RFJ Part II - Consumer Friendly Justification Geisinger Health Plan Individual

Geisinger Health Plan has proposed an overall base rate increase of 6.5% for Individual HMO/POS members renewing in the Marketplace effective January 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020. The actual range of proposed rate increases vary from a minimum of -0.5% to a maximum of 13.9%. The key drivers of this increase are changes in the demographics of the membership, the expected morbidity of the population, risk adjustment, the average paid to allowed ratio, federal taxes and the single risk pool experience. The total projected 2020 administrative costs are slightly higher than those used for the current 2019 rates. As required by federal regulations and using the Federally prescribed MLR methodology, the projected loss ratio exceeds 80%. There were minimal benefit changes proposed for 2020 to maintain the desired metallic level.