

ConnectiCare Insurance Company – Individual – On Exchange

Rate request – 25.2 percent average increase

Decision – Under Review

Public Comment Period: Begins July 8, 2022 and will remain open for 30 days or until the filing is closed, whichever is later

On July 1, 2022, ConnectiCare Insurance Company filed a request to raise rates an average of 25.2 percent for individual health plans marketed through Access Health CT, the state’s health insurance marketplace.

There are approximately 8,782 people covered under these policies.

The company stated the requested increase is based on a number of factors including rising medical costs and a demand for services, an effect known as “trend.” That factor is expected to have a projected impact of 12.5 percent on the insurer’s claims costs.

In calculating the proposed 2023 rates, CTCare also stated that:

- We have observed a much greater claims trend in 2022YTD after normalizing for COVID-19 treatments, testing, and vaccination compared to a normal level. This is likely due to pent-up demand as well as the increased disease burden due to COVID-19.
- The expanded subsidies under the American Rescue Plan Act put in place in 2021 are expected to go away in 2023. Less individual consumers will be qualified for Federal Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC). We expect members to leave the individual ACA market who were previously insured, and those members are likely to be healthier than the population who will stay in the individual ACA market. As a result, we expect the average morbidity of the single risk pool to go up and therefore lead to an unfavorable impact on 2023 rates.

If approved, the new rates would take effect January 1, 2023.