



# Kansas Insurance Department

Ken Selzer, CPA, Commissioner of Insurance

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## *Consumer alert:* Kansas marketplace rate filings release expected today

Topeka, KS — The initial rate filings for the 2019 federal health insurance marketplace in Kansas are expected to be released to the public today on the federal healthcare.gov website, according to Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance.

The proposed average rate increase in Kansas for individual and small group coverage is slightly less than 6 percent, which is significantly lower than in past years, the commissioner said.

“We again have a competitive market in Kansas for 2019,” Commissioner Selzer said, “with every county having plan choices available from multiple insurance carriers.”

A total of 25 plans are proposed for sale on the federally-facilitated online marketplace for 2019, according to the initial filings. Approximately 3 percent of the Kansas population purchase individual plans on the healthcare.gov platform.

“All rate filings are subject to analysis by our Kansas Insurance Department staff,” Commissioner Selzer said. “Rates for 2019 plans are required to be final by August 22.”

Open enrollment for the 2019 marketplace begins Nov. 1, 2018, and ends Dec. 15, 2018.

Kansans can access the initial rates by plan from healthcare.gov, when they are available, by going to the link on the Kansas Insurance Department website, <http://www.ksinsurance.org/healthlife/health/health-rate-increase.php>.

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