

Highmark Benefits Group – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Requested average rate change:	6.08%
Range of requested rate change:	-0.3% to 10.1%
Effective date:	January 1, 2017
People impacted:	8,574
Available in:	6, 7, 9 (Central, PA Regions)

Key information

Jan. 2015-Dec. 2015 financial experience

Premiums	\$36,642,085
Claims	\$31,332,990
Administrative expenses	\$3,234,888
Company made (before taxes)	\$2,074,207

The company expects its annual medical costs to increase **10.6%**.

How it plans to spend your premium

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

Claims:	87.0%
Administrative:	8.4%
Taxes & fees:	1.6%
Profit:	3.0%

Explanation of requested rate change

The primary driver of the increase was an increase in the projected claim costs plus increases in the projected risk adjustment transfer payment and administrative expenses for 2017 versus 2016.