

Connecticut Insurance Department



Health Carrier Prescription Drug Rebate Practices Report for Calendar Year 2020

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Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §38a-479ttt, the Connecticut Insurance Department has provided our 2021 Health Carrier Rebate Practices Report.

The report summarizes Connecticut health carrier prescription drug rebate practices for calendar year 2020 as follows:

1. Explain the manner-in-which the health carrier accounted for rebates in calculating premium for health care plans during such year.
2. Provide a statement disclosing whether, and describing the manner-in-which, the health carrier made rebates available to insureds at the point of purchase during such year.
3. Explain any other manner-in-which the health carrier applied rebates during such year.

The Department compiled the report with data collected from 8 entities and the results are described on the following pages.

1. Explain the manner-in-which the health carrier accounted for rebates in calculating premium for health care plans during such year.

Carrier 1

For ACA segments, both Small Group and Individual, pharmacy rebates were explicitly included in the rate development under “Items Not Included In Fee-For-Service Claims Experience” as "Rx Rebate". The rebate appears as a negative amount which reduces the projected total claims.

For Large Group, pharmacy rebates are explicitly included in the Large Group Rate Buildup. Rebates are based on an estimate of expected rebates in the plan year. Pharmacy rebates reduce the projected total claims.

Carrier 2

In addition to the point of sale rebate, drug rebates are included in the rate development process for all segments and factored in as a reduction to claims in developing premium rates.

Carrier 3

All rebates expected to be received from pharmaceutical manufacturers are treated as a source of revenue, a factor in the pricing formula, that along with many other factors are considered in the determination of a group’s prospective premium.

Carrier 4

In calculation of premium, the value of rebates is considered in the administrative component of the calculation.

Carrier 5

All collected rebates are recorded by the Company and used as a component for future premium determination. Rebates given to members at the point of service are also factored into the calculation of future premiums.

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Carrier 7

We do not apply rebates to premium because there are only 24 policies which include prescription drugs, the rebate amount for the calendar year was minimal and the carrier is operating at a loss with this business.

Carrier 8

We employ an experience rating methodology whereby rates are based on a credibility weighted blend of book of business-based experience and case specific experience. In general, rebates will be reflected in the experience used to calculate premium rates. There may be occasions where that is not 100% true (e.g. very recent experience) but any rebates not reflected should be so small that they would not have a material impact on rates.

- 2. Provide a statement disclosing whether, and describing the manner-in-which, the health carrier made rebates available to insureds at the point of purchase during such year.**

Carrier 1

Rebates were not provided at point of purchase. Rebates are accounted for in the premium rates. As noted in question 1, for ACA segments (Small Group and Individual) and Large Group, the base premium rate accounts for pharmacy rebates. The premium rate for any given insured reflects the rebate.

Carrier 2

For Individual, Small Group, and Large Group business, the carrier implemented a point of sale rebate for contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2020 to reduce the member out-of-pocket cost.

Carrier 3

For certain groups, based on the group's election, additional discounts at the pharmacy point of sale may be applied to certain medications in recognition of pharmaceutical manufacturer rebate value.

Carrier 4

At point of sale, rebates are applied to reduce the total cost of the drug before member cost share is calculated.

Carrier 5

The Company's process applies the estimated rebate amount to the transaction and determines if the member would pay less based on the full drug cost less the rebate or the standard member share. The member is then charged the lower of those two amounts at the point of service. The majority of the benefit to the member is when the member is in the deductible or co-insurance phase of their plan coverage.

Carrier 6

The Company's process applies the estimated rebate amount to the transaction and determines if the member would pay less based on the full drug cost less the rebate or the standard member share. The member is then charged the lower of those two amounts at the point of service. The majority of the benefit to the member is when the member is in the deductible or co-insurance phase of their plan coverage.

Carrier 7

We do not apply rebates at point of sale because there are only 24 policies which include prescription drugs, the rebate amount for the calendar year was minimal and the carrier is operating at a loss with this business.

Carrier 8

We do not make rebates available to insureds at the point of sale.

3. Explain any other manner-in-which the health carrier applied rebates during such year.

Carrier 1

Not Applicable. Rebates are not applied in any other manner.

Carrier 2

There are no other manners which rebates were handled.

Carrier 3

Nothing at this time.

Carrier 4

No other manner at this time.

Carrier 5

Rebates, except for those given to members at the point of service, are remitted to and retained by the Company and serve to reduce its prescription drug costs and liabilities.

Carrier 6

Rebates, except for those given to members at the point of service, are remitted to and retained by the Company and serve to reduce its prescription drug costs and liabilities.

Carrier 7

We do not apply rebates in any other manner because there are only 24 policies which include prescription drugs, the rebate amount for the calendar year was minimal and the carrier is operating at a loss with this business.

Carrier 8

Rebates are not incorporated into the rate calculation in any way other than being reflected in the claim experience – i.e. there are not premium credits or other similar applications of rebates.

The responses are summarized, for each requirement, below:

1. Explain the manner-in-which the health carrier accounted for rebates in calculating premium for health care plans during such year.

Seven of the eight carriers apply some level of prescription drug rebates received to lower the premium.

2. Provide a statement disclosing whether, and describing the manner-in-which, the health carrier made rebates available to insureds at the point of purchase during such year.

Five of the eight carriers apply some level of prescription drug rebates received at the point of purchase.

3. Explain any other manner-in-which the health carrier applied rebates during such year.

All eight carriers do not engage in any other manner of applying prescription drug rebates in 2020.