440.8504 Maintenance of financial asset by securities intermediary; quantity; manner; limitation; duties; applicability to clearing corporation.

Sec. 8504. (1) A securities intermediary shall promptly obtain and thereafter maintain a financial asset in a quantity corresponding to the aggregate of all security entitlements it has established in favor of its entitlement holders with respect to that financial asset. The securities intermediary may maintain those financial assets directly or through 1 or more other securities intermediaries.

(2) Except to the extent otherwise agreed by its entitlement holder, a securities intermediary may not grant any security interests in a financial asset it is obligated to maintain pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) A securities intermediary satisfies the duty in subsection (1) if the securities intermediary does either of the following:
   (a) Acts with respect to the duty as agreed upon by the entitlement holder and the securities intermediary.
   (b) In the absence of agreement, exercises due care in accordance with reasonable commercial standards to obtain and maintain the financial asset.

(4) This section does not apply to a clearing corporation that is itself the obligor of an option or similar obligation to which its entitlement holders have security entitlements.