

MedAmerica Insurance Company
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Filing Summary:

MedAmerica Insurance Company is requesting approval to increase the premium an average of 34.1% on forms SPL2-336-PA, SPL2-336-PA rev, FSPL2-336-PA, and FSPL2-336-PA rev. This is a closed block of business (issued in PA from 7/3/07 to 3/1/14).

The company is not asking for a uniform increase but rather one that tapers down as the issue age increases. The company is requesting an average 34.1% increase but the actual requested increases ranges from 20% to 74.5%.

The Department approved a capped 20% increase on the 534 policies in force in PA. In other words, policyholders that were scheduled to receive increases from 0% to 20% will receive their full increase but those scheduled to receive increases greater than 20% are limited to a maximum increase of 20%.

Effective date of rate change: Renewals on and after 9/17/2019.

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.