

Highmark Choice Company (HCC) – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Initial requested average rate change:	-33.4% ¹
Revised requested average rate change:	N/A ¹
Range of requested rate change:	-33.4% to -33.4%
Effective date:	January 1, 2019
People impacted:	0
Available in:	Regions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

Key information

Jan. 2017-Dec. 2017 financial experience

Premiums	\$607,859
Claims	\$200,238
Administrative expenses	\$42,390
Taxes & fees	\$116
Company made (after taxes)	\$365,115

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 2019:

Claims:	83.14%
Administrative:	16.81%
Taxes & fees:	0.05%
Profit:	0.00%

Explanation of requested rate change

The proposed rate decrease is being driven by HCC's expanded HMO product offering, which is expected to result in lower claim costs.

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.