	917	2,690	2,749		
Total expenses	83,001	74,963	259,771	218,601		
Income (loss) before tax	747	1,254	(20,102) 9,126		
Income tax expense (benefit)	616	205	(9,006) 2,142		
Net income (loss)	131	1,049	(11,096) 6,984		
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	6	33	28	70		
Net income (loss) attributable to Hallmark Financial						
Services, Inc.	\$125	\$1,016	\$(11,124) \$6,914		
Net income (loss) attributable to Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. common stockholders:						
Basic	\$0.01	\$0.05	\$(0.56) \$0.34		
Diluted	\$0.01	\$0.05	\$(0.56) \$0.34		

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Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited) (\$ in thousands)

	Three Months EndedSeptember 30,20112010						onths Ended mber 30, 2010	
Common Stock								
Balance, beginning of period	\$3,757		\$3,757		\$3,757		\$3,757	
Issuance of common stock upon option exercises	-		-		-		-	
Balance, end of period	3,757		3,757		3,757		3,757	
Additional Paid-In Capital								
Balance, beginning of period	122,292		121,403		121,815		121,016	
Accretion of redeemable noncontrolling interest	(31)	(77)	(37)	(239)
Equity based compensation	94		263		583		852	
Exercise of stock options	-		-		(6)	(40)
Balance, end of period	122,355		121,589		122,355		121,589	
Retained Earnings								
Balance, beginning of period	94,567		104,380		105,816		98,482	
Net income (loss) attributable to Hallmark Financial								
Services, Inc.	125		1,016		(11,124)	6,914	
Balance, end of period	94,692		105,396		94,692		105,396	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income								
Balance, beginning of period	7,843		6,966		9,637		8,589	
Additional minimum pension liability, net of tax	47		36		140		109	
Net unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during period	(5,150)	3,527		(4,253)	7,277	
Reclassification adjustment for losses included in net								
income	(393)	(311)	(3,177)	(5,757)
Balance, end of period	2,347		10,218		2,347		10,218	
Treasury Stock								
Balance, beginning of period	(10,068)	(5,262)	(5,262)	(5,327)
Acquisition of treasury shares	(1,490)	-		(6,401)	-	
Issuance of treasury stock upon option exercises	-		-		105		65	
Balance, end of period	(11,558)	(5,262)	(11,558)	(5,262)
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Total Stockholders' Equity	\$211,593		\$235,698		\$211,593		\$235,698	
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Net income (loss)	\$131		\$1,049		\$(11,096)	\$6,984	
Additional minimum pension liability, net of tax	47		36		140	,	109	
Net unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during period	(5,150)	3,527		(4,253)	7,277	

Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	(393) (311) (3,177) (5,757)
Comprehensive (loss) income	(5,365) 4,301	(18,386) 8,613	
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling					
interest	6	33	28	70	
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Hallmark Financial Services, Inc.	\$(5,371) \$4,268	\$(18,414) \$8,543	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

Hallmark Financial Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (\$ in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30			
	2011		2010	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net (loss) income	\$(11,096)	\$6,984	
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization expense	4,103		3,527	
Deferred federal income taxes	(2,737)	(1,034)
Realized gains on investments	(3,177)	(5,757)
Change in ceded unearned premiums	6,819		(2,523)
Change in premiums receivable	(10,283)	(5,653)
Change in accounts receivable	2,515		370	
Change in deferred policy acquisition costs	(2,762)	(2,389)
Change in unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	29,344		39,166	
Change in unearned premiums	9,493		13,129	
Change in unearned revenue	(43)	(51)
Change in accrued agent profit sharing	137		(18)
Change in reinsurance recoverable	(1,117)	(9,676)
Change in reinsurance payable	(940)	(2,140)
Change in current federal income tax recoverable/payable	(2,888)	(4,386)
Change in accrued ceding commission payable	(3,092)	(4,368)
Change in all other liabilities	(4,299)	(1,310)
Change in all other assets	5,031		5,063	
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,008		28,934	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,799)	(1,155)
Net transfers into restricted cash	1,097		(533)
Payment for acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash received	(13,334)	-	
Purchases of investment securities	(234,994)	(157,332)
Maturities, sales and redemptions of investment securities	229,796		99,919	
Net cash used in investing activities	(19,234)	(59,101)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Net repayments of notes payable	(410)	-	
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	99		25	
Purchase of treasury shares	(6,401)		