

**BULLETIN:** 

## In-Force Rate Action Announcement:

Mississippi: PCS I, PCS II, Choice 1 with Stable Premium Option

October 15, 2018

Effective: 10/15/2018

States: MS

**Contact:** If you have any questions about these changes, please contact your Genworth LTCI Sales Team.

As part of the strategy for our long-term care insurance business, we continue pursuing initiatives to improve the risk and profitability profile of our business, including premium increases on in-force policies, as needed.

Mississippi has now allowed the following increases.

Mississippi		
Product Series	Increase Percentage for Policies with Limited Benefit Periods	Increase Percentage for Policies with Lifetime Benefit Periods
PCS I	25%	25%
PCS II	25%	25%
Choice 1	25%	25%

This rate increase applies to non-AARP, non-partnership policies only

## **Communications Timeline**

Servicing agents will receive a list of their impacted policyholders in this state one week prior to the start of policyholder notifications. Policyholder notifications will continue throughout the next year. Impacted policyholders will be notified at least 60 days in advance of their billing anniversary dates.

Agent Notifications\* Begin: October 16, 2018
Policyholder Notifications Begin: October 23, 2018

\*If we have your email address on file, you will receive an agent notification through email. If you do not receive an email, you will receive a hardcopy notification in the mail.

NOTE: Policyholders currently on claim will still receive a rate increase notification. However, if they are on waiver of premium, the rate increase will not apply until the premium is no longer waived and becomes due.

Policyholders are encouraged to call our Customer Service Team at **877-710-0817**. Our team will be able to answer questions and provide policyholders with information about how they may be able to reduce premiums.

Genworth companies include:

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Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Richmond, VA

Genworth Life Insurance Company, Richmond, VA

Genworth Life Insurance Company of New York, New York, NY

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## **Policyholder Options**

As a reminder, policyholders may have the ability to reduce their benefits in order to help maintain premium at approximate current levels. A policyholder may:

- (1) Choose to lower their current maximum daily benefit;
- (2) Adjust the benefit period, elimination period or
- (3) Where applicable, terminate Riders.

In addition, with this premium increase, <u>eligible Choice 1 policyholders</u> may consider the <u>Stable Premium Option</u> to ensure no additional rate increases until at least 2028. This option includes a specific set of benefits shown in their premium increase notification. See the Stable Premium Option bulletin dated April 9, 2018 for details.

Please note: when reducing the maximum daily benefit or benefit period, the lifetime maximum will also be reduced.

IMPORTANT: If policyholders choose to decrease their benefits, they may change their decision in writing within 60 days of our written confirmation of the benefits reduction. Following this, they cannot increase their benefits or go back to the original benefits.

If a person has previously been on claim, it may not be appropriate for this person to adjust his or her elimination period.

Reminder: The Inforce Rate Action Producer Quote Tool is accessible within individual policies on the LTC policy notification section of Genworth PRO (genworth.com/pro). In addition, an online User Guide is available on PRO to help you learn how to use the quote tool.

Quotes to include the premium increase are not available until after the policyholder's rate increase notification has been mailed. The mailing date is 61 days prior to the policyholder's rate action effective date. Once a rate increase has been added to a policy, any quotes provided prior to the policyholder's rate increase notification being mailed will not include the new increased premium.

Find premium increase information you can share directly with your clients at genworth.com/LTCpremiums.