HB 2564 A: Health insurance rate review updates

Presenter:

Jesse O'Brien, DFR policy manager



Department of Consumer and Business Services

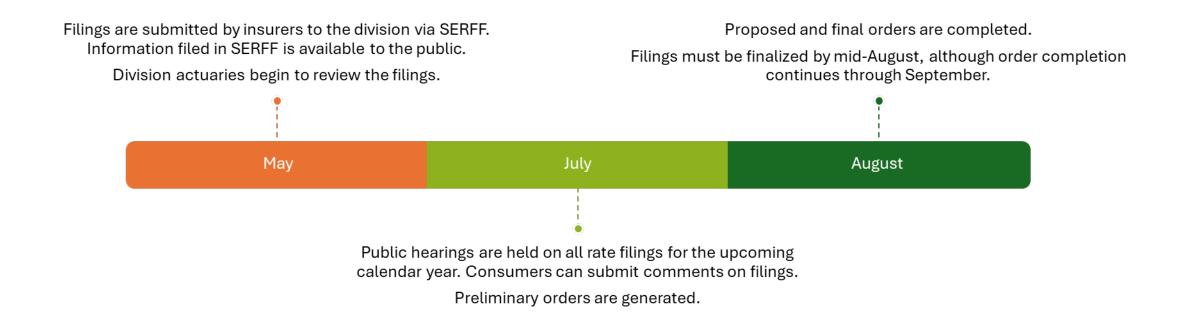
Health insurance rate review – background

- Oregon was an early adopter of a transparent, consumer focused rate review process for individual and small group health benefit plans
- Oregon's rate review model is considered a model for other jurisdictions
- The process helps ensure rates are:
 - Actuarially sound
 - Sufficient and not excessive
 - Reasonable in relation to benefits offered
 - Based on reasonable administrative costs

Health insurance rate review – process

- Uniform submission requirements allow easy comparison between insurers
- Public disclosure of rate request details and filing communication
 - Oregonhealthrates.org
- Opportunity for public comment on every rate filing
- Annual rate hearing, streamed for easier remote participation

Review timeline



Opportunities for improvement

- Low consumer interest in rate review
- Repetitive administrative orders increase consumer confusion and uncertainty
- Redundant processes create unnecessary administrative burdens
- Decreased ability to address market changes that arise late in the rate review process.

HB 2564 A: Modernizing rate review

 Enhanced transparency: Provides rulemaking authority to require insurers to produce a consumer-friendly summary document for each rate filing

 Administrative simplification: Reduces required administrative orders from three to two by combining redundant steps in the process

Maintains opportunity to request review of decisions by DCBS director

Questions?

Jesse O'Brien jesse.e.obrien@dcbs.oregon.gov



Department of Consumer and Business Services