

Highmark
Oct 16, 2020**SERFF #:** LTCG-132527803**Filing Summary:**

Highmark requested approval to increase the premium on Long Term Care policy forms P030F, P032F, and P035D. The company requested an aggregate 166.1% increase, 138.9% for policies with limited benefits, and 211.3% for policies with lifetime benefits.

These forms were issued in PA from September 2000 through November 2004 and were not sold in any other state.

Forms	Number of PA Policies	Requested Increase
P030F, P032F, and P035D	763	166%

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department approved two 20% increases. One is to be implemented now and the second is to be implemented no sooner than one year after the first 20% increase.

Effective date of rate change: Renewals on and after 10/16/2020.

The current policies in place are not generating sufficient premium to pay future claims to policyholders. This is a common problem for a number of insurers nationwide because policyholders are keeping their policies longer than expected and are living longer than projected. As a result, policyholders are using more benefits on average than the company anticipated when the policies were originally sold. This means the company has to pay out more for benefits than it originally projected.

In making this decision, the Department considered the projected loss ratio for each block of policy forms, that is, the projected total amount of benefits paid out versus the total amount of premium collected, the reasonableness of the assumptions the company used in its projections, and the company's financial situation. The Department also considered the financial impact this rate increase would pose to consumers, the past rate increases policyholders have faced, and the availability of options to limit the rate increase by reducing benefits.

The company is offering ways for policyholders to limit the rate increase by reducing benefits. The company will let you know your options when they contact you directly about this premium increase.

This Rate Filing Decision Summary is a tool to help explain the rate filing and does not describe all the factors considered as part of the Department's rate review.