

Part 2 - Long Term Care Insurance Rate Request Summary

Completed by the Bureau of Insurance (Bureau) of the Virginia State Corporation Commission

Company Name and NAIC Number: Continental Casualty Company – NAIC #20443

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Disposition: Approved & Filed

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Current Average Annual Premium Per Member: \$938.76

Rate Changes:

Average Percentage Rate Change Per Member: 114.6%

Minimum Requested Percentage Rate Change Per Member: 30%

Maximum Requested Percentage Rate Change Per Member: 200%

Number of Virginia Policy Holders Affected: 4,764

Summary of the Bureau's review of the rate request:

The Company requested a 244.1% rate increase on this block of group long-term care insurance policy forms. However, after discussion with the Bureau, the increase was reduced to 114.6%, to be implemented over 3 years.

The Bureau and its consulting actuary reviewed the documentation and determined that this rate increase complies with the regulatory and actuarial requirements for a rate increase as set forth in 14VAC5-200-150 and 14VAC5-200-153 of the Virginia Administrative Code. The review indicated that the anticipated lifetime loss ratio after the increase will be 90%, which exceeds the minimum required loss ratio of 60%.

While the Company has advised that they are likely to file for additional rate increases in the future, these will first need to be filed for review and approval with the Bureau.

The primary reasons for the rate increase are that policyholders are living longer and keeping their policies in force longer, which has resulted in higher claims than the Company anticipated when the policy was originally priced. The Company determined that a premium increase is necessary to reflect that future claims are expected to be significantly higher on these policies than originally expected and to ensure that sufficient funds are available to pay claims.

The Company is offering all policyholders options to reduce the premium increase by reducing their coverage. These reductions could be in the form of lower daily benefits, a shorter benefit period, the termination of riders or any combination of these reductions, a paid-up policy or a cash surrender option. Specific options are included in the letter sent to all policyholders notifying them of the rate increase and can be discussed with the Company by calling its customer service department.

The filing can be reviewed on the Bureau's webpage under the Rate/Policy Form Search at:
<https://scc.virginia.gov/boi/SERFFInquiry/LtcFilings.aspx>