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Personal auto rates recap, March 2017

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The nation's third-largest private auto insurer, Allstate Corp., experienced another month of significant rate increase approvals from state regulators for its private-passenger auto business, according to an analysis by S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Allstate rate filings were approved in 11 states during the month of March. When combined, those approved increases could potentially grow its premiums by \$259.9 million. The largest increase came from California for Allstate Northbrook Indemnity Co., with a 6.9% rate hike resulting in an estimated increase in written premiums of \$128.8 million. This rate increase is set to go in effect on May 10, and could impact close to a million policyholders according to the rate filing.

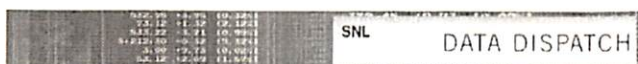
In Michigan and Illinois, Allstate could see its premiums increase by \$35.7 million and \$31.9 million, respectively, thanks to recent rate hike approvals.

Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s GEICO Corp. received the largest number of approvals from the regulators, with 44 rate filings during the month and could result in a premium increase of \$168.9 million. Over \$100 million of this increase came from rate hikes approved in Georgia. The rate increase in the state ranged between 8.2% and 14.5% for three units of GEICO.

Though Nationwide Mutual Group saw 42 of its rate filings approved during the month, the estimated increase in its private-passenger auto premiums as a result of this change was only \$36.4 million.

Rate decreases for Progressive's Progressive Hawaii Insurance Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group of Cos. unit Mid-Century Insurance Co. were among the notable private-passenger auto rates reductions during March. Those two rate cuts could lead to decreases in written premiums for Progressive Hawaii and Mid-Century Insurance of \$2.7 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. Progressive Corp. received approvals to cut rates in eight states; when combined those reductions would decrease the insurer's total premiums by \$5.7 million.

The analysis included 504 private-passenger auto rate filings that were approved in March, of which 377 were rate increases and 31 were rate decreases. The remaining rate filings were neutral and had no rate impact.



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Commercial auto rates recap, Q1'17

By Husain Rupawala

Insurance regulators in Texas, New York and Georgia each approved more than 100 rate change requests in the commercial auto line during the first quarter, according to an analysis of more than 1600 rate filings by S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Altogether, state regulators approved more than 900 rate increases in the quarter. Those hikes could lead to combined premium increases of \$290.5 million across the commercial auto industry.

Texas approved 45 rate increases for a total premium impact of \$89.3 million, which would be highest by premiums written. Rate hike approvals in New York and Georgia could result in premium increases of \$34.4 million and \$11.9 million, respectively.

Progressive Corp. received approval for a pair of significant rate increases for its commercial auto business in Texas during the first quarter. United Financial Casualty Co., a subsidiary of Progressive, submitted a rate change request of 59.4% to provide Transportation Network Companies with coverage required under Texas TNC law, as per the filing. This could result in the favorable premium change of \$15.7 million in the state for the company. State regulators approved a total of 14 rate increases for the Progressive group during the quarter, which may result in a calculated premium increase of \$70.6 million.

On the other side of the spectrum, American Financial Group Inc. received approval for six rate cut filings that would negatively impact \$1.3 million in total written premiums. This change is 46% of the total negative premium change nationwide during the quarter.