



Public Information Sessions Regarding Health Insurance Proposed Rate Increases

June 1, 2015

Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart hereby gives notice that Department of Insurance will conduct **public information sessions** on June 15 and 16 to receive comment on the proposed health insurance rate increases. The sessions will take place at the following locations, one in each county:

- Monday, June 15 1:00pm Del Tech Owens Campus
21179 College Dr., Georgetown, DE 19947
- Monday, June 15 6:00pm Department of Insurance
841 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904
- Tuesday, June 16 6:00pm Carvel State Office Building,
820 N. French St., Wilmington, DE 19801

Representatives from Highmark and Aetna will be present at each session. Consumers and interested parties may also submit written comments to the Department at ratedivision@state.de.us for 30 days between June 15 and July 15, 2015.

According to Title 18 of the Delaware Code, insurance companies may not charge rates that are “excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory.” The staff at DOI reviews rate filings and independent actuaries retained by DOI review the supporting data to see if the rate changes are justified by the circumstances as presented by the insurance companies. The rate requests and the insurers’ justifications will be posted at www.delawareinsurance.gov during the 30-day comment period. The Commissioner reviews the actuaries’ findings and the public comment and works with the insurers to arrive at a rate. That rate is submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for subsequent review. CMS must follow its own regulations and Delaware law before finally approving or denying the requests.

Questions regarding the public information sessions should be made in writing and addressed to Rhonda West, Regulatory Specialist, Delaware Department of Insurance, 841 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904 and/or sent via e-mail to Rhonda.West@state.de.us.

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