

Capital Advantage Assurance Company (CAAC) – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Requested average rate change:	4.3%
Range of requested rate change:	Between -2.4% and +17.9%
Effective date:	1/1/2017
People impacted:	56,439
Available in:	Rating Area 6, Rating Area 7, and Rating Area 9

Key information

Jan. 2015-Dec. 2015 financial experience

Premiums	\$278,700,161
Claims	\$217,284,626
Administrative expenses	\$29,244,223
Company made (before taxes)	\$32,171,312

The company expects its annual medical costs to increase **8.3%**.

How it plans to spend your premium

This is how the insurance company plans to spend the premium it collects in 2017:

Claims:	84.3%
Administrative:	11.1%
Taxes & fees:	2.6%
Profit:	2.0%

Explanation of requested rate change

Changes being requested are based upon consideration of the factors that influence future period cost structures. The primary drivers of change in future costs are:

- Anticipated increase in facility and physician unit costs
- Anticipated changes in prescription drug unit costs
- Continuing change in utilization such as
 - o Intensity of medical services rendered
 - o Changes in place of service (e.g. continued migration of inpatient stays to outpatient setting)
 - o Further migration from brand prescription drugs to generic prescription drugs
 - o Favorable impacts of value based benefits designs
- Prescription drug patent expirations and new to market brand drugs
- Leveraging associated with unchanged cost share components such as deductible and copays
- Inflation adjustment to administrative expenses