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2018 Health Insurance Rate Requests Released

Kerr: Initial rate requests places Arkansas among lowest in country

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement announcing individual health insurance marketplace rate filing requests for plan year 2018:

“This round of initial requests places Arkansas among the lowest in the country as many states are seeing companies ask for increases between 50% to 80%. While these requests remain subject to actuarial analysis and examination, they show that insurers are better serving Arkansas policyholders thanks to a deeper understanding of the state’s health insurance market.”

The initial rate requests for individual on-marketplace qualified health plans (QHPs) for Plan Year 2018 are:

Company	AVG % Change Requested	Affected Lives
Celtic Insurance Company (Ambetter)	9.90%	93,171
QCA Health Plan, Inc.	22.05%	21,274
QualChoice Life & Health Insurance Company, Inc.	21.94%	20,101
USABLE Mutual Insurance Company (AR BCBS - Individual)	7.80%	202,005
USABLE Mutual Insurance Company (AR BCBS - MSP)	7.80%	202,005

The Arkansas Insurance Department has until August 16 to grant approval of rates for QHPs for Plan Year 2018. The Open Enrollment Period for PY 2018 will run from November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

For more information on health insurance rate requests, including off-marketplace individual and small group plans, please visit: <https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/pages/consumer-services/rate-review/health-insurance-rate-changes/>.

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