

Rate Change Summary

Highmark Choice Company (HCC) – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Initial requested average rate change:	4.74% ¹
Revised requested average rate change:	N/A ¹
Range of requested rate change:	4.19% to 7.69%
Effective date:	January 1, 2020
Mapped Members:	27
Available in:	Rating Areas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

Key information

Jan. 2018-Dec. 2018 financial experience

Premiums	\$83,783
Claims	\$63,562
Administrative expenses	\$16,226
Taxes & fees	\$25
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Company made (after taxes)	\$3,970

How it plans to spend your premium

This is how the insurance company plans to spend the premium it collects in 2020:

Claims:	83.3%
Administrative:	16.6%
Taxes & fees:	0.1%
Profit:	0.00%

The company expects its annual medical costs to increase **8.5%**.

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 2019 and throughout 2020 as a result of both higher utilization and the increasing cost of healthcare services, and the underlying morbidity of the population within HCC's ACA products.

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.