




Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking

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**TO: ALL INSURERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS
AND HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS
WRITING INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP
COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

FROM: STEPHEN C. TAYLOR 
COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: RATE FILINGS FOR PLANS TO BE SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS AND
SMALL GROUPS FOR PLAN YEAR 2020**

DATE: APRIL 3, 2019

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in the “Reasonable Health Insurance Ratemaking and Health Care Reform Act of 2010,” effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-360; 58 DCR 896), and the “Federal Health Reform Implementation and Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014,” effective May 2, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-265; 62 DCR 1529), the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (Department) issues this Bulletin with regard to rate filings for plan year 2020.

The rate filings for individual and small group comprehensive major medical plans sold in the District of Columbia for plan year 2020 are required to be submitted to the Department through the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF) by May 27, 2019. Rate filings submitted to the Department must include two separately identified sets of rates and supporting documentation, including separate actuarial memoranda.

The first set of rate filings shall include rates that are consistent with the prior years’ filings, which are filed in accordance with the principles set forth in the Carrier Reference Manual. The second set of rate filings shall consist of rates and supporting documentation that assumes the merger of the individual and small group experience in the risk adjustment calculation. That is, the risk adjustment calculation should be applied across all individual and small group business to be consistent with the use of combined morbidity in the development of rates and not determined separately for individual and small group business as in prior years. This second set of rates should specifically identify any changes in other assumptions that were made because of the merger of the risk adjustment.

If you have any questions on this, please contact Associate Commissioner Philip Barlow at (202) 442-7823 or philip.barlow@dc.gov.