

Part II: Written Justification of Rate Increase

Ambetter of Peach State Inc.

Annual Individual Health Rate Filing

Georgia

Assuming CSR Subsidies are Unfunded

Effective January 1, 2024

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70893GA004

Ambetter of Peach State Inc. is filing rates for the individual block of business, effective January 1, 2024. This document is submitted in conjunction with the Part I Unified Rate Review Template and the Part III Actuarial Memorandum.

This information is intended for use by the Georgia Department of Insurance, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), and health insurance consumers in Georgia to assist in the review of Ambetter of Peach State Inc.'s individual rate filing.

The results are actuarial projections. Actual experience will differ for a number of reasons, including population changes, claims experience, and random deviations from assumptions.

In 2022, earned premium was \$548.28 per member per month (PMPM). Incurred claims in 2022 were \$475.01 or 86.6% of premium. Netting risk adjustment from the claims results in an estimated loss ratio (incurred claims net of estimated risk adjustment transfers, divided by earned premiums) of 73.3%. We expect unit costs to increase for 2024. Further, we have updated underlying experience for the single risk pool, expected administrative expense, and assumptions for federal risk adjustment. These factors, as well as changes to the assumed morbidity of the single risk pool, medical trend, and the revision of the COVID-19 adjustment, result in a premium rate increase.

The State of Georgia's Office of Commissioner of Insurance has updated the parameters for the 1332 Waiver Reinsurance Program for plan year 2024 which is a contributor to the rate increase. This update causes premium rates in the reinsurance Tier 3 area to increase more than other areas. Certain Ambetter plans have more membership concentrated in Tier 3 which causes one Ambetter plan, Ambetter Virtual Access Bronze, to have an average rate increase greater than 15%.

Medical trend, or the increase in health care costs over time, is composed of two components: the increase in the unit cost of services and the increase in the utilization of those services. Unit cost increases occur as care providers and their suppliers raise their prices. Utilization increases can occur as people seek more services than before. Additionally, simple services can be replaced with more complex services over time, which is known as service intensity trend. An example of service intensity trend would be the replacement of an X-ray with an MRI scan. Replacing the service with a more intense service causes the total cost of medical services to increase.

The proposed rate change of 9.3% applies to approximately 324,549 individuals. Ambetter of Peach State Inc.'s projected administrative expenses for 2024 are \$73.69 PMPM. Administrative expense does not include \$31.56 for taxes and fees. The historical administrative expenses for 2023 were \$70.55 PMPM, which excludes taxes and fees. The projected loss ratio is 83.2% which satisfies the federal minimum loss ratio requirement of 80.0%.