

Anthem Health Plans, Inc. – Individual – On *and* Off Exchange

Rate request – Average increase of 9.9 percent

Decision – Under Review

Public Comment Period: Begins July 24, 2020 and will remain open for 30 days or until the filing is closed, whichever is later

On July 20, 2020, Anthem Health Plans, Inc. filed a rate request for an average 9.9 percent increase on individual health plans marketed on and off the state's health insurance exchange.

There are approximately 22,000 people covered in Connecticut under these Anthem plans, both on and off the exchange.

The company's price calculation does account for a 7.7 percent impact of medical cost inflation and increased demand for those medical services, a factor known as "trend."

According to Anthem, the key factors of the price calculation are:

- **Morbidity:** There are anticipated changes in the market-wide morbidity of the covered population in the projection period.
- **Benefit modifications,** including changes made to comply with updated Actuarial Value requirements.
- **Changes in taxes and fees,** and some non-benefit expenses, including the discontinuance of the Health Insurer Tax in 2021 and reinstatement of the PCORI in 2021.
- **The overall impact on 2021 rates related to COVID-19** is \$17.54 PMPM or 2.3% of premium, which includes the cost of vaccination, testing, COVID-19 related treatments and pent-up demand due to deferral services.

If approved the new rates take effect on January 1, 2021.