

**BULLETIN:** 

# In-Force Rate Action Announcement: Nebraska: Blue Cross Blue Shield Private Label

January 28, 2019

Effective: 1/28/2019

States: NE

**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.

Nebraska has now allowed the following increases for:

#### Blue Cross Blue Shield Private Label Policies

Product Series and Form Numbers	Increase for Policies with Limited Benefit Periods	Increase for Policies with Lifetime Benefit Periods
<b>Series A</b> P030B P031B P032B	223.4% phased 34.1%, 34.1%, 34.1%, 34.1% cumulative	309.1% phased 42.22%, 42.22%, 42.22% cumulative
Series B P035A	285% phased 40.08%, 40.08%, 40.08%, 40.08% cumulative	425.7% phased 51.42%, 51.42%, 51.42%, 51.42% cumulative

#### **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 <u>90</u> days in advance of their billing anniversary dates.

Agent Notifications\* Begin: January 29, 2019
Policyholder Notifications Begin: February 5, 2019

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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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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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.

Based on individual policies, one of the following options may be available to policyholders up to 120 days after the Billing Anniversary Date on which the rate increase is effective:

- <u>Contingent nonforfeiture</u>: The new coverage maximum will be either 30 times the Nursing Home Daily benefit or equal to the total premiums paid on the policy excluding waived premium, whichever is greater.
- Nonforfeiture Rider: If purchased with the policy; a paid-up policy according to the contract provisions, minus any benefits paid (not subject to the 120-day limitation).

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 policyholder has previously been on claim, it may not be appropriate for them to adjust their elimination period.

Reminder: The In-force 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 <u>91</u> 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.

Policy Prefixes: NDG, UCN