

Geisinger Quality Options – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Requested average rate change:	5.2%
Range of requested rate change:	-1% to 7%
Effective date:	1/1/2017
People impacted:	3,974
Available in:	Rating Areas 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9

Key information

Jan. 2015-Dec. 2015 financial experience

Premiums	\$115,044,557
Claims	\$95,014,109
Administrative expenses	\$15,285,815
Company made (before taxes)	\$4,744,634

NOTE: The preceding financial data includes both ACA and non-ACA data and will differ from the ACA Filing experience period data.

How it plans to spend your premium

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

Claims:	78.5%
Administrative:	7.7%
Taxes & fees:	8.7%
Risk Margin:	5.0%

The company expects its annual medical costs to increase 7.5%.

Explanation of requested rate change

Geisinger Quality Options has proposed an overall base rate increase of 5.2% for Small Group PPO members renewing in the Marketplace effective January 1, 2017 through December 1, 2017. The actual range of proposed rate increases vary from a minimum of -0.6% to a maximum of 7.1%. The overall increase is largely due to the claims experience in ACA compliant Small Group market plans being higher than what was assumed in the current rates. Other contributing factors include annual claims trend and federally-prescribed ACA fees. The total projected 2017 administrative costs are also higher than those used for the current 2016 rates. As required by federal regulations and using the Federally prescribed MLR methodology, the projected loss ratio exceeds 80%. There were minimal benefit changes proposed for 2017.