

**Contracting Carrier activity for the
NEW JERSEY MEDICARE
SUPPLEMENT "UNDER 50"
PROGRAM**

Financial Statements

December 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors,
New Jersey Medicare Supplement "Under 50" Program:

We have audited the accompanying special-purpose statement of income and expenses of the New Jersey Medicare Supplement "Under 50" Program (the "Program") administered by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (the "Contracting Carrier"), for the year ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Program's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying special-purpose financial statements were prepared for the purpose of complying with, and on the basis of accounting practices specified in Sub Chapter 23A of Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, as discussed in Note 2, and are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the special-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the income and expense of the Contracting Carrier for the year ended December 31, 2015, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors of the Program and the Program's management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

William Smith + Brown, PC

March 16, 2017

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REVENUE

Premium revenue \$ 7,512,849

EXPENSES

Medical expenses paid 12,161,366
Administrative expenses 965,908

Total operating expenses 13,127,274

Interest expense 856,629

Total expenses 13,983,903

Net program loss \$ (6,471,054)

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1. Organization

The New Jersey Medicare Supplement “Under 50” Program (the “Program”) is a New Jersey program created under Sub Chapter 23A of Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the New Jersey Administrative Code (“regulations”) during 1996. The Program began operations on January 1, 1997 and is administered by a Governing Board (the “Board”) through a Plan of Operation approved by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (“NJDOBI”).

The purpose of the Program is to provide individual Medicare supplement insurance policies for New Jersey residents who are under 50 years of age and who are enrolled in Medicare due to disability or due to end stage renal disease. The program is regulated by the NJDOBI, but is not a state agency and receives no state funding.

Funding for the Program currently comes from premiums and carrier assessments. The premiums can be no greater than the lowest rate charged by the contracting carrier for Medicare Supplement Plan C. Each insurer and Health Maintenance Organization (“HMO”) providing health benefits plans or health maintenance organization subscriber contracts in New Jersey is liable for an assessment to pay its equitable share of any net loss paid by the Program in the preceding calendar year, unless the insurer or HMO has received an exemption or deferment from the Commissioner.

The assessment for each insurer or HMO is an amount which is the proportion of the net earned premiums of the insurer or HMO for all health benefits plans or subscriber contracts in the calendar year preceding the assessment bears to the total net earned premiums for all insurers and HMOs for contracts issued or renewed in the calendar year preceding the assessment, times net loss incurred by the Program in the preceding calendar year.

Insurance coverage for Program participants is provided by a contracting carrier. All net losses of the contracting carrier are reimbursed by the assessments. The current contracting carrier is Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The special-purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of complying with, and on the basis of accounting practices specified in Sub Chapter 23A of Chapter 4 of Title 11 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, and are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Claims are accounted for on a cash basis and all other accounts are recorded using the accrual method.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Premiums are recognized as earned in the period of coverage.

Medical Expenses

In accordance with the Program’s regulations, medical expenses are recorded on the cash basis of accounting. The basis of accounting used differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America primarily in that claims are recorded when paid and excludes unpaid claims or incurred but not reported claims.

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Interest Expense

Amounts related to interest charged to the Program by the contracting carrier is based on funds advanced to the Program by the contracting carrier. Interest rates charged and credited to the Program fluctuate on a monthly basis. Interest rates utilized for the year 2015 consisted of a range from 3.46% to 3.81%.

Administrative Expenses

The administrative expenses are allocated by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey on a per member per month basis, adjusted for claims volume.

3. Subsequent Events

The Program has evaluated subsequent events occurring after December 31, 2015 through the date of March 16, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Program has determined that there are no subsequent events which require disclosure in the financial statements.