

Highmark Benefits Group – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Initial request average rate change:	5.7%
Revised requested average rate change: ¹	5.7%
Range of requested:	4.6% to 6.9%
Effective date:	January 1st, 2024
Mapped members:	21,816
Available in:	Rating Areas 6, 7, and 9

Key Information

Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2022 financial experience

Premiums	\$153,927,649
Claims	\$132,561,715
Administrative Expenses	\$15,693,268
Taxes & Fees	\$103,024
Insurer made (after taxes)	\$5,569,642

How insurer plans to spend your premium

This is how the insurance company plans to spend the premium it collects in 2024

Claims:	91%
Administrative:	9%
Taxes & Fees:	0%
Profit:	0%

The insurer expects its annual medical costs to increase 7.8%.

Explanation of Requested Rate Change:

The proposed increases are being driven by rising medical care costs, which are expected to continue through the remainder of 2023 and throughout 2024 because of both higher utilization and the increasing cost of healthcare services.

¹ Note that insurers will have the opportunity to revise their rate change request in July, after they are scheduled to receive updated information about the impact of a federal program called risk adjustment. This document will be updated accordingly at that time.