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Re: Health Assurance of PA - Small Group Rate Manual – 01/01/2016

Dear Ms. Mathur:

The purpose of this filing revision is to provide details of the premium rate development and resulting proposed monthly premium rates for Small Group policies which will be offered off-Exchange in the State of PA for effective dates of January 1, 2016 and later. This filing is being provided to comply with regulatory rate filing requirements, and is not intended to be used for other purposes.

The health benefit plans proposed in this filing are new benefit plans and are in compliance with all state-specific benefit requirements and rating regulations, as well as the benefit plan requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act (P.L. 111-148). Additionally, these health benefit plans conform to each respective tier of coverage, defined as Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. All plans within a tier are expected to achieve an actuarial value consistent with the thresholds established for each tier – 60%, 70%, 80%, and 90%, respectively – approximated within the allowable range of deviation defined as 2 percentage points.

This rate filing is intended for new business issued through the State of PA off-Exchange marketplace effective January 1, 2016.

All products and associated proposed monthly premium rates contained within this rate filing will be available to existing business upon their request. Existing business that is not considered grandfathered under PPACA regulation will be converted to the plans and rates in this filing upon renewal.

We have tried to present this information in a manner that will facilitate your Department's review. If there are changes we can make to improve the process or you would like us to present the information differently in the future, please let us know.



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Please feel free to contact me at the above listed telephone number and/or e-mail address if you have any additional questions.

Since AHI, AHIC, ALIC, and HASPA consider this submission to contain proprietary information, we ask that it be kept confidential to the extent possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Adams", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosures

Actuarial Memorandum and Certification

General Information

Company Identifying Information:

Company Legal Name: Health Assurance of Pennsylvania
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1. Purpose, Scope, and Effective Date

The purpose of this filing is to:

- 1) Provide support for the development of the Part I Unified Rate Review Template;
- 2) Provide support for the assumptions and rate development applicable to the products supported by the policy forms referenced above;
- 3) Request approval of the resulting monthly premium rates for the products supported by the policy forms referenced above; and
- 4) Provide summaries of the benefit details for the products/plan designs referenced by this filing.

The development of the rates reflects the impact of the market forces and rating requirements associated with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and subsequent regulation.

These rates are for plans issued in Pennsylvania beginning January 1, 2016. The rates comply with all rating guidelines under federal and state regulations. The filing covers plans that will be offered outside the public Marketplace in Pennsylvania.

2. Proposed Rate Increase

Monthly premium rates for all Small Group Market products in Pennsylvania are being revised for effective dates January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

A. Reason for Rate Increase(s):

Revised rates for these products reflect the following:

- Impact of medical claim trend (including changes in provider unit costs and increased utilization of medical cost services);
- Revisions to our assumptions about population morbidity and the projected population distribution;
- Changes in cost sharing to ensure that plans comply with Actuarial Value requirements;
- Changes in our pricing models used to determine the impact of cost sharing designs; and
- Changes in provider networks and contracts.

B. Variation in Rate Changes by Plan/Product:

Rate changes differ by plan for the following reasons:

- Provider cost estimates have been updated, and the change differs based on network.
- Changes in cost sharing differ by plan in order to maintain compliance with Actuarial Value and other regulatory requirements.
- Our internal pricing models have been updated to reflect more current information on levels of induced demand associated with different benefit designs in the large group market. These changes impact our estimates of the relative costs of the plan designs that will be offered.
- Updates to family deductible and out of pocket maximum provisions on HSA-compatible plans to comply with new federal regulations.

The weighted average increase across plans based on current ACA-compliant membership, inclusive of the impact of benefit and cost sharing changes, is 3.7%. The minimum rate change is -8.4% and the maximum rate change is 21.5%.

3. History of Rate Adjustments

- January 1, 2014 Initial introduction of these products
- January 1, 2015 5.9% average rate increase

4. Experience Period Premium and Claims

A. Paid Through Date:

The experience data reported in Worksheet 1, Section I of the Part I Unified Rate Review Template reflects incurred claims from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and paid through January 31, 2015.

B. Premiums (Net of MLR Rebate) in Experience Period:

[REDACTED]

C. Allowed and Incurred Claims Incurred During the Experience Period:

Allowed claims come directly from the claim records for hospital and physician services. Capitated benefits, including pharmacy, use the capitation rate for incurred claims and the allowed claims are calculated as the incurred claims plus estimated cost sharing.

Total incurred claims are developed by estimating the incurred but not paid (IBNP) reserves using aggregate block of business paid claims. Paid claims are adjusted using the IBNP completion factors. More specifically, historical claim payment patterns are used to predict the ultimate incurred claims for each date-of-service month. The IBNP is estimated using actuarial principles and assumptions which consider historical claim submission and adjudication patterns, unit cost and utilization trends, claim inventory levels, changes in membership and product mix, seasonality, and other relevant factors including a review of large claims. This same process is used to develop IBNP estimates for allowed claims.

As noted above, the experience period reflects one month of paid claim run-off. [REDACTED]

Exhibit Z summarizes the experience data and documents the impact of the IBNP reserves, by date-of-service for each month within the experience period.

5. Benefit Categories

Claim tagging is used to fit all fee-for-service medical claims into four categories: Hospital Inpatient, Hospital Outpatient, Physician Services, and Other Medical. Other medical services are an estimated portion of Hospital Outpatient claims including ambulance services, durable medical equipment, and prosthetics. The utilization for these services are counted by service type and rolled up into one utilization number for the total category. Inpatient utilization is counted as days; outpatient and other medical utilization is counted as services; and physician utilization is counted as visits. Capitated services are paid on a per member per month (PMPM) basis and have no utilization values attached. Although pharmacy is also capitated, the experience utilization by prescriptions is also included.

6. Projection Factors

A. Changes in the Morbidity of the Population Insured:

[REDACTED]

B. Changes in Benefits:

The products included in this filing include benefits necessary to comply with the Essential Health Benefit requirements. The experience data includes experience for both Single Risk Pool products that have essentially identical benefits and coverage issued outside the Single Risk Pool which does not cover all EHBs. The projection factor reflects the pro-rated impact of these additional benefits.

The change in projected utilization due to changes in benefits is also considered. As cost sharing decreases (measured by increasing Actuarial Value), utilization increases. This pattern is reflected in the factors that are built into the federal risk adjustment mechanism that started in 2014. The federal risk adjustment program factors and other proprietary models were considered in the development of the utilization change. The average cost sharing in the experience period was compared with the average cost sharing in the projection period. From the average cost sharing change, an expected utilization change was derived.

C. Changes in Demographics:

Experience data was normalized for projected changes in the age/gender mix and area mix using internally-developed factors.

D. Other Adjustments:

[REDACTED]

E. Trend Factors (Cost/Utilization):

Anticipated annual trend from the experience period to the rating period for the product line is as follows:

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7. Credibility Manual Rate Development

A. Source and Appropriateness of Experience Data Used:

[REDACTED]

B. Adjustments Made to the Data:

[REDACTED]

C. Inclusion of Capitation Payments:

[REDACTED]

8. Credibility of Experience

[REDACTED]

9. Paid-to-Allowed Ratio

We project the following distribution of membership by metallic tier, resulting in a projected paid to allowed ratio of approximately [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

10. Reinsurance and Risk Adjustment

A. Reinsurance – Experience Period

[REDACTED]

B. Reinsurance – Projection Period

[REDACTED]

C. Risk Adjustment – Experience Period

[REDACTED]

D. Risk Adjustment – Projection Period

[REDACTED]

11. Non-Benefit Expenses and Profit & Risk

[REDACTED]

The Risk Adjustment Program User Fee and the Reinsurance Contribution have been reflected in the risk adjustment and reinsurance components of incurred claims. The Exchange User Fee is applied as an adjustment to the Index Rate at the market level.

These prospective expenses are based on historical expense levels, current-year projections, and projected changes in expenses, inflation, and membership. The profit target has increased from our 2015 target. This change is to bring the profit target in line with our long-term corporate objectives for this business.

[REDACTED]

B. Distribution and Administrative Costs:

Column 3 reflects the adjustment for projected administrative costs and profit. These are discussed above in the 'Non-Benefit Expenses and Profit & Risk' section, and exclude the Reinsurance Contribution, Risk Adjustment User Fee, and Exchange User Fee, which are reflected elsewhere. These expense and profit assumptions do not vary by plan.

C. Provider Network, Delivery System, and Utilization Management:

The factors in Column 4 reflect the impact of differences in the network size, efficiency, and provider contract terms. We worked with our contracting area and other subject matter experts to review the impact of these differences and the expected impact on allowed claims.

D. Benefits in addition to EHBs:

[REDACTED]

E. Catastrophic Plan Eligibility:

This filing does not include catastrophic plans.

F. Experience Period Plan Adjusted Index Rates

Worksheet 2 of the URRT displays the Plan Adjusted Index Rates for the experience period. Since these values were not explicitly developed as part of our 2014 rate filings, we have approximated the values that would have been filed. The approach used to develop these values starts with the 2014 plan-specific base rates (the premium rate that would have been charged for a member with 1.0 age, area, and tobacco factors), and multiplies them by the average age and area factors that were projected in the 2014 filing. For Small Group plans, we also multiply by the average trend factor that was expected to be charged based on the anticipated distribution of effective dates from the January 1, 2014 filing.

17. Calibration

A. Age Curve Calibration:

The age factors are based on the HHS Default Standard Age curve.

[REDACTED]

B. Geographic Factor Calibration:

[REDACTED]

C. Quarterly Trend Calibration:

[REDACTED]

18. Consumer-Adjusted Premium Rate Development

Rates are determined using the prescribed member build-up approach. In the event that a family includes more than three child dependents under age 21, only the three oldest child dependents will be considered in determining the family's premium. Additional child dependents (non-billable members) will not be included in the rate calculation.

The premium for each billable member is calculated as:

$$\text{Calibrated Plan Adjusted Index Rate} * \text{Age Factor} * \text{Area Factor} * \text{Trend Factor}$$

The resulting rate is rounded to the nearest cent, and rates are then summed for all billable family members.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]							
[REDACTED]							
[REDACTED]							
[REDACTED]							
[REDACTED]							

[REDACTED]

19. Composite Premiums

[REDACTED]

20. AV Metal Values

The AV Metal Values on Worksheet 2 were based on the AV Calculator. As applicable, entries were modified to reflect the plan appropriately and/or adjustments were made for plan design features that could not be entered in the calculator per 45 CFR Part 156, §156.135. The accompanying certification discusses how the benefits were modified to fit the parameters and the development of any adjustments. The AV screen shots provide detail on the modified entries and adjustments to AV, as applicable.

21. AV Pricing Values

The AV Pricing Values are calculated as the ratio of the Plan Adjusted Index Rate to the Market Adjusted Index Rate. The adjustments reflected in the AV Pricing Values are discussed in Section 16. AV Pricing Values do not differ based on morbidity differences or benefit selection anticipated within the Single Risk Pool.

22. Membership Projections

23. Terminated Products

The following products will be closed to new sales prior to January 1, 2016:

- 93838PA001 (Health Assurance of PA)

Consistent with the URRT instructions, experience for non-single risk pool terminated products is reported in aggregate under the terminated product with the largest membership in the experience period.

A mapping of 2014 ACA-compliant plans to 2016 plans is provided in Exhibit I. The exhibit also identifies plans that have been terminated and will not be offered in 2016.

24. Plan Type

All plans are consistent with the plan type indicated on Worksheet 2.

25. Warning Alerts

The Experience Period Plan Adjusted Index Rate on Worksheet 2 differs from the Experience Period Premium PMPM on Worksheet 1 since the Experience Period Premium reflects the actual enrollment mix for all non-grandfathered business in the market in 2014 while the average Plan Adjusted Index Rate reflects the projected (vs. actual) ACA mix for single risk pool experience and a zero rate for non-single risk pool experience.

For the same reason, Total Premium (TP) differs between Worksheets 1 and 2.

The Experience Period Incurred claims and Incurred Claims PMPM on Worksheet 2 adjust for the impacts of Reinsurance and Risk Adjustment. The Incurred Claims on Worksheet 1 are not adjusted for the impact of Reinsurance and Risk Adjustment. The warning alerts on rows 67 and 72 of Worksheet 2 result from the different treatment of Reinsurance and Risk Adjustment on the two worksheets.

The Projected Plan Adjusted Index Rate on Worksheet 2 differs from the Gross Premium Average Rate on Worksheet 1. This difference results from the value on Worksheet 1 being the rate that corresponds to claims incurred in the 12 months starting January 1, 2016, while the average on Worksheet 2 is the average rate for the market for coverage that begins between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

For the same reason, Total Premium (TP) differs between Worksheets 1 and 2.

26. Benefit Design

This filing includes the following standard plans: three Bronze, fifteen Silver, thirteen Gold, and two Platinum.

Please refer to the corresponding policy forms for detailed benefit language. All benefit and cost sharing parameters comply with Pennsylvania benefit mandates and the requirements of PPACA, including preventive care benefits, deductible limits, and Actuarial Value requirements.

27. Marketing

Plans will be marketed through brokers and general agents.

28. Underwriting

Aetna will verify applicant eligibility for these plans based on any applicable age or geographic limitations.

29. Renewability

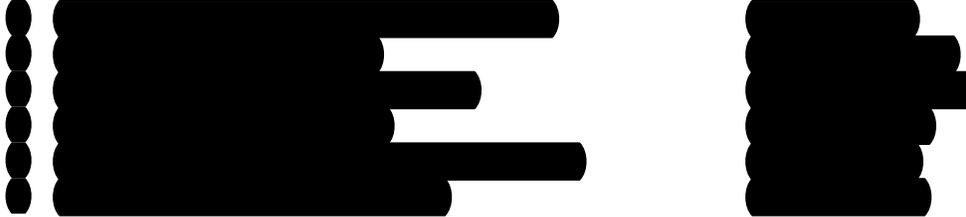
These policies are guaranteed renewable as required under §2703 of the Public Health Service Act.

30. Company Financial Condition

As of December 31, 2014, the capital and surplus held by Health Assurance of PA was approximately \$160 million. This amount is disclosed in the Company's statutory financial statement dated December 31, 2014.

Reliance

While I have reviewed the reasonableness of the assumptions in support of both the preparation of the Part I Unified Rate Review Template and the assumptions in support of the rate development applicable to the products discussed in this filing, I relied on the expertise of the following noted individuals, along with work products produced at their direction, for the following items:



Certification

While this memorandum discusses both our development of rates for these products and the completion of the Part I Unified Rate Review Template (URRT), the Part I URRT does not demonstrate the process used by Aetna to develop the rates. Rather, it represents information required by Federal regulation to be provided in support of the review of rate increases, for certification of qualified health plans for Federally-facilitated marketplaces, and for certification that the index rate is developed in accordance with Federal regulation, is used consistently, and is only adjusted by the allowable modifiers. The information provided above is intended to comply with these requirements.

I, [REDACTED] am a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and am qualified in the area of health insurance. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and judgment:

1. This rate filing is in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of Pennsylvania, the requirements under federal law and regulation, and all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice, including but not limited to:
 - a. ASOP No. 5, Incurred Health and Disability Claims
 - b. ASOP No. 8, Regulatory Filings for Health Benefits, Accident and Health Insurance, and Entities Providing Health
 - c. ASOP No. 12, Risk Classification
 - d. ASOP No. 23, Data Quality
 - e. ASOP No. 25, Credibility Procedures Applicable to Accident and Health, Group Term Life, and Property/Casualty Coverages
 - f. ASOP No. 26, Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for the Actuarial Certification of Small Employer Health Benefit Plans
 - g. ASOP No. 41, Actuarial Communications.

2. The Projected Index Rate is:
 - a. In compliance with all applicable State and Federal Statutes and Regulations (45 CFR 156.80(d)(1)),
 - b. Developed in compliance with the applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice,
 - c. Reasonable in relation to the benefits provided and the population anticipated to be covered,
 - d. Neither excessive, deficient, nor unfairly discriminatory.

3. The Index Rate and only the allowable modifiers as described in 45 CFR 156.80(d)(1) and 45 CFR 156.80(d)(2) were used to generate plan-level rates.
4. The percent of total premium that represents essential health benefits included in Worksheet 2, Sections III and IV were calculated in accordance with actuarial standards of practice.
5. The geographic rating factors reflect only differences in the costs of delivery (which include unit costs and provider practice pattern differences) and do not include differences for population morbidity by geographic area.
6. The AV Calculator was used to determine the AV Metal Values shown in Worksheet 2 of the Part I Unified Rate Review Template for all plans. Adjustments made to reflect benefit features not handled by the AV Calculator are discussed in the attached certification required by 45 CFR Part 156, §156.135.

May 6, 2015

Date

[Redacted Signature]