

Rate Change Summary

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia – Small Group Plans

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Overview

Initial requested average rate change:	2.87%
Revised requested average rate change:	2.87%
Range of requested rate change:	0.67% to 4.10%
Effective date:	January 1, 2023
Mapped Members:	11,492
Available in:	Rating Areas 1-12

Key information

Jan. 2021-Dec. 2021 financial experience

Premiums	\$97,135,355
Claims	\$81,733,397
Administrative expenses	\$8,932,599
Taxes & fees	\$50,185
Company made (after taxes)	\$6,419,174

How it plans to spend your premium

This is how the insurance company plans to spend the premium it collects in 2023:

Claims:	91.2%
Administrative:	7.2%
Taxes & fees:	0.1%
Profit:	1.5%

The company 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 2022 and throughout 2023 as a result of both higher utilization and the increasing cost of healthcare services