
State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 Multi-Line - Other/ML02.000 Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
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Filing at a Glance

Company: TVHP
Product Name: 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
State: Vermont
TOI: ML02 Multi-Line - Other
Sub-TOI: ML02.000 Multi-Line - Other
Filing Type: GMCB Trend / Admin Charge
Date Submitted: 01/13/2014
SERFF Tr Num: BCVT-129370736
SERFF Status: Pending State Action
State Tr Num:
State Status:
Co Tr Num:

Implementation: On Approval
Date Requested:
Author(s): Vince Mace, Pam Young, Seth Abbene, Jude Daye, Martine Brisson-Lemieux
Reviewer(s): Thomas Crompton (primary), Kelly Macnee, David Dillon, Jacqueline Lee, Judith Henkin
Disposition Date:
Disposition Status:
Implementation Date:

State Filing Description:

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General Information

Project Name: Status of Filing in Domicile:
Project Number: Date Approved in Domicile:
Requested Filing Mode: Review & Approval Domicile Status Comments:
Explanation for Combination/Other: Market Type: Group
Submission Type: New Submission Group Market Size: Small and Large
Group Market Type: Employer, Association Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 02/14/2014
State Status Changed: Deemer Date:
Created By: Jude Daye Submitted By: Jude Daye
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:
January 8, 2014

Judith Henkin, Esq.
Health Policy Director
Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

SUBJECT: The Vermont Health Plan – NAIC # 95696
Q2 2014 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

Dear Ms. Henkin:

We are submitting for your review and approval benefit relativity factors for The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP). It is our desire to use these factors in the rating of TVHP large group products, for business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2014 or later.

Please let me know if we can answer any questions or provide further information during your review.

Sincerely,

Kevin Goddard

cc: Tom Crompton/GMGB
Ruth Greene/BCBSVT
Vince Mace/BCBSVT
Paul Schultz/BCBSVT

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant dayej@bcbsvt.com
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Filing Company Information

TVHP	CoCode: 95696	State of Domicile: Vermont
PO BOX 186	Group Code:	Company Type: HMO
Montpelier, VT 05601	Group Name:	State ID Number:
(802) 371-3450 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 03-0354356	

Filing Fees

Fee Required? No
 Retaliatory? No
 Fee Explanation:

SERFF Tracking #:

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TVHP

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Correspondence Summary

Objection Letters and Response Letters

Objection Letters

Status	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Pending Response	Jacqueline Lee	02/12/2014	02/12/2014
Pending Response	Jacqueline Lee	02/07/2014	02/07/2014
Pending Response	Jacqueline Lee	01/30/2014	01/30/2014
Pending Response	Jacqueline Lee	01/15/2014	01/15/2014

Response Letters

Responded By	Created On	Date Submitted
Jude Daye	02/14/2014	02/14/2014
Jude Daye	02/11/2014	02/11/2014
Jude Daye	02/03/2014	02/03/2014
Jude Daye	01/17/2014	01/21/2014

Filing Notes

Subject	Note Type	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Response to 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing	Note To Reviewer	Jude Daye	01/17/2014	01/17/2014

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Objection Letter

Objection Letter Status	Pending Response
Objection Letter Date	02/12/2014
Submitted Date	02/12/2014
Respond By Date	02/14/2014

Dear Jude Daye,

Introduction:

Please see the attached letter. Please respond no later than February 14, 2014.

Conclusion:

*Sincerely,
Jacqueline Lee*

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February 12, 2014

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant
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Re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736

Dear Jude Daye:

We have been retained by the Green Mountain Care Board (“GMCB”) to review the above referenced group products filing submitted on 1/13/2014. The following additional information is required for this filing.

Questions:

1. Based on the phone call on February 12th, please calculate the induced utilization using the same process as the original filing, but replace the utilization frequency with the allowed costs from the experience period as the dependent variable. Please add the results of this calculation for each plan in the Excel exhibit that was provided in the response dated February 11th.

Please be aware that we expect to have further questions regarding the filing as the review continues.

To ensure that the review of your filing has been completed before statutory deadlines, we expect you to respond as expeditiously as possible to every objection in our letter, but no later than February 14, 2014. Note that the responses can be submitted separately and do not have to be submitted all at the same time.

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Objection Letter

Objection Letter Status	Pending Response
Objection Letter Date	02/07/2014
Submitted Date	02/07/2014
Respond By Date	02/10/2014

Dear Jude Daye,

Introduction:

Please see the attached letter. Please respond no later than February 10, 2014.

Conclusion:

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February 7, 2014

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Re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736

Dear Jude Daye:

We have been retained by the Green Mountain Care Board (“GMCB”) to review the above referenced group products filing submitted on 1/13/2014. The following additional information is required for this filing.

Notice regarding proper responses:

- A minimum-acceptable response to quantitative questions from us must include a spreadsheet calculation with retained formulas such that we can replicate the calculations therein.
- Explanatory responses are merely a supplement to the spreadsheet material and in of themselves will constitute a lack of response

Questions:

1. For medical and pharmacy, please calculate the induced utilization with total allowed costs as the dependent variable and provide the results of this calculation for each plan in the Excel exhibit that was provided in the response dated February 3rd.
2. Based on the current sales distribution, what is the change in the average manual rate from the prior filing?
3. Will the same manual rate be used for all 2014 renewals? If not, what trend will be applied to it?

4. The trends were provided by service category in the response dated February 3rd. Please also summarize these trends into medical, pharmacy and total.

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Objection Letter

Objection Letter Status	Pending Response
Objection Letter Date	01/30/2014
Submitted Date	01/30/2014
Respond By Date	02/03/2014

Dear Jude Daye,

Introduction:

Please see the attached letter. Please respond no later than February 3, 2014.

Conclusion:

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January 30, 2014

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1. We note that the claims for Large Groups with special benefits are excluded from the medical and pharmacy models. What is considered “special benefits?” Please include examples of special benefits that excluded Large Group claims for both the medical benefit model and the pharmacy benefit model.

2. Please provide the following, if applicable, for all benefit designs:
 - a. medical paid-to-allowed ratio;
 - b. medical induced utilization factor;
 - c. pharmacy paid-to-allowed ratio; and
 - d. pharmacy induced utilization factor.
3. Please provide the trend, by service category, that was used to trend the medical and pharmacy claims to July 1, 2015.
4. Please provide at least the last 36 months of data with sufficient run-out to support the trends used to project the claims costs. To the extent that the historical data does not support the trends used, please provide an explanation for the differences.
5. Please provide the manual rate from the prior filing. What changes have impacted the manual rate since the prior filing?
6. Please provide a sample comparison for a group that is 100% manually rated and has the plans listed below for the current filing and prior filing. For both filings, the comparison should take the manual rate and multiply by the benefit relativities for each plan.

Current Filing:

- a. HMO: Index 3
- b. CDHP: Index 1
- c. COP: Index 30

Prior Filing:

- d. HMO: Index 8
- e. CDHP: Index 1
- f. COP: Index 23

7. What is the premium or member weighted percentage of groups that renew on January 1st?
8. Why is the medical induced utilization based on frequency rather than total allowed costs? This appears to overweight the impact of professional utilization and underweight the impact of inpatient utilization.
9. Why is the pharmacy induced utilization based on the number of scripts rather than total allowed claims?
10. Based on our review of the “Benefit Induced Utilization: Pharmacy”, we are concerned that there may be a potential double counting of the impact of induced utilization on generics by making adjustments based on:
 - a. the difference in the Generic and Brand copays; and
 - b. the paid-to-allowed ratio.

Please discuss if this was considered and provide support that demonstrates that there is no double counting. A simplified example of both adjustments may provide clarity.

11. Please provide more details regarding the decrease in the pharmacy weight from 17.9% in the prior filing to 14.7% in the current filing.
12. Please provide a brief description of the drugs that are considered Wellness Rx?

13. Please provide a more detailed explanation and a sample calculation of how “the allowed charges associated with out-of-network benefits were adjusted by applying a factor equal to the ratio of out-of-network charges PMPM for each plan in the base data to the analogous PMPM in the aggregate base data, in order to account for the ‘freedom’ associated with the plan.”
14. Why are the plan relativities different for the CDHP plan designs between the BCBSVT and TVHP filings?

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Objection Letter

Objection Letter Status	Pending Response
Objection Letter Date	01/15/2014
Submitted Date	01/15/2014
Respond By Date	01/20/2014

Dear Jude Daye,

Introduction:

Please see the attached letter. Please respond no later than noon Eastern January 20, 2014.

Thank you.

Conclusion:

Sincerely,
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January 15, 2014

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We have been retained by the Green Mountain Care Board (“GMCB”) to review the above referenced group products filing submitted on 1/13/2014. The following additional information is required for this filing.

1. Please submit the SERFF PDF Pipelines with all communications for the previously approved version of this filing and the filing that is referenced specifically in the Actuarial Memorandum.
2. Provide the credibility formula that is applied to large groups. Include 2 examples from previous filings for large groups that are not fully credible.

Please be aware that we expect to have further questions regarding the filing as the review continues.

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Response Letter

Response Letter Status Submitted to State
 Response Letter Date 02/14/2014
 Submitted Date 02/14/2014

Dear Thomas Crompton,

Introduction:

Attached please find the response from BCBSVT on the "Objection" to the 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing.

Response 1

Comments:

Requested documentation for objection.

Changed Items:

Supporting Document Schedule Item Changes

Satisfied - Item:	Ltr - Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02 12 2014
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02 12 2014.pdf

Satisfied - Item:	Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02 12 2014 - Excel
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02 12 2014 - Excel.pdf Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02.12.2014.xlsx

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Conclusion:

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Response Letter

Response Letter Status Submitted to State
 Response Letter Date 02/11/2014
 Submitted Date 02/11/2014

Dear Thomas Crompton,

Introduction:

Attached please find the response from BCBSVT on the "Objection" to the 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing.

Response 1

Comments:

Requested documentation for objection.

Changed Items:

Supporting Document Schedule Item Changes

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Response Letter

Response Letter Status Submitted to State
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State: Vermont

Filing Company:

TVHP

TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 Multi-Line - Other/ML02.000 Multi-Line - Other

Product Name: 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

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Conclusion:

Sincerely,
Jude Daye

SERFF Tracking #:

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State Tracking #:

Company Tracking #:

State: Vermont Filing Company: TVHP
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 Product Name: 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
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Response Letter

Response Letter Status Submitted to State
 Response Letter Date 01/17/2014
 Submitted Date 01/21/2014

Dear Thomas Crompton,

Introduction:

Attached please find the response from BCBSVT on the "Objection" to the 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing.

Response 1

Comments:

Requested documentation for objection.

Changed Items:

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Comments:	
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Conclusion:

*Sincerely,
Jude Daye*

State: Vermont

Filing Company: TVHP

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Product Name: 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

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Note To Reviewer

Created By:

Jude Daye on 01/17/2014 09:38 AM

Last Edited By:

Jude Daye

Submitted On:

01/17/2014 09:38 AM

Subject:

Response to 2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

Comments:

Attached please find the documents for the objection posted on 1/15/14.



January 17, 2014

Mr. Josh Hammerquist, A.S.A., M.A.A.A.
Assistant Vice President & Consulting Actuary
Lewis & Ellis, Inc.

**Subject: Your 01/15/2014 Questions re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 BCBSVT Benefit Relativity Factor Filing (SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736)**

Dear Mr. Hammerquist:

In response to your request dated January 15, 2014, here are *your questions* and our answers:

1. Please submit the SERFF PDF Pipelines with all communications for the previously approved version of this filing and the filing that is referenced specifically in the Actuarial Memorandum.

Please find attached the SERFF PDF Pipelines for:

- BCVT-128829695 - TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
- BCVT-128888672 - TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

2. Provide the credibility formula that is applied to large groups. Include 2 examples from previous filings for large groups that are not fully credible.

We do not file large group rates in Vermont. The credibility formula is described in BCVT-128888672 - TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing, page 10 of 25, attached as per above.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
Project Name/Number: /

Filing at a Glance

Company: TVHP
Product Name: TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
State: Vermont
TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other
Sub-TOI: ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Filing Type: Trend / Admin Charge
Date Submitted: 12/31/2012
SERFF Tr Num: BCVT-128829695
SERFF Status: Closed-Approved
State Tr Num: 63890
State Status: Approved
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Co Status:
Implementation: On Approval
Date Requested:
Author(s): Vince Mace, Pam Young, Seth Abbene, Jude Daye, Martine Brisson-Lemieux
Reviewer(s): Sean Londergan (primary)
Disposition Date: 05/01/2013
Disposition Status: Approved
Implementation Date: 04/01/2013

State: Vermont
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
Project Name/Number: /

Filing Company: TVHP

General Information

Project Name: Status of Filing in Domicile:
Project Number: Date Approved in Domicile:
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Submission Type: New Submission Group Market Size: Small and Large
Group Market Type: Employer, Association Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 05/01/2013 Company Status Changed:
State Status Changed: 05/01/2013 Deemer Date:
Created By: Jude Daye Submitted By: Pam Young
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:
December 27, 2012

Phil Keller
Director of Insurance Rates and Forms
Vermont Department of Financial Regulation
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

SUBJECT: The Vermont Health Plan – NAIC # 95696
Q2 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

Dear Mr. Keller:

We are submitting for your review and approval benefit relativity factors for The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP). It is our desire to use these factors in the rating of TVHP large group products, for business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2013 or later.

Please let me know if we can answer any questions or provide further information during your review.

Sincerely,

Kevin Goddard

cc: Tammy Tomczyk/Oliver Wyman
Sean Londergan/BISHCA
Ruth Greene/BCBSVT
Vince Mace/BCBSVT
Donna Lee/BCBSVT

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant dayej@bcbsvt.com

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
Project Name/Number: /

445 Industrial Lane 802-371-3244 [Phone]
 Montpelier, VT 05601

Filing Company Information

TVHP	CoCode: 95696	State of Domicile: Vermont
PO BOX 186	Group Code:	Company Type: HMO
Montpelier, VT 05601	Group Name:	State ID Number:
(802) 371-3450 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 03-0354356	

Filing Fees

Fee Required? Yes
 Fee Amount: \$50.00
 Retaliatory? No
 Fee Explanation:
 Per Company: Yes

Company	Amount	Date Processed	Transaction #
TVHP	\$50.00	12/31/2012	66118424

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State: Vermont
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Filing Company: TVHP

Correspondence Summary

Dispositions

Status	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Approved	Sean Londergan	05/01/2013	05/01/2013

Filing Notes

Subject	Note Type	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Rate Filing Deemed Complete	Note To Filer	Sean Londergan	02/14/2013	02/14/2013

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Disposition

Disposition Date: 05/01/2013

Implementation Date: 04/01/2013

Status: Approved

Comment: Per 8 V.S.A. §4062(a)(2)(B) the Green Mountain Care Board is deemed to have approved the company's filing.

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

Schedule	Schedule Item	Schedule Item Status	Public Access
Supporting Document	Actuarial Memorandum		Yes
Supporting Document	Filing Compliance Certification		Yes
Supporting Document	Health Administrative Forms		Yes
Supporting Document	Health Filing Data		Yes
Supporting Document	Third Party Filing Authorization		Yes
Supporting Document	Table of Contents and Exhibits		Yes

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Project Name/Number: /

Note To Filer

Created By:

Sean Londergan on 02/14/2013 10:43 AM

Last Edited By:

Sean Londergan

Submitted On:

02/14/2013 10:43 AM

Subject:

Rate Filing Deemed Complete

Comments:

This note is to advise the company that this rate filing has been deemed complete as of February 11, 2013 - meaning that the Department's 30-day review period for both filings runs through March 13, 2013.

Sean Londergan

Rate & Form Analyst

Department of Financial Regulation

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Filing Company: TVHP

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Attachment(s):	F106 Form 2Q 2013 TVHP Benefit Relativity Filing.pdf
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Item Status:	
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The Vermont Health Plan Q2 2013 Benefit Relativity Methodology Actuarial Memorandum

Purpose

The purpose of this narrative is to describe the methodology for determining a common set of benefit relativities for the rating of The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) plans. It is our desire to use the relativity factors derived from this methodology, and displayed in the exhibits, for the rating of large group business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2013 or later.

Overview

To determine standardized pure premium rate relationships, also called relativities¹, TVHP has created models that simulate the impact of member benefits for the following types of plans: BlueCare LO Options (BCLO), Open Access (OAP), BlueCare (HMO), BlueCare Options (POS), Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's) and Prescriptions Drugs. The models determine the allowed charges for the latest complete calendar year included in the study, and "re-adjudicate" the claims, thereby simulating the impact of member cost sharing for a given benefit plan.

Claims data has been taken from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont's² (BCBSVT) data warehouse. The starting point of the analysis is allowed charges as determined by the BCBSVT claims adjudication system. The claims data includes benefit codes that enable us to identify the services and benefit structures (copays, deductibles, and coinsurance).

For each benefit plan of interest, the models produced simulated PMPM values of the benefits. The model then applies utilization adjustment factors to account for the expected benefit induced utilization. One plan has been chosen as the "base" plan. The utilization-adjusted PMPM for each plan was then divided by the base plan PMPM to produce its relativity. Relativities are included for medical only plans, Rx only plans, and CDHP plans.

The chosen base plan is:

Medical: HMO \$50 Office Visit, \$2,500 combined hospital deductible, \$200 ER, \$150 Ambulance

Rx: \$100 Deductible, \$5/\$25/\$50 Copays, Diabetic Supplies Same as Any Other, Lifestyle Exclusion Rider, Mail Order 2.5x, \$1,250 OOP

The relativity factors will be used only to adjust the relativities between benefit plans. Tier factors for the various contract types (e.g. Single, Two-Person, Family) are not affected by this analysis. The relativities also will not affect the overall expected claims level, which will be determined by the usual experience renewal calculation for each piece of business.

¹ It is our intention that the relativities will be applied to the Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate, as outlined in the to-be-filed TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing.

² For purposes of this filing, "BCBSVT" refers to both "BCBSVT/TVHP", since the data warehouse and claims processing systems span both entities.

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Medical vs. Pharmacy Weight

The ratio of medical to drug allowed charges, based on the latest experience and trends, is as follows:

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Pharmacy</u>
Weights	0.821	0.179

These medical-pharmacy weights are reflected in the final benefit relative values.

Medical Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. The charges were trended to July 1, 2014. This date is the midpoint of the 12-month period that begins January 1, 2014. (The majority of the business that will be renewed with these factors has a January 1 renewal date.)
2. The claims from TVHP Group business are included in the analysis; individual lines of business claims have been excluded. Claims from large groups with special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.
3. The HMO, POS, BCLO and OAP models use claims experience and member months from all TVHP products, including CDHP products.
4. The claims were categorized according to how benefits are paid. Claims were separated into office copay, inpatient, outpatient surgery, ER, ambulance and preventive care categories. Claims were split for In-Network and Out-of-Network benefits, if applicable.
5. Continuance tables were then created to model the impact of deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums. Cost/Frequency tables were created to model the impact of copays.
6. The following medical-only models were created: HMO, POS, BCLO and OAP.

Pharmacy Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed drug charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. As with the Medical Benefit Model, the charges were trended to July 1, 2014.
2. The claims included are from BCBSVT Insured Group, BCBSVT Self Funded and TVHP business. Claims experience from Individual lines of business has been excluded from the analysis. Claims from large groups with special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.

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3. Within the model, scripts are assigned to one of six categories:
 - Retail Generic • Retail Preferred Brand • Retail Non-Preferred Brand
 - Mail Generic • Mail Preferred Brand • Mail Non-Preferred Brand
4. Cost/Frequency tables were created for the six categories to model the impact of copays and coinsurance. The model assumes that the member will pay the lesser of the allowed charge of the prescription or the amount of their copay.
5. A continuance table was used to assess the impact of deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums. With Vermont Act 171, all pharmacy benefits will have an OOPM of \$1,250 during 2013. It is expected that this limit will increase to a yet unknown amount, following the IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, in 2014.
6. **Options for the Drug Cards**
 - a. Diabetic Supplies:
 - Diabetic supplies are covered at 100%, with no member cost-sharing
 - Diabetic supplies are subject to the same member cost shares as any other Rx (SAAO)
 - b. Mail Order Drugs (90 day supply):
 - Member cost sharing is 2.0X retail cost sharing
 - Member cost sharing is 2.5X retail cost sharing
 - c. Lifestyle Exclusion Rider:
 - Lifestyle drugs are included and member cost-sharing is the same as any other drug
 - Lifestyle drugs are excluded
 - d. Women's Wellness
 - If the plan is subject to the preventive care provisions of the Affordable Care Act (or has elected to comply with those provisions), then contraceptives are covered at 100%
 - If the plan is not subject to the preventive care provisions of the Affordable Care Act, then member cost sharing will apply the same as any other prescription

CDHP Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. The charges were trended to July 1, 2014. This date is the midpoint of the 12-month period that begins January 1, 2014. (The majority of the business that will be renewed with these factors has a January 1 renewal date.)
2. The claims from TVHP Group business are included in the analysis; Individual lines of business claims have been excluded. Claims from large groups with

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special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.

3. The CDHP model uses claims experience and member months from all TVHP products.
4. **Rx Options in CDHP Model**
 - a. Wellness drugs (Safe Harbor Drugs) can be provided on a first-dollar basis, i.e. they are not subject to the integrated deductible.
 - b. After the integrated deductible is satisfied, pharmacy claims (including wellness) can have unique cost-sharing benefits until the integrated out-of-pocket maximum is satisfied.
 - c. The model assumes that all CDHP benefits will comply with Vermont Act 171, which limits a member's pharmacy out-of-pocket to \$1,250 during 2013. It is expected that this limit will increase to a yet unknown amount, following the IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, in 2014.
5. A "claim-by-claim" re-adjudication model assesses the impact of CDHP deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and no cost-share preventive care (ACA) services with various wellness benefits and Act 171 limitations incorporated.

Utilization Adjustment

1. A separate analysis was done which organized claims data by plan type and benefit design (deductible-based, copay-based, CDHP and pharmacy).
2. Utilization adjustment factors were developed for each benefit design, using the paid-to-allowed ratio to adjust up or down from the base simulated PMPM. These utilization factors are shown in Exhibits I, II and III, along with the benefit relativities.

Applying the Relativities

Once the TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing has been submitted and approved, the benefit relativities will be used in accordance with that filing.

If there is a future need for relativities for benefit designs that are not displayed in the Exhibits³, we will use the methodology described in this filing to simulate the impact of the benefits and relate the resulting PMPM's to the base PMPM.

³ An example of this is the need for new relativities with the announcement of the 2014 IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, since the 2014 drug out-of-pocket limit under Vermont Act 171 will change accordingly.

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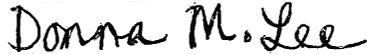
Actuarial Opinion

The purpose of this filing is to develop benefit relative value factors for use in rating TVHP small group and large group business. This filing is not intended to be used for other purposes.

The data used in this analysis has been reviewed for reasonableness and consistency; however, it has not been audited.

It is my opinion that, in aggregate, the benefit relative value factors presented in this filing fall within a range of reasonable trend values. They will produce premium rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits provided, adequate, not excessive, and not unfairly discriminatory.

I am a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and I meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to render this opinion.



Donna M. Lee, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

December 20, 2012

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have reviewed the applicable filing requirements for this filing, and, to the best of my knowledge, the filing complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions for the state of Vermont



Kevin Goddard
Vice President, External Affairs and Sales



Date

**Health Filing Form F106 (7/98)
Required Information for All Filings & the Fee**

NAIC#: 95696
Company Name The Vermont Health Plan
Address: PO Box 186
City, State, Zip: Montpelier, VT 05601
Phone: 371-3450 Contact Person: Alison Partridge

Filing Contents: TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

- 1) New: Change:
If a Change: Latest Approval Date _____ Vermont Filing #: _____
2) Rates: Forms: Rates & Forms:
3) Policy: Contract: Amendment: Endorsement:
Handbook: Rider: Certificate: Other: Outline
4) Individual: Small Group (1-50): Large Group (51+): All Groups:

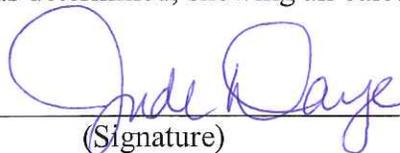
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| Advertising: <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Health Only: <input type="checkbox"/> | Organ Transplant: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blanket: <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospital Indemnity: <input type="checkbox"/> | Prescription Drug: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancer Expense: <input type="checkbox"/> | Limited Benefit: <input type="checkbox"/> | Student/Athlete: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comprehensive/
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Mandatory - Filing Fee Information:

1. State of Domicile: Vermont
2. Amount of Fee: \$50.00
3. Is the Fee you are sending based on your state of domicile's retaliatory fee? Yes No
4. Explain how each part of the Fee was determined, showing all calculation (use separate sheet if necessary). Vermont filing fee

5. Fee calculated by: Jude Daye
(Printed Name)


(Signature)

The Vermont Health Plan

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Exhibit III Relativities for HMO and POS Plans

Exhibit IV Relativities for Rx Plans

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare LO Options (BCLO) and Open Access (OAP) Medical Plans**

index	Product	In-Network						Out-of-Network			PPACA Compliant	
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Office Copay	Specialist Copay	ER ¹ Copay	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Utilization	Relativity
1	BCLO	\$2,500	20%	\$5,000	\$25	\$25					0.9341	0.6046
2	BCLO	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30					0.9139	0.5562
3	BCLO	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	NA ²	NA ²					0.9568	0.6589
4	OAP	\$1,000	0%	\$1,000	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$2,000	40%	\$4,000	1.0210	0.8219
5	OAP	\$1,000	20%	\$2,000	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$2,000	40%	\$4,000	1.0028	0.7769
6	OAP	\$2,000	20%	\$4,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$4,000	40%	\$8,000	0.9665	0.6878
7	OAP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000	0.9690	0.6940
8	OAP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30	\$250	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000	0.9474	0.6413

1. **ER Copay:** the displayed member copay goes toward the facility allowed charges. Associated physician and ancillary charges are the covered at 100%.
2. For the BCLO product, Office and Specialist Copay can be under the deductible.
3. BCLO does not have Out-of-Network benefits.

The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's)

index	Product	In-Network						Unlimited OOPM		\$1,200 OOPM		\$1,250 OOPM	
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	RX OOPM Limit ³	Wellness Rx ¹	Drugs After Deductible ²	Utilization	Relativity	Utilization	Relativity	Utilization	Relativity
								Active	Active	Active	Active		
1	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9666	0.8977	0.9673	0.9070	0.9672	0.9066
2	CDHP	\$1,500	20%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9505	0.8336	0.9514	0.8470	0.9513	0.8463
3	CDHP	\$1,500	10%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.9520	0.8399	0.9532	0.8539	0.9532	0.8532
4	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9539	0.8461	0.9554	0.8611	0.9553	0.8603
5	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9377	0.7881	0.9394	0.8066	0.9393	0.8058
6	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.9325	0.7714	0.9348	0.7924	0.9346	0.7915
7	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9477	0.8231	0.9498	0.8411	0.9496	0.8402
8	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9393	0.7856	0.9431	0.8151	0.9429	0.8138
9	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9417	0.8016	0.9443	0.8227	0.9442	0.8216
10	CDHP	\$2,500	10%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.9226	0.7402	0.9267	0.7677	0.9265	0.7666
11	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9255	0.7485	0.9283	0.7723	0.9281	0.7713
12	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9300	0.7623	0.9339	0.7894	0.9337	0.7883
13	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9139	0.7134	0.9179	0.7423	0.9177	0.7412
14	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.9007	0.6768	0.9068	0.7122	0.9065	0.7110
15	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9078	0.6957	0.9145	0.7331	0.9143	0.7318
16	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8873	0.6407	0.8970	0.6865	0.8966	0.6852
17	CDHP	\$10,000	0%	\$10,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8745	0.4950	0.8933	0.5687	0.8929	0.5672
18	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9371	0.7929	0.9386	0.8076	0.9385	0.8071
19	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9383	0.7908	0.9413	0.8134	0.9412	0.8125
20	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$60	0%	0.9415	0.8080	0.9434	0.8241	0.9433	0.8235
21	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9269	0.7549	0.9308	0.7812	0.9307	0.7802
22	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.9301	0.7706	0.9329	0.7906	0.9328	0.7899
23	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	0%	0.8806	0.6166	0.8901	0.6547	0.8898	0.6537
24	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9476	0.8324	0.9493	0.8466	0.9492	0.8460
25	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	0%	50%	0.9381	0.7891	0.9416	0.8151	0.9414	0.8141
26	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	0%	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9395	0.7981	0.9423	0.8195	0.9422	0.8187
27	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9418	0.8122	0.9438	0.8283	0.9437	0.8276
28	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$5,950	\$1,250	50%	50%	0.9042	0.6839	0.9102	0.7217	0.9100	0.7205
29	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9305	0.7753	0.9334	0.7951	0.9333	0.7944
30	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9095	0.7130	0.9143	0.7391	0.9141	0.7382
31	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8902	0.6614	0.8971	0.6929	0.8969	0.6920
32	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8890	0.6549	0.8959	0.6874	0.8957	0.6864
33	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8838	0.6264	0.8926	0.6626	0.8924	0.6617
34	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9536	0.8502	0.9548	0.8625	0.9547	0.8620
35	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9371	0.7915	0.9385	0.8073	0.9385	0.8066
36	CDHP	\$2,000	50%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$0/50%/50%	50%	0.8926	0.6611	0.8974	0.6907	0.8972	0.6897
37	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9476	0.8279	0.9490	0.8422	0.9489	0.8416
38	CDHP	\$2,250	20%	\$3,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9311	0.7719	0.9329	0.7896	0.9328	0.7889
39	CDHP	\$2,450	10%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$0/50%/50%	10%	0.9201	0.7378	0.9243	0.7644	0.9241	0.7635
40	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9416	0.8071	0.9435	0.8235	0.9434	0.8228
41	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9252	0.7535	0.9274	0.7731	0.9273	0.7724
42	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9301	0.7693	0.9329	0.7898	0.9327	0.7890
43	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9140	0.7200	0.9171	0.7432	0.9169	0.7424
44	CDHP	\$3,250	20%	\$4,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9085	0.7046	0.9122	0.7296	0.9120	0.7287
45	CDHP	\$4,000	20%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.8930	0.6629	0.8982	0.6926	0.8980	0.6917
46	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8886	0.6521	0.8957	0.6863	0.8955	0.6853
47	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8799	0.6149	0.8902	0.6552	0.8899	0.6541

- Wellness Rx:** if applicable, cost sharing rules apply *before* the deductible is satisfied. The member's cost share for **Wellness Rx** accumulates toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.
- All other drugs** are subject to deductible. Once the deductible is met, drugs are subject to the **Drugs After Deductible** cost share until the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.
- The Rx OOPM Limit is as described in Vermont Act 171.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare (HMO) and BlueCare Options (POS) Medical Plans**

index	Product ¹	In-Network							Out-of-Network ²			PPACA Compliant	
		IP	OP	HOSP	PCP	SCP	ER	AMB	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Utilization	Relativity
1	HMO			\$500	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0579	0.9166
2	HMO			\$750	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0547	0.9090
3	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0517	0.9018
4	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0469	0.8902
5	HMO			\$3,000	\$20	\$30	\$100	\$50				1.0291	0.8481
6	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$100	\$0				1.0695	0.9449
7	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0				1.0694	0.9446
8	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0				1.0700	0.9474
9	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$250	\$50				1.0658	0.9358
10	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$50				1.0681	0.9415
11	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0				1.0652	0.9344
12	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0647	0.9331
13	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0633	0.9298
14	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0622	0.9270
15	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0597	0.9211
16	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100				1.0581	0.9173
17	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0547	0.9091
18	HMO	\$1,000	\$500		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100				1.0522	0.9029
19	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0485	0.8942
20	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0437	0.8828
21	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$25	\$40	\$100	\$50				1.0559	0.9120
22	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0437	0.8828
23	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0439	0.8831
24	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0389	0.8714
25	POS	\$500	\$200		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0621	0.9344
26	POS	\$0	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0687	0.9505
27	POS	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0615	0.9330
28	POS	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0591	0.9270

PCP	Primary Care Physician
SCP	Specialist Physician
IP	Inpatient (max. of 2/yr per family)
OP	Outpatient Surgery
HOSP	Combined Inpatient and Outpatient Deductible
ER	Emergency Room
AMB	Ambulance

1. All HMO and POS Plans have a DME rider benefit of: \$100 deductible, 80% coinsurance, Unlimited out-of-pocket built into the relativity
 2. HMO Plans do not have Out-of-Network benefits.

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Prescription Drug Cards**

index	Type	Deductible	Copay (\$) / Coinsurance (%)			Diabetic	Lifestyle Exclusion Rider	Mail Order Factor	Unlimited OOPM	\$1,200 OOPM	\$1,250 OOPM
			Generic	Preferred Brand	Non-Preferred Brand				Women's Preventive Same as Any Other	Women's Preventive Covered in Full	Women's Preventive Covered in Full
									Relativity	Relativity	Relativity
									Active	Active	Active
1	CMB	\$0	\$3	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.1281	0.1635	0.1630
2	CMB	\$0	\$5	40%	60%	N	N	2.0	0.1302	0.1656	0.1651
3	CMB	\$50	\$10	20%	20%	N	N	2.0	0.1554	0.1729	0.1724
4	CMB	\$100	\$5	40%	60%	N	Y	2.5	0.1207	0.1564	0.1554
5	CMB	\$100	\$5	40%	60%	N	N	2.0	0.1221	0.1581	0.1571
6	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.1017	0.1541	0.1532
7	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	N	N	2.0	0.1028	0.1557	0.1548
8	COI	\$50	50%	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.0985	0.1507	0.1498
9	COP	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.2073	0.2096	0.2096
10	COP	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	Y	N	2.0	0.2260	0.2261	0.2261
11	COP	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$2	Y	N	2.0	0.2235	0.2238	0.2238
12	COP	\$0	\$3	\$3	\$3	N	N	2.0	0.2206	0.2214	0.2213
13	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	Y	2.5	0.2070	0.2106	0.2105
14	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$10	Y	N	2.0	0.2133	0.2158	0.2157
15	COP	\$0	\$5	\$25	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1886	0.1952	0.1951
16	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1949	0.2006	0.2005
17	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1940	0.2001	0.1999
18	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1932	0.1995	0.1994
19	COP	\$0	\$5	\$15	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.2008	0.2054	0.2053
20	COP	\$0	\$5	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1827	0.1901	0.1894
21	COP	\$0	\$10	\$15	\$15	Y	N	2.0	0.2022	0.2088	0.2087
22	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$35	Y	N	2.0	0.1921	0.2000	0.1998
23	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1913	0.1994	0.1993
24	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1856	0.1949	0.1947
25	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1786	0.1889	0.1887
26	COP	\$0	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	N	2.0	0.1975	0.2050	0.2048
27	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1891	0.1978	0.1977
28	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1833	0.1932	0.1930
29	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1816	0.1922	0.1920
30	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1760	0.1871	0.1869
31	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1745	0.1862	0.1860
32	COP	\$0	\$10	\$35	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1704	0.1827	0.1824
33	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1800	0.1913	0.1911
34	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1831	0.1952	0.1949
35	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1805	0.1933	0.1930
36	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1744	0.1883	0.1879
37	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1736	0.1878	0.1875
38	COP	\$0	\$15	\$35	\$55	N	N	2.0	0.1667	0.1824	0.1821
39	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	Y	2.5	0.1992	0.2031	0.2030
40	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	N	2.0	0.2014	0.2059	0.2058
41	COP	\$50	\$5	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1758	0.1835	0.1834
42	COP	\$50	\$10	\$15	\$30	Y	Y	2.5	0.1903	0.1983	0.1981
43	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	N	Y	2.5	0.1807	0.1901	0.1898

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index	Type	Deductible	Copay (\$) / Coinsurance (%)			Diabetic	Lifestyle Exclusion Rider	Mail Order Factor	Unlimited OOPM	\$1,200 OOPM	\$1,250 OOPM
			Generic	Preferred Brand	Non-Preferred Brand				Women's Preventive Same as Any Other	Women's Preventive Covered in Full	Women's Preventive Covered in Full
									Relativity	Relativity	Relativity
									Active	Active	Active
44	COP	\$50	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	Y	2.5	0.1879	0.1964	0.1962
45	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	Y	N	2.0	0.1854	0.1942	0.1940
46	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1829	0.1922	0.1919
47	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1803	0.1907	0.1905
48	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1779	0.1876	0.1875
49	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1770	0.1872	0.1870
50	COP	\$50	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1700	0.1808	0.1806
51	COP	\$50	\$10	\$35	\$70	N	N	2.0	0.1626	0.1759	0.1756
52	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1762	0.1867	0.1865
53	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	Y	2.5	0.1715	0.1847	0.1844
54	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1737	0.1868	0.1866
55	COP	\$100	\$0	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1878	0.1903	0.1902
56	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	Y	2.5	0.1785	0.1853	0.1852
57	COP	\$100	\$5	\$25	\$50	N	Y	2.5	0.1724	0.1801	0.1793
58	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	Y	2.5	0.1792	0.1858	0.1857
59	COP	\$100	\$5	\$35	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1720	0.1794	0.1792
60	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1814	0.1879	0.1878
61	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1806	0.1874	0.1872
62	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	Y	2.5	0.1825	0.1906	0.1904
63	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	Y	2.5	0.1624	0.1742	0.1739
64	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	N	Y	2.5	0.1632	0.1746	0.1744
65	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	Y	N	2.0	0.1686	0.1792	0.1790
66	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1679	0.1788	0.1785
67	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	N	2.0	0.1847	0.1926	0.1925
68	COP	\$100	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1762	0.1861	0.1859
69	COP	\$100	\$10	\$25	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1706	0.1814	0.1812
70	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1653	0.1766	0.1764
71	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1646	0.1762	0.1760
72	COP	\$100	\$15	\$40	\$60	N	Y	2.5	0.1491	0.1666	0.1662
73	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1631	0.1776	0.1772
74	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1623	0.1772	0.1768
75	COP	\$100	\$20	\$40	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1490	0.1685	0.1681
76	COP	\$150	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1716	0.1818	0.1815
77	COP	\$150	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1603	0.1723	0.1720

* **Type:** CMB = combined; COI = coinsurance; COP = copay

* **Diabetic:** If "Y" then Diabetic supplies are covered at 100% of allowed charges; If "N" then Diabetic supplies are subject to cost sharing same as any other prescription drug (SAAO).

* **Lifestyle Exclusion Rider :** If "Y" then the benefit has the Lifestyle Exclusion Rider.

* **Mail Order Factor :** This is the number of copays taken on a 90-day mail order supply.

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
Project Name/Number: /

Filing at a Glance

Company: TVHP
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
State: Vermont
TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other
Sub-TOI: ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Filing Type: Trend / Admin Charge
Date Submitted: 02/08/2013
SERFF Tr Num: BCVT-128888672
SERFF Status: Assigned
State Tr Num: 64785
State Status: Pending Department Review
Co Tr Num:
Co Status:
Implementation: On Approval
Date Requested:
Author(s): Vince Mace, Pam Young, Seth Abbene, Jude Daye, Martine Brisson-Lemieux
Reviewer(s): Phil Keller (primary)
Disposition Date:
Disposition Status:
Implementation Date:

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
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General Information

Project Name: Status of Filing in Domicile:
Project Number: Date Approved in Domicile:
Requested Filing Mode: Domicile Status Comments:
Explanation for Combination/Other: Market Type: Group
Submission Type: New Submission Group Market Size: Large
Group Market Type: Employer Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 02/12/2013 Company Status Changed:
State Status Changed: 02/12/2013 Deemer Date:
Created By: Jude Daye Submitted By: Pam Young
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:
February 7, 2013

Phil Keller
Director of Insurance Rates and Forms
Department of Financial Regulation
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

Subject: The Vermont Health Plan (NAIC # 000095696)
Group Merit Rating Program Filing

Dear Phil,

We are submitting for your review and approval a revised Group Merit Rating Program Filing. With this revision, we are seeking to unify the rating methodologies of TVHP and BCBS. As such, this filing is substantially similar to the approved BCBS Group Merit Rating Program Filing (SERFF # BCVT-128267446), with only minor changes to account for the differences between the two companies. We have adjusted the calculation of projected claims to account for the fact that some TVHP claims are the responsibility of a PHO.

We are including an explanation of how we derive the manual rate from the approved Benefit Relative Value filing and tables of the demographic and industry factors that we will be applying to it. We would also like to note that we will be using the "uncapped" trend factor and the pooling charge factors from our most recent filings (SERFF # BCVT-128694637 and BCVT-128829841, respectively) when approved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to facilitate your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Goddard

cc: Tammy Tomczyk / Oliver Wyman Sean Londergan / DFR
Ruth Greene / BCBSVT Vince Mace / BCBSVT
Kimberly Peake / BCBSVT

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
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Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant dayej@bcbsvt.com
 445 Industrial Lane 802-371-3244 [Phone]
 Montpelier, VT 05601

Filing Company Information

TVHP	CoCode: 95696	State of Domicile: Vermont
PO BOX 186	Group Code:	Company Type: HMO
Montpelier, VT 05601	Group Name:	State ID Number:
(802) 371-3450 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 03-0354356	

Filing Fees

Fee Required? Yes
 Fee Amount: \$50.00
 Retaliatory? No
 Fee Explanation:
 Per Company: Yes

Company	Amount	Date Processed	Transaction #
TVHP	\$50.00	02/08/2013	67346556

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Supporting Document Schedules

Satisfied - Item:	Actuarial Memorandum
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Narrative.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Filing Compliance Certification
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	Rate Filing Certification.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Health Administrative Forms
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	F106 TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Bypassed - Item:	Health Filing Data
Bypass Reason:	Our variability data is filed with our outline of coverage filings.
Attachment(s):	
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Bypassed - Item:	Third Party Filing Authorization
Bypass Reason:	BCBSVT does not use a Third Party to submit filings.
Attachment(s):	
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Filing Attachments
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	TVHP Filing Attachments.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

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State Tracking #:

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Company Tracking #:

State:

Vermont

Filing Company:

TVHP

TOI/Sub-TOI:

ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other

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TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

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The Vermont Health Plan Group Merit Rating Program

I. Purpose

The Group Merit Rating Program specifies the policies and practices used by The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) for issuing renewal rates to eligible group businesses.

II. Definitions

A. **Eligibles** - Employees of the group who can be offered health insurance and work thirty or more hours a week.

B. **Experience Period** - The duration of time from which group data is accumulated for renewal rating purposes.

C. **Group** - A collection of subscribers covered by certificates and recognized by the Plan as one entity for rating purposes.

D. **Merit** - A type of group; one with at least 51 eligibles.

E. **Rates** - The monthly premiums charged by the Plan for a particular group, time period, type of coverage, and type of membership

F. **Rating Period** - The duration of time (typically twelve months) for which group renewal rates are calculated and intended to remain constant. Rates would change in conjunction with a benefit change.

G. **Standard Plan** - A conceptual benefit design that has a BRV equal to 1.00.

III. General Provisions

A. Effective Date

The Group Merit Rating Program described herein will apply beginning with rates communicated 10 business days after the date of its approval, and continuing until 10 business days after the date of approval of the next TVHP Group Merit Rating Program. The term “communicated,” for this purpose, means a written proposal delivered to a large group account.

B. Premium Accounts

The Group Merit Rating Program is applicable to groups that fund health coverage by paying premiums to TVHP. Such premium arrangements may include fully insured, retrospective and contingent funding methods.

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C. Lines of Business

Upon implementation, the Group Merit Rating Program will apply to all TVHP comprehensive medical coverages. We may include additional lines of business under this Program as appropriate during the future. Any additional lines of business incorporated within the Program will be administered consistent with the policies and practices herein.

IV. Eligibility for Group Merit Rating Program

A. Recognized Group

This Program applies only to accounts, contracting for coverage with TVHP, that meet the definition of group herein.

B. Group Size

This Program applies to groups that have maintained at least 51 eligibles on 50 percent of its working days during the preceding calendar quarter. Furthermore, we will apply the Group Merit Rating Program to renewal rate calculations for groups for which strong evidence indicates a rating period average of at least 51 eligibles, so long as relevant experience is available.

C. Mergers/Separations

Mergers with other groups or by separation of units within the group itself may affect the eligibility of a group for the Group Merit Rating Program. We determine whether the merger/separation activity dictates recognition of different groups for rating purposes. In general, we require that such activity be supported by bona fide changes in common ownership status or in joint administrative status in order to redefine a group.

V. Data

A. Group Specific

Under the Group Merit Rating Program, experience period claims normally are twelve consecutive incurred months and fourteen consecutive paid months beginning eighteen months prior to the effective date. However, we may choose to alter the length and/or timing of the experience period based on market and/or business needs.

B. Corporate Factors

Several corporate factors contribute to the development of group-specific renewal rates. These factors include: 1) completion factors, 2) Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claim Rate, 3) trend factors, 4)

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retention factors such as administrative fees and contribution to reserve, 5) pooling charges and 6) capitated charges. Where applicable, we file these factors with the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation and use the most recently approved factors in the rating.

VI. Rating Mechanism

A. Experience Period Claims PMPM

TVHP experience contains both claims that are TVHP's responsibility (non-MET claims) and claims that are the responsibility of a PHO (MET claims). We first calculate the split between the two, and we call these percents the Non-MET Percent and MET Percent, respectively.

We split experience period claims into amounts above the pooling point (based on the size of the case during the experience period) and amounts below the pooling point. We refer to claims below the pooling point as Capped Claims.

We apply completion factors developed from the monthly financial reporting process to Capped Claims to produce Completed Capped Claims. We add a pooling charge (calculated as a factor¹ times the sum of the Completed Capped Claims) to the Completed Capped Claims to produce large claim adjusted experience period claims. We then multiply these claims by an adjustment factor to reflect structural changes in the benefit plan from the experience period to the rating period. (This is to adjust for such things as mandated benefit changes, contractual provision changes, etc., that, in the judgment of the underwriter, are necessary to make the experience appropriate for the estimation of the expected claims in the rating period.)

We divide the result by the number of member months during the experience period to produce Adjusted Experience Period Claims per member per month (PMPM).

B. Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor

We determine an Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor as follows:

¹ Pooling charge factors are from the TVHP Provision for Large Claims Filing for 2013, SERFF # BCVT-128829841.

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1. We determine a benefit relativity factor for each benefit plan and contract tier type (single, 2-person, family, etc.).
2. Based on the seasonal patterns observed as part of the reserving process for each calendar month (January, February, ..., December), we determine seasonal factors for CDHPs and for non-CDHPs and normalize them so that they total to 12.
3. For each benefit plan, contract tier type and month, we calculate a seasonal benefit relativity factor. We then apply these factors to the number of contracts for each benefit plan, contract tier type and month in the experience period. We total the results and divide the resultant sum by the number of member months in the experience period. This produces the Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor.

C. Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We divide the Adjusted Experience Period Claims PMPM by the Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor to produce the Experience Period Standard Benefit Single Claims Rate. We then multiply this by a trend factor to adjust from the experience period to the rating period. The result is the Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Claims Single Claims Rate.

D. Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate

We derive the standard rate from the approved TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing's base plan PMPM. We trend this PMPM forward to the effective date of the rating with the Benefit Paid Estimated Uncapped Combined trend from the most recently approved TVHP trend filing. We then adjust this trended PMPM for the specifics of the case. We calculate a weighted average age/gender factor for the group based on the current membership.² We also identify the appropriate industry load or credit based on the group's SIC.³ We then multiply the trended standard rate by these two factors to determine the case specific Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate.

E. Credibility Factor (CF)

The calculation is as follows:

² The age/gender adjustment factors are included as Attachment B.

³ The industry factors are included as Attachment C.

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Let $NC = \{\text{average number of non-carveout subscribers in the experience period}\} + \{0.5 * \text{average number of carveout subscribers during the experience period}\}$.

Let $CF = cf_1 * cf_2$ where:

$$cf_1 = \begin{cases} (NC/500)^{0.75} & \text{for } NC < 500 \\ 1 & \text{for } NC \geq 500 \end{cases}$$

$$cf_2 = \min \{(\text{number of months in experience period}/12)^2, 1\}$$

F. Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We calculate this as (CF) times (Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) plus (1-CF) times (Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate).

G. Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate

Using the actual and projected changes to the contracted MET's, we produce an expected MET capitation for the Standard Plan for the rating period. This is adjusted for the current demographics of the group. We call this the Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate.

H. MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We calculate this as (Non-MET Percent) times (Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) plus (MET Percent) times (Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate).

I. Projected Claims by Plan, Tier Type

For each plan and contract tier type anticipated in the rating period, we calculate projected claims as the (MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) times (the BRV for the plan and contract tier).

J. Required premium by Plan, Tier Type

The average number of members per contract tier during the experience period is the basis for the projected members per tier in the rating period. The underwriter will adjust this if, in their opinion, the result is not

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representative of the expected values in the rating period.⁴ The calculation for the total required premium by (plan, tier) is as follows:

1. Projected Claims by (plan, tier), plus
2. $\{(Projected\ PMPM\ capitation\ for\ the\ plan) + (Expected\ net\ reinsurance\ PMPM\ for\ the\ plan) - (Projected\ Rx\ rebate\ for\ the\ plan)\}$ times (the expected number of members per contract in the tier), plus
3. (PMPM administration charge factors⁵) times (the expected number of members per contract in the tier), times
4. $1 / (1 - contribution\ to\ reserve\ factor - percent\ of\ premium\ administration\ charge\ factors^6)$.

K. Underwriting Judgment Adjustments

If, in the underwriter's professional judgment, the specific properties of the case being rated are such that the standard formula would not produce appropriate rates for the rating period, the underwriter will make such modifications as needed to produce appropriate rates. The underwriter will document in the case file the reason(s) for the adjustment(s) and the method of determining the appropriate adjustment(s).

L. Management Discretionary Adjustments

For marketing or other reasons, management may decide to modify the rates on a specific case or block of cases. The underwriter will document in the case file the adjustment(s) made, along with a description of the nature of the adjustment(s).

VII. Attachments

A. Sample Calculation

Attachment A illustrates the calculation of the renewal rate changes in a manner consistent with the mechanism described in Section VI herein.

⁴ E.g., the number of contracts in a particular tier may be small (or even 0). In such instances, the underwriter should use appropriate values based on total block of business or other appropriate source.

⁵ These factors include the filed administrative charge plus any charges for broker commissions or additional administrative services that may be applicable.

⁶ Where applicable. This factor may include broker commissions and/or charges for additional administrative services that were not already included in the previous step.

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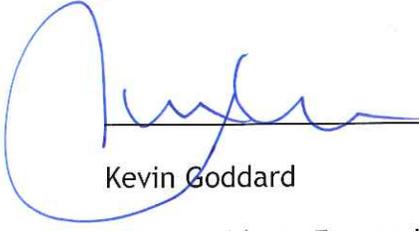
B. Age/Gender Adjustments

Attachment B contains a table of age/gender adjustment factors, normalized for our book of business, that we will apply to Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate, as described herein.

C. Industry Adjustments

Attachment C contains a table of industry adjustment factors by SIC, normalized for our book of business, that we will apply to Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate, as described herein.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have reviewed the applicable filing requirements for this filing, and, to the best of my knowledge, the filing complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions for the state of Vermont.



Kevin Goddard

Vice President, External Affairs

2/7/13

Date

Health Filing Form F106 (7/98)
Required Information for All Filings & the Fee

NAIC#: 95696
Company Name: The Vermont Health Plan
Address: PO Box 186
City, State, Zip: Montpelier, VT 05601
Phone: 371-3450 Contact Person: Alison Partridge

Filing Contents: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

- 1) New: Change:
If a Change: Latest Approval Date: _____ Vermont Filing #: _____
2) Rates: Forms: Rates & Forms:
3) Policy: Contract: Amendment: Endorsement:
Handbook: Rider: Certificate: Other: Outline
4) Individual: Small Group (1-50): Large Group (51+): All Groups:

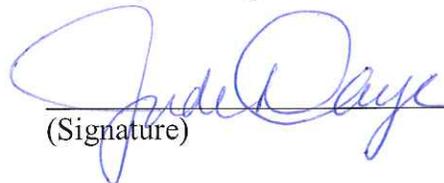
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| AD&D: <input type="checkbox"/> | Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> | Nursing Home Only: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising: <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Health Only: <input type="checkbox"/> | Organ Transplant: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blanket: <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospital Indemnity: <input type="checkbox"/> | Prescription Drug: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancer Expense: <input type="checkbox"/> | Limited Benefit: <input type="checkbox"/> | Student/Athlete: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comprehensive/
Major Medical: <input type="checkbox"/> | Long Term Care: <input type="checkbox"/> | Stop Loss/Excess Risk: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Qualified: <input type="checkbox"/> | Travel: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conversion: <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-Qualified: <input type="checkbox"/> | Vision: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Critical Illness: <input type="checkbox"/> | Medicare Supplement: <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: <u>Health</u> |

Mandatory - Filing Fee Information:

1. State of Domicile: Vermont
2. Amount of Fee: \$50.00
3. Is the Fee you are sending based on your state of domicile's retaliatory fee? Yes No
4. Explain how each part of the Fee was determined, showing all calculation (use separate sheet if necessary). Vermont filing fee

5. Fee calculated by: Jude Daye
(Printed Name)


(Signature)

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Group Merit Rating Mechanism
Calculation Example

Projected Standard Plans Single Claims Rate:

Experience Period Paid Claims	\$1,000,000	a
Experience Period Claims amount above \$60,000 pooling limit	\$150,000	b
Capped Claims	\$850,000	c =a-b
Completion Factor	1.011	d
Completed Capped Claims	\$859,350	e =c*d
Pooling Charge Factor	0.166	f
Pooling Charge	\$142,652	g =e*f
Experience adjustment factor	1.000	h
Adjusted Experience Period Claims	\$1,002,002	i =(e+g)*h
Experience Period Member Months	5,000	j
Adjusted Experience Period Claims PMPM	\$200.40	k =i/j
Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor	0.809	l
Experience Period Standard Benefit Single Claims Rate	\$247.71	m =k/l
Trend 7.8% per annum for 18 months	1.119	n
Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$277.25	o =m*n
Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate	\$506.33	p
Credibility factor	55%	q
Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$380.34	r =(o*q)+(p*(1-q))
Non-MET Percent	78%	s
Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate	\$390.00	t
MET Percent	22%	u =1-s
MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$382.46	v =r*s+u*v

Needed Premium Rates (PMPM):

	<u>PMPM</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>2-Person</u>	<u>Family</u>	
Members per contract		1	2	3.938	
BRV:	<i>Plan A</i>	0.9293	1.5705	2.2861	A1
	<i>Plan B</i>	1.0117	2.0234	2.7316	B1
Projected Claims:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$355.42	\$600.67	\$874.34	A2 =A1*v
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$386.94	\$773.88	\$1,044.73	B2 =B1*v
Projected Capitation:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$8.79	\$9.59	\$19.17	A3
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$9.16	\$10.19	\$20.37	B3
Net Cost of Reinsurance:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$6.71	\$6.82	\$13.65	A4
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$6.71	\$6.82	\$13.65	B4
Projected Rx Rebate:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$3.06	A5
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$9.34	B5
Administrative Charge		\$45.00	\$53.17	\$106.34	C
Commission (% premium)		4.00%			D
Contribution to Reserve		2.00%			E
Required Premium:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$450.50	\$783.79	\$1,208.83	F1 =(A2+A3+A4-A5+C)/(1-D-E)
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$481.33	\$962.66	\$1,366.30	F2 =(B2+B3+B4-B5+C)/(1-D-E)

	<u>Employee Age</u>	<u>Age/Gender Factor</u>
Male (Employees & Spouses)	To 25	0.344
	25 - 29	0.389
	30 - 34	0.459
	35 - 39	0.560
	40 - 44	0.694
	45 - 49	0.899
	50 - 54	1.192
	55 - 59	1.575
	60 - 64	2.029
	65+	2.753
Female (Employees & Spouses)	To 25	0.710
	25 - 29	0.890
	30 - 34	0.984
	35 - 39	0.955
	40 - 44	0.974
	45 - 49	1.103
	50 - 54	1.324
	55 - 59	1.564
	60 - 64	1.877
	65+	2.476
Child	<u>Child Age</u>	
	0 - 1	1.250
	2 - 6	0.280
	7 - 18	0.312

4 Digit SIC Code	Industry Description	Normalized Factor
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913	Shellfish	1.162
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921	Fish Hatcheries and Preserves	1.162
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1011	Iron Ores	1.201
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1016	Iron Ores	1.211
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1019	Iron Ores	1.211
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The Vermont Health Plan Q2 2014 Benefit Relativity Methodology Actuarial Memorandum

Purpose

The purpose of this narrative is to describe the methodology for determining a common set of benefit relativities for the rating of The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) plans. It is our desire to use the relativity factors derived from this methodology, and displayed in the exhibits, for the rating of large group business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2014 or later. The relativities will be used as described in the approved TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing (SERFF# BCVT-128888672, VFN 64785). For any future benefit variations or special benefits not contained in the enclosed exhibits, relativities will be calculated using the same method described in this filing.

Overview

To determine standardized premium rate relationships, also called relativities, BCBSVT has created models that simulate the impact of member benefits for all types of plans. The models determine the allowed charges for the completed 12 months of claims included in the study, and “re-adjudicate” the claims, thereby simulating the impact of member cost sharing for a given benefit plan.

Claims data is from BCBSVT’s data warehouse. All claim and enrollment data comes from the BCBSVT’s data warehouse except where noted below. To ensure accuracy, the claims data used has been reconciled against internal reserving, enrollment and other financial reports. The starting point of the analysis is allowed charges as determined by the BCBSVT claims adjudication system. The claims data includes benefit codes that enable us to identify the services and benefit structures (copays, deductibles, and coinsurance).

For each benefit plan of interest, the models produced the simulated PMPM values of the benefits. Using the average allowed charges and average experience paid-to-allowed ratio, we calculated a “base” PMPM, also called the manual rate. This is the manual rate referred to as the “Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate” in section VI.D of the TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing. The PMPM for each plan was then divided by the manual rate to produce its relativity. Relativities are included for medical only plans, Rx only plans, and CDHP plans.

Details about the Medical Benefit Model

Incurred allowed charges from August 2012 to July 2013, paid through October 2013, were used. We avoided using calendar year 2012 because experience for the first quarter of 2012 for BCBSVT’s Indemnity products was worse than normal, and may have skewed the benefit relationships. The allowed charges were trended to July 1, 2015. This date is the midpoint of the 12-month period that begins January 1, 2015. The majority of the business that will be renewed using these relativity factors has a January 1 renewal date; the TVHP Group Merit Rating Program formula adjusts the trend for non-January renewals.

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The claims from Insured Group and Self Funded business are included in the analysis. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included. We excluded claims for Individual lines of business, as well as claims for Large Groups with special benefits. Claims and members that have Medicare as their primary insurance were also excluded.

Claims from both BCBSVT and TVHP are used. An adjustment was made to the TVHP allowed charges to restate all claims on the 2013 contract basis. Using the contracted reimbursement schedule, we calculated network factors that represent the different network contracts. Using these factors, we can include all claims in each of the three networks by adjusting each claim. This enables us to combine all the experience for each plan design. This also increases the number of member months used to 1,567,815, and enables us to use the same membership base in both the medical and pharmacy models.

The claims were categorized according to how benefits are paid, and one record was generated for each member, date of service, and type of service. Each record was then assigned a cost share (deductible/coinsurance, copay, covered in full) for each plan available.

The plan designs modeled are:

- Blue Care HMO (HMO)
- Blue Care Point of Service (POS)
- Blue Care Open Access (OAP)
- Blue Care Lo Option (LO)
- Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)

For all products, claims for preventive mandated benefits were assigned a “covered in full” cost share, independently of the product that is being modeled.

The model tested one benefit design at a time. It determined the member portion of the allowed charges, and from this, a total simulated paid PMPM for each benefit design. The impact of the office copay, deductible, coinsurance, out-of-pocket maximum, and preventive mandated benefits were all considered. If the average allowed cost of a category was less than the copay being examined, it was assumed that the member paid for the full cost of the service.

POS and OAP plans have an out-of-network benefit. In the administration of this benefit, there is no overlap between the in-network and out-of-network deductible and coinsurance. For LO, and CDHP, all claims were included and adjudicated under the one overall benefit. The allowed charges associated with out-of-network benefits were adjusted by applying a factor equal to the ratio of out-of-network charges PMPM for each plan in the base data to the analogous PMPM in the aggregate base data, in order to account for the “freedom” associated with the plan. For HMO and LO plans, a smaller portion of the overall out-of-network allowed charges was included to account for the authorized out-of-network claims (ER, Specialty procedures, etc).

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Benefit Induced Utilization: Medical

An independent analysis was performed to measure the correlation between the benefit design and the quantity of medical services consumed. Claims and membership data from January 2009 through August 2013 were examined, and a modeled paid-to-allowed ratio was assigned to every benefit in the experience period. The correlation used the paid-to-allowed ratio as the independent variable and the utilization frequency (defined as Professional and Outpatient visits + Inpatient Admissions) as the dependent variable. A 2nd order polynomial was found to best fit the data. The polynomial was then normalized such that the paid-to-allowed ratio underlying the base BRV benefit (manual rate) returned a utilization adjustment of 1.00. In other words, if a simulated benefit has a paid-to-allowed ratio less than that of the average benefit, then utilization will be reduced (i.e. factor < 1.00). If a simulated benefit has a paid-to-allowed ratio greater than the average, then the benefit will have induced utilization (i.e. factor > 1.00).

Details about the Pharmacy Benefit Model

As with medical claims described above, incurred allowed drug charges from August 2012 to July 2013, paid through October 2013, were used. The charges were completed and trended to July 1, 2015. Included are claims from Insured Group, Self Funded and TVHP Group business. Since both TVHP and BCBSVT have the same Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contract, no adjustment was needed to combine the claims from the two companies. We excluded claims from Individual lines of business, as well as claims for Large Groups with special benefits. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.

Within the model, pharmacy scripts are assigned to one of six categories:

- Retail Generic
- Retail Preferred Brand
- Retail non-Preferred Brand
- Mail Generic
- Mail Preferred Brand
- Mail non-Preferred Brand

The experience period data was adjusted to reflect the major brands that are expected to become generic during 2014 and 2015. The list was based on a report provided by ESI, our PBM.

For these brands, the following adjustments were made:

- For the first 6 months (exclusivity period), we reduced the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) by 10% and kept the brand discount.
- For the months after the exclusivity period, we reduced the AWP by 10% and changed the discount to the generic discount. The 10% reductions in AWP are based upon industry standard assumptions, supported by our own analysis of AWP changes for drugs that have moved from brand to generic over the past several years.

One record was created for each member and date of service combination. One record can have more than one script category. The model tested one benefit design

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at a time. It determined the member portion of the allowed charges and a total simulated paid PMPM for each benefit design. The impact of the deductible, coinsurance, copays and out-of-pocket maximum (OOPM) were considered. Following the ACA, contraceptives were excluded from the cost sharing. If the average allowed cost of a category is less than the copay being examined, it is assumed that the member pays for the full cost of the script. With Vermont Act 171, all pharmacy benefits now have an OOPM of \$1,250. It is expected that this limit will increase to an unknown amount, following the IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, in 2015. The exhibits include the \$1,250 OOPM benefit on pharmacy.

TVHP also offers different riders for pharmacy benefits. These riders will be modeled in the same way described above.

Benefit Induced Utilization: Pharmacy

Independent analysis was performed to measure the correlation between the benefit design and the quantity of pharmacy prescriptions consumed. The pharmacy benefits are adjusted in two ways. First, the generic utilization varies with the benefit designs. Claims and membership data from January 2009 through August 2013 were examined, and a table was created to adjust the base generic utilization up or down depending on the difference in the Generic and Brand copays of the member's drug plan.

Second, a separate analysis was done to adjust for the overall pharmacy benefit. A modeled paid-to-allowed ratio was assigned to every benefit in the experience period. The correlation used the paid-to-allowed ratio as the independent variable and utilization frequency (defined as number of scripts) as the dependent variable. A line was found to best fit the data. The line was then normalized such that the paid-to-allowed ratio underlying the base BRV benefit (manual rate) returned a utilization adjustment of 1.00.

Details about the Integrated Benefit Model (CDHP)

The CDHP model combines both the medical and pharmacy models described above. One record was created for each member, date of service and type of service combination. A separate medical and pharmacy paid-to-allowed ratio was calculated, and the appropriate utilization adjustment was made.

Details about the Manual Rate (Base Plan PMPM)

The manual rate is based on the experience average allowed charges and average paid-to-allowed ratio in the experience period. The Experience Paid-to-Allowed Ratios are calculated before any adjustment is made to the claims. The manual rate used in this filing is \$408.35.

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	PMPM Allowed	Experience Paid-to-Allowed Ratio	PMPM Paid
Medical	\$412.48	84.46%	\$348.38
Rx	\$71.31	84.10%	\$59.97
Total	\$483.79	84.41%	\$408.35

The ratio of medical to pharmacy allowed charges has shifted with the updated experience and trends. The table below shows the prior and current ratios:

	Medical Weight	Pharmacy Weight
Prior Filing	82.1%	17.9%
Current Filing	85.3%	14.7%

The new medical to pharmacy ratio is reflected in the final benefit relative values.

Actuarial Opinion

The purpose of this filing is to develop benefit relative value factors for use in the rating of TVHP large group benefit plans. This filing is not intended to be used for other purposes.

The data used in this analysis has been reviewed for reasonableness and consistency; however, it has not been audited.

It is my opinion that the benefit relative value factors presented in this filing fall within a range of reasonable values. They will produce premium rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits provided, adequate, not excessive, and not unfairly discriminatory.

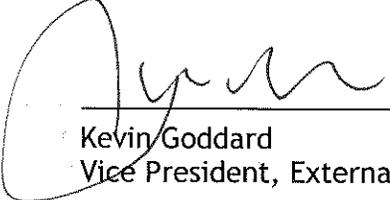
I am a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and I meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to render this opinion.



Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

January 6, 2014

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have reviewed the applicable filing requirements for this filing, and, to the best of my knowledge, the filing complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions for the state of Vermont



Kevin Goddard
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Date

**The Vermont Health Plan
Q2 2014 Benefit Relativity Methodology
Plain Language Summary**

The purpose of this filing is to establish a common set of benefit relativities for the rating of The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) plans. The relativity factors will be used in the rating of large group business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2014 or later.

In developing rates for Merit rated (i.e. experience rated) groups it is typically the case that the plans of benefits to be rated are different from those from which the experience arose. To adjust for this, benefit relativity values are calculated for each plan of benefits. This is done by taking the claims for our entire book of business and recalculating the paid claims based on each provider network and plan design. Adjustments are made for the fact that utilization patterns for richer than average/ (leaner than average) benefit levels are higher/ (lower) than for an average benefit level. The resulting expected claim amounts for each benefit plan are compared to the average block of business claim amount to produce a series of index values, or benefit relativities. These relativities are used to convert a case's experience under the plan in force in its experience period to the expected experience under any new plan in the rating period.

The series of benefit relativity factors are themselves, on the whole, neutral to the cost of coverage. Rather, the factors are used to create reasonable and adequate pricing differentials among specific benefit plan designs.

For cases that are not fully credible, the block of business average PMPM is used to generate "manually rated" expected claims for the rating period. The manual rate is blended with the case's actual experience based upon the level of credibility assigned to the case. While this methodology is described in detail within the TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing, the development of the book of business average PMPM is described within this filing.

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Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare LO Options (BCLO) and Open Access (OAP) Medical Plans**

index	Product	In-Network						Out-of-Network			Relativity
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Office Copay	Specialist Copay	ER ¹ Copay	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Active
1	LO	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500							0.7036
2	LO	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30					0.6142
3	OAP	\$500	20%	\$1,500	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$1,000	40%	\$3,000	0.8956
4	OAP	\$2,000	20%	\$4,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$4,000	40%	\$8,000	0.7086
5	OAP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000	0.7291

1. **ER Copay:** the displayed member copay goes toward the facility allowed charges.
Associated physician and ancillary charges are the covered at 100%.
2. For the BCLO product, Office and Specialist Copay can be under the deductible.
3. BCLO does not have Out-of-Network benefits.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's)**

index	Product	In-Network						Relativity
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Rx OOPM Limit ³	Wellness Rx ¹	Drugs After Deductible ²	Active
1	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9724
2	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9774
3	CDHP	\$1,500	20%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.8913
4	CDHP	\$1,800	0%	\$1,800	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9327
5	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9092
6	CDHP	\$2,000	10%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/40%/50%	0.8450
7	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.8236
8	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9154
9	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.9111
10	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.8405
11	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8831
12	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8896
13	CDHP	\$2,250	20%	\$3,250	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	20%	0.8197
14	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8663
15	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8595
16	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8613
17	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8613
18	CDHP	\$2,500	10%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.7941
19	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8186
20	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8261
21	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8204
22	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	20%	0.7508
23	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.7331
24	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/\$15/\$40	0%	0.8224
25	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8261
26	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8197
27	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.8096
28	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	20%	0.7753
29	CDHP	\$3,250	20%	\$4,250	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	20%	0.7520
30	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.7630
31	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.7543
32	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.7151
33	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.7054
34	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.7081

1. **Wellness Rx:** if applicable, cost sharing rules apply *before* the deductible is satisfied.

The member's cost share for **Wellness Rx** accumulates toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

2. **All other drugs** are subject to deductible. Once the deductible is met, drugs are subject to the **Drugs After Deductible** cost share until the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.

3. The **Rx OOPM** Limit is as described in Vermont Act 171.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare (HMO) Medical Plans**

index	Product ¹	In-Network								Relativity
		IP	OP	HOSP	PCP	SCP	ER	AMB	OOPM	Active
1	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0002
2	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0546
3	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0772
4	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0734
5	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0667
6	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0620
7	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0586
8	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0181
9	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$0	\$6,350	1.0502
10	HMO			\$3,000	\$20	\$30	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	0.9448
11	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100	\$6,350	1.0420
12	HMO			\$750	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0282
13	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$25	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	1.0292
14	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0146
15	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0002

PCP	Primary Care Physician Copay
SCP	Specialist Physician Copay
IP	Inpatient Care Deductible (max of 2/yr per family)
OP	Outpatient Surgery Copay
HOSP	Combined Inpatient Care & Outpatient Surgery Deductible (max of 2/yr per family)
ER	Emergency Room Copay
AMB	Ambulance Copay

1. All HMO Plans have a DME rider benefit of: \$100 deductible, 80% coinsurance, built into the relativity.
2. HMO Plans do not have Out-of-Network benefits.

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Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Prescription Drug Cards

index	Type	Deductible	Copay (\$) / Coinsurance (%)						OOPM	Diabetic Supplies	Lifestyle Exclusion Rider	Relativity
			Retail Generic	Retail Preferred Brand	Retail Non-Preferred Brand	Mail Order Generic	Mail Order Preferred Brand	Mail Order Non-Preferred Brand				Active
1	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1616
2	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1523
3	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1533
4	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$600	100%	N	0.1644
5	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1359
6	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1459
7	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	\$20	\$60	\$120	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1444
8	COP	\$0	\$5	\$25	\$50	\$10	\$50	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1566
9	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	\$20	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1366
10	COP	\$100	\$5	\$25	\$50	\$10	\$50	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1437
11	COP	\$100	\$5	\$35	\$50	\$10	\$70	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1390
12	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1557
13	CMB	\$50	\$10	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1276
14	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1153
15	COI	\$0	0%	20%	50%	0%	20%	50%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1500
16	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1434
17	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1509
18	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1752
19	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$35	\$10	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1620
20	COP	\$100	\$0	\$20	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1557
21	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	\$20	\$30	\$60	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1507
22	COP	\$100	\$10	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1473
23	COP	\$100	\$10	\$25	\$45	\$20	\$50	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1386
24	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1334
25	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1534
26	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$20	\$40	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1506
27	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1443
28	COP	\$50	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1381
29	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1673
30	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1582
31	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1498
32	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	\$20	\$60	\$120	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1419
33	COP	\$0	\$10	\$35	\$60	\$20	\$70	\$120	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1380
34	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1418
35	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1600
36	COP	\$0	\$5	\$30	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1501
37	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	\$20	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1341
38	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,200	SAAO	N	0.1336
39	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1331
40	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$30	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1324
41	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	\$10	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1476
42	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1468
43	COP	\$150	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1294
44	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$35	\$20	\$50	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1452
45	COP	\$50	\$10	\$35	\$70	\$20	\$70	\$140	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1318
46	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1460

* **Type:** COI = coinsurance; COP = copay; CMB = combined

* **Diabetic:** If "100%" then Diabetic supplies are covered at 100% of allowed charges;

If "SAAO" then Diabetic supplies are subject to cost sharing same as any other prescription drug.

* **Lifestyle Exclusion Rider :** If "Y" then the benefit has the Lifestyle Exclusion Rider.



January 17, 2014

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**Subject: Your 01/15/2014 Questions re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 BCBSVT Benefit Relativity Factor Filing (SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736)**

Dear Mr. Hammerquist:

In response to your request dated January 15, 2014, here are *your questions* and our answers:

1. Please submit the SERFF PDF Pipelines with all communications for the previously approved version of this filing and the filing that is referenced specifically in the Actuarial Memorandum.

Please find attached the SERFF PDF Pipelines for:

- BCVT-128829695 - TVHP 2Q 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing
- BCVT-128888672 - TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

2. Provide the credibility formula that is applied to large groups. Include 2 examples from previous filings for large groups that are not fully credible.

We do not file large group rates in Vermont. The credibility formula is described in BCVT-128888672 - TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing, page 10 of 25, attached as per above.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
Project Name/Number: /

Filing at a Glance

Company: TVHP
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
State: Vermont
TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other
Sub-TOI: ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Filing Type: Trend / Admin Charge
Date Submitted: 02/08/2013
SERFF Tr Num: BCVT-128888672
SERFF Status: Assigned
State Tr Num: 64785
State Status: Pending Department Review
Co Tr Num:
Co Status:
Implementation: On Approval
Date Requested:
Author(s): Vince Mace, Pam Young, Seth Abbene, Jude Daye, Martine Brisson-Lemieux
Reviewer(s): Phil Keller (primary)
Disposition Date:
Disposition Status:
Implementation Date:

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
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General Information

Project Name: Status of Filing in Domicile:
Project Number: Date Approved in Domicile:
Requested Filing Mode: Domicile Status Comments:
Explanation for Combination/Other: Market Type: Group
Submission Type: New Submission Group Market Size: Large
Group Market Type: Employer Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 02/12/2013 Company Status Changed:
State Status Changed: 02/12/2013 Deemer Date:
Created By: Jude Daye Submitted By: Pam Young
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:
February 7, 2013

Phil Keller
Director of Insurance Rates and Forms
Department of Financial Regulation
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

Subject: The Vermont Health Plan (NAIC # 000095696)
Group Merit Rating Program Filing

Dear Phil,

We are submitting for your review and approval a revised Group Merit Rating Program Filing. With this revision, we are seeking to unify the rating methodologies of TVHP and BCBS. As such, this filing is substantially similar to the approved BCBS Group Merit Rating Program Filing (SERFF # BCVT-128267446), with only minor changes to account for the differences between the two companies. We have adjusted the calculation of projected claims to account for the fact that some TVHP claims are the responsibility of a PHO.

We are including an explanation of how we derive the manual rate from the approved Benefit Relative Value filing and tables of the demographic and industry factors that we will be applying to it. We would also like to note that we will be using the "uncapped" trend factor and the pooling charge factors from our most recent filings (SERFF # BCVT-128694637 and BCVT-128829841, respectively) when approved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything we can do to facilitate your review. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Goddard

cc: Tammy Tomczyk / Oliver Wyman Sean Londergan / DFR
Ruth Greene / BCBSVT Vince Mace / BCBSVT
Kimberly Peake / BCBSVT

State: Vermont **Filing Company:** TVHP
TOI/Sub-TOI: ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other
Product Name: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing
Project Name/Number: /

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant dayej@bcbsvt.com
 445 Industrial Lane 802-371-3244 [Phone]
 Montpelier, VT 05601

Filing Company Information

TVHP	CoCode: 95696	State of Domicile: Vermont
PO BOX 186	Group Code:	Company Type: HMO
Montpelier, VT 05601	Group Name:	State ID Number:
(802) 371-3450 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 03-0354356	

Filing Fees

Fee Required? Yes
 Fee Amount: \$50.00
 Retaliatory? No
 Fee Explanation:
 Per Company: Yes

Company	Amount	Date Processed	Transaction #
TVHP	\$50.00	02/08/2013	67346556

SERFF Tracking #:

BCVT-128888672

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Supporting Document Schedules

Satisfied - Item:	Actuarial Memorandum
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Narrative.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Filing Compliance Certification
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	Rate Filing Certification.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Health Administrative Forms
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	F106 TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Bypassed - Item:	Health Filing Data
Bypass Reason:	Our variability data is filed with our outline of coverage filings.
Attachment(s):	
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Bypassed - Item:	Third Party Filing Authorization
Bypass Reason:	BCBSVT does not use a Third Party to submit filings.
Attachment(s):	
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

Satisfied - Item:	Filing Attachments
Comments:	
Attachment(s):	TVHP Filing Attachments.pdf
Item Status:	
Status Date:	

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State Tracking #:

64785

Company Tracking #:

State:

Vermont

Filing Company:

TVHP

TOI/Sub-TOI:

ML02 - Multi-Line - Other/ML02.0000 - Multi-Line - Other

Product Name:

TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

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The Vermont Health Plan Group Merit Rating Program

I. Purpose

The Group Merit Rating Program specifies the policies and practices used by The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) for issuing renewal rates to eligible group businesses.

II. Definitions

A. **Eligibles** - Employees of the group who can be offered health insurance and work thirty or more hours a week.

B. **Experience Period** - The duration of time from which group data is accumulated for renewal rating purposes.

C. **Group** - A collection of subscribers covered by certificates and recognized by the Plan as one entity for rating purposes.

D. **Merit** - A type of group; one with at least 51 eligibles.

E. **Rates** - The monthly premiums charged by the Plan for a particular group, time period, type of coverage, and type of membership

F. **Rating Period** - The duration of time (typically twelve months) for which group renewal rates are calculated and intended to remain constant. Rates would change in conjunction with a benefit change.

G. **Standard Plan** - A conceptual benefit design that has a BRV equal to 1.00.

III. General Provisions

A. Effective Date

The Group Merit Rating Program described herein will apply beginning with rates communicated 10 business days after the date of its approval, and continuing until 10 business days after the date of approval of the next TVHP Group Merit Rating Program. The term “communicated,” for this purpose, means a written proposal delivered to a large group account.

B. Premium Accounts

The Group Merit Rating Program is applicable to groups that fund health coverage by paying premiums to TVHP. Such premium arrangements may include fully insured, retrospective and contingent funding methods.

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C. Lines of Business

Upon implementation, the Group Merit Rating Program will apply to all TVHP comprehensive medical coverages. We may include additional lines of business under this Program as appropriate during the future. Any additional lines of business incorporated within the Program will be administered consistent with the policies and practices herein.

IV. Eligibility for Group Merit Rating Program

A. Recognized Group

This Program applies only to accounts, contracting for coverage with TVHP, that meet the definition of group herein.

B. Group Size

This Program applies to groups that have maintained at least 51 eligibles on 50 percent of its working days during the preceding calendar quarter. Furthermore, we will apply the Group Merit Rating Program to renewal rate calculations for groups for which strong evidence indicates a rating period average of at least 51 eligibles, so long as relevant experience is available.

C. Mergers/Separations

Mergers with other groups or by separation of units within the group itself may affect the eligibility of a group for the Group Merit Rating Program. We determine whether the merger/separation activity dictates recognition of different groups for rating purposes. In general, we require that such activity be supported by bona fide changes in common ownership status or in joint administrative status in order to redefine a group.

V. Data

A. Group Specific

Under the Group Merit Rating Program, experience period claims normally are twelve consecutive incurred months and fourteen consecutive paid months beginning eighteen months prior to the effective date. However, we may choose to alter the length and/or timing of the experience period based on market and/or business needs.

B. Corporate Factors

Several corporate factors contribute to the development of group-specific renewal rates. These factors include: 1) completion factors, 2) Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claim Rate, 3) trend factors, 4)

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retention factors such as administrative fees and contribution to reserve, 5) pooling charges and 6) capitated charges. Where applicable, we file these factors with the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation and use the most recently approved factors in the rating.

VI. Rating Mechanism

A. Experience Period Claims PMPM

TVHP experience contains both claims that are TVHP's responsibility (non-MET claims) and claims that are the responsibility of a PHO (MET claims). We first calculate the split between the two, and we call these percents the Non-MET Percent and MET Percent, respectively.

We split experience period claims into amounts above the pooling point (based on the size of the case during the experience period) and amounts below the pooling point. We refer to claims below the pooling point as Capped Claims.

We apply completion factors developed from the monthly financial reporting process to Capped Claims to produce Completed Capped Claims. We add a pooling charge (calculated as a factor¹ times the sum of the Completed Capped Claims) to the Completed Capped Claims to produce large claim adjusted experience period claims. We then multiply these claims by an adjustment factor to reflect structural changes in the benefit plan from the experience period to the rating period. (This is to adjust for such things as mandated benefit changes, contractual provision changes, etc., that, in the judgment of the underwriter, are necessary to make the experience appropriate for the estimation of the expected claims in the rating period.)

We divide the result by the number of member months during the experience period to produce Adjusted Experience Period Claims per member per month (PMPM).

B. Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor

We determine an Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor as follows:

¹ Pooling charge factors are from the TVHP Provision for Large Claims Filing for 2013, SERFF # BCVT-128829841.

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1. We determine a benefit relativity factor for each benefit plan and contract tier type (single, 2-person, family, etc.).
2. Based on the seasonal patterns observed as part of the reserving process for each calendar month (January, February, ..., December), we determine seasonal factors for CDHPs and for non-CDHPs and normalize them so that they total to 12.
3. For each benefit plan, contract tier type and month, we calculate a seasonal benefit relativity factor. We then apply these factors to the number of contracts for each benefit plan, contract tier type and month in the experience period. We total the results and divide the resultant sum by the number of member months in the experience period. This produces the Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor.

C. Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We divide the Adjusted Experience Period Claims PMPM by the Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor to produce the Experience Period Standard Benefit Single Claims Rate. We then multiply this by a trend factor to adjust from the experience period to the rating period. The result is the Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Claims Single Claims Rate.

D. Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate

We derive the standard rate from the approved TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing's base plan PMPM. We trend this PMPM forward to the effective date of the rating with the Benefit Paid Estimated Uncapped Combined trend from the most recently approved TVHP trend filing. We then adjust this trended PMPM for the specifics of the case. We calculate a weighted average age/gender factor for the group based on the current membership.² We also identify the appropriate industry load or credit based on the group's SIC.³ We then multiply the trended standard rate by these two factors to determine the case specific Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate.

E. Credibility Factor (CF)

The calculation is as follows:

² The age/gender adjustment factors are included as Attachment B.

³ The industry factors are included as Attachment C.

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Let $NC = \{\text{average number of non-carveout subscribers in the experience period}\} + \{0.5 * \text{average number of carveout subscribers during the experience period}\}$.

Let $CF = cf_1 * cf_2$ where:

$$cf_1 = \begin{cases} (NC/500)^{0.75} & \text{for } NC < 500 \\ 1 & \text{for } NC \geq 500 \end{cases}$$

$$cf_2 = \min \{(\text{number of months in experience period}/12)^2, 1\}$$

F. Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We calculate this as (CF) times (Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) plus (1-CF) times (Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate).

G. Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate

Using the actual and projected changes to the contracted MET's, we produce an expected MET capitation for the Standard Plan for the rating period. This is adjusted for the current demographics of the group. We call this the Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate.

H. MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate

We calculate this as (Non-MET Percent) times (Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) plus (MET Percent) times (Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate).

I. Projected Claims by Plan, Tier Type

For each plan and contract tier type anticipated in the rating period, we calculate projected claims as the (MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate) times (the BRV for the plan and contract tier).

J. Required premium by Plan, Tier Type

The average number of members per contract tier during the experience period is the basis for the projected members per tier in the rating period. The underwriter will adjust this if, in their opinion, the result is not

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representative of the expected values in the rating period.⁴ The calculation for the total required premium by (plan, tier) is as follows:

1. Projected Claims by (plan, tier), plus
2. $\{(Projected\ PMPM\ capitation\ for\ the\ plan) + (Expected\ net\ reinsurance\ PMPM\ for\ the\ plan) - (Projected\ Rx\ rebate\ for\ the\ plan)\}$ times (the expected number of members per contract in the tier), plus
3. (PMPM administration charge factors⁵) times (the expected number of members per contract in the tier), times
4. $1 / (1 - contribution\ to\ reserve\ factor - percent\ of\ premium\ administration\ charge\ factors^6)$.

K. Underwriting Judgment Adjustments

If, in the underwriter's professional judgment, the specific properties of the case being rated are such that the standard formula would not produce appropriate rates for the rating period, the underwriter will make such modifications as needed to produce appropriate rates. The underwriter will document in the case file the reason(s) for the adjustment(s) and the method of determining the appropriate adjustment(s).

L. Management Discretionary Adjustments

For marketing or other reasons, management may decide to modify the rates on a specific case or block of cases. The underwriter will document in the case file the adjustment(s) made, along with a description of the nature of the adjustment(s).

VII. Attachments

A. Sample Calculation

Attachment A illustrates the calculation of the renewal rate changes in a manner consistent with the mechanism described in Section VI herein.

⁴ E.g., the number of contracts in a particular tier may be small (or even 0). In such instances, the underwriter should use appropriate values based on total block of business or other appropriate source.

⁵ These factors include the filed administrative charge plus any charges for broker commissions or additional administrative services that may be applicable.

⁶ Where applicable. This factor may include broker commissions and/or charges for additional administrative services that were not already included in the previous step.

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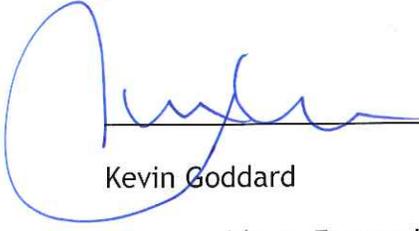
B. Age/Gender Adjustments

Attachment B contains a table of age/gender adjustment factors, normalized for our book of business, that we will apply to Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate, as described herein.

C. Industry Adjustments

Attachment C contains a table of industry adjustment factors by SIC, normalized for our book of business, that we will apply to Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate, as described herein.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have reviewed the applicable filing requirements for this filing, and, to the best of my knowledge, the filing complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions for the state of Vermont.



Kevin Goddard

Vice President, External Affairs

2/7/13

Date

Health Filing Form F106 (7/98)
Required Information for All Filings & the Fee

NAIC#: 95696
 Company Name: The Vermont Health Plan
 Address: PO Box 186
 City, State, Zip: Montpelier, VT 05601
 Phone: 371-3450 Contact Person: Alison Partridge

Filing Contents: TVHP Group Merit Rating Program Filing

- 1) New: Change:
 If a Change: Latest Approval Date: _____ Vermont Filing #: _____
 2) Rates: Forms: Rates & Forms:
 3) Policy: Contract: Amendment: Endorsement:
 Handbook: Rider: Certificate: Other: Outline
 4) Individual: Small Group (1-50): Large Group (51+): All Groups:

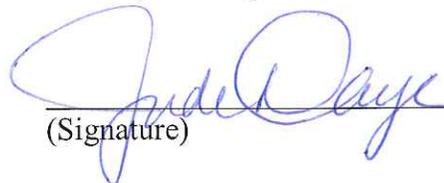
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| AD&D: <input type="checkbox"/> | Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> | Nursing Home Only: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising: <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Health Only: <input type="checkbox"/> | Organ Transplant: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Blanket: <input type="checkbox"/> | Hospital Indemnity: <input type="checkbox"/> | Prescription Drug: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancer Expense: <input type="checkbox"/> | Limited Benefit: <input type="checkbox"/> | Student/Athlete: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comprehensive/
Major Medical: <input type="checkbox"/> | Long Term Care: <input type="checkbox"/> | Stop Loss/Excess Risk: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conversion: <input type="checkbox"/> | Qualified: <input type="checkbox"/> | Travel: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Critical Illness: <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-Qualified: <input type="checkbox"/> | Vision: <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Medicare Supplement: <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: <u>Health</u> |

Mandatory - Filing Fee Information:

1. State of Domicile: Vermont
2. Amount of Fee: \$50.00
3. Is the Fee you are sending based on your state of domicile's retaliatory fee? Yes No
4. Explain how each part of the Fee was determined, showing all calculation (use separate sheet if necessary). Vermont filing fee

5. Fee calculated by: Jude Daye
 (Printed Name)


 (Signature)

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Group Merit Rating Mechanism
Calculation Example

Projected Standard Plans Single Claims Rate:

Experience Period Paid Claims	\$1,000,000	a
Experience Period Claims amount above \$60,000 pooling limit	\$150,000	b
Capped Claims	\$850,000	c =a-b
Completion Factor	1.011	d
Completed Capped Claims	\$859,350	e =c*d
Pooling Charge Factor	0.166	f
Pooling Charge	\$142,652	g =e*f
Experience adjustment factor	1.000	h
Adjusted Experience Period Claims	\$1,002,002	i =(e+g)*h
Experience Period Member Months	5,000	j
Adjusted Experience Period Claims PMPM	\$200.40	k =i/j
Average Experience Period Seasonal Adjusted Benefit Relativity Factor	0.809	l
Experience Period Standard Benefit Single Claims Rate	\$247.71	m =k/l
Trend 7.8% per annum for 18 months	1.119	n
Experience-Based Expected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$277.25	o =m*n
Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate	\$506.33	p
Credibility factor	55%	q
Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$380.34	r =(o*q)+(p*(1-q))
Non-MET Percent	78%	s
Projected Standard Plan MET Capitation Single Rate	\$390.00	t
MET Percent	22%	u =1-s
MET Adjusted Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate	\$382.46	v =r*s+u*v

Needed Premium Rates (PMPM):

	<u>PMPM</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>2-Person</u>	<u>Family</u>	
Members per contract		1	2	3.938	
BRV:	<i>Plan A</i>	0.9293	1.5705	2.2861	A1
	<i>Plan B</i>	1.0117	2.0234	2.7316	B1
Projected Claims:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$355.42	\$600.67	\$874.34	A2 =A1*v
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$386.94	\$773.88	\$1,044.73	B2 =B1*v
Projected Capitation:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$8.79	\$9.59	\$19.17	A3
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$9.16	\$10.19	\$20.37	B3
Net Cost of Reinsurance:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$6.71	\$6.82	\$13.65	A4
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$6.71	\$6.82	\$13.65	B4
Projected Rx Rebate:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$3.06	A5
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$9.34	B5
Administrative Charge		\$45.00	\$53.17	\$106.34	C
Commission (% premium)		4.00%			D
Contribution to Reserve		2.00%			E
Required Premium:	<i>Plan A</i>	\$450.50	\$783.79	\$1,208.83	F1 =(A2+A3+A4-A5+C)/(1-D-E)
	<i>Plan B</i>	\$481.33	\$962.66	\$1,366.30	F2 =(B2+B3+B4-B5+C)/(1-D-E)

	<u>Employee Age</u>	<u>Age/Gender Factor</u>
Male (Employees & Spouses)	To 25	0.344
	25 - 29	0.389
	30 - 34	0.459
	35 - 39	0.560
	40 - 44	0.694
	45 - 49	0.899
	50 - 54	1.192
	55 - 59	1.575
	60 - 64	2.029
	65+	2.753
Female (Employees & Spouses)	To 25	0.710
	25 - 29	0.890
	30 - 34	0.984
	35 - 39	0.955
	40 - 44	0.974
	45 - 49	1.103
	50 - 54	1.324
	55 - 59	1.564
	60 - 64	1.877
	65+	2.476
Child	<u>Child Age</u>	
	0 - 1	1.250
	2 - 6	0.280
	7 - 18	0.312

4 Digit SIC Code	Industry Description	Normalized Factor
912	Finfish	1.162
913	Shellfish	1.162
919	Miscellaneous Marine Products	1.162
921	Fish Hatcheries and Preserves	1.162
971	Hunting and Trapping, and Game Propagation	1.162
1011	Iron Ores	1.201
1012	Iron Ores	1.211
1013	Iron Ores	1.211
1014	Iron Ores	1.211
1015	Iron Ores	1.211
1016	Iron Ores	1.211
1017	Iron Ores	1.211
1018	Iron Ores	1.211
1019	Iron Ores	1.211
1020	Iron Ores	1.211
1021	Copper Ores	1.201
1022	Copper Ores	1.211
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Filing at a Glance

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State: Vermont
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Filing Type: Trend / Admin Charge
Date Submitted: 12/31/2012
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Disposition Date: 05/01/2013
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General Information

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Group Market Type: Employer, Association Overall Rate Impact:
Filing Status Changed: 05/01/2013 Company Status Changed:
State Status Changed: 05/01/2013 Deemer Date:
Created By: Jude Daye Submitted By: Pam Young
Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:
December 27, 2012

Phil Keller
Director of Insurance Rates and Forms
Vermont Department of Financial Regulation
89 Main Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-3101

SUBJECT: The Vermont Health Plan – NAIC # 95696
Q2 2013 Benefit Relativity Factor Filing

Dear Mr. Keller:

We are submitting for your review and approval benefit relativity factors for The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP). It is our desire to use these factors in the rating of TVHP large group products, for business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2013 or later.

Please let me know if we can answer any questions or provide further information during your review.

Sincerely,

Kevin Goddard

cc: Tammy Tomczyk/Oliver Wyman
Sean Londergan/BISHCA
Ruth Greene/BCBSVT
Vince Mace/BCBSVT
Donna Lee/BCBSVT

Company and Contact

Filing Contact Information

Jude Daye, Executive Assistant dayej@bcbsvt.com

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445 Industrial Lane 802-371-3244 [Phone]
 Montpelier, VT 05601

Filing Company Information

TVHP	CoCode: 95696	State of Domicile: Vermont
PO BOX 186	Group Code:	Company Type: HMO
Montpelier, VT 05601	Group Name:	State ID Number:
(802) 371-3450 ext. [Phone]	FEIN Number: 03-0354356	

Filing Fees

Fee Required? Yes
 Fee Amount: \$50.00
 Retaliatory? No
 Fee Explanation:
 Per Company: Yes

Company	Amount	Date Processed	Transaction #
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Correspondence Summary

Dispositions

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Approved	Sean Londergan	05/01/2013	05/01/2013

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Disposition

Disposition Date: 05/01/2013

Implementation Date: 04/01/2013

Status: Approved

Comment: Per 8 V.S.A. §4062(a)(2)(B) the Green Mountain Care Board is deemed to have approved the company's filing.

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

Schedule	Schedule Item	Schedule Item Status	Public Access
Supporting Document	Actuarial Memorandum		Yes
Supporting Document	Filing Compliance Certification		Yes
Supporting Document	Health Administrative Forms		Yes
Supporting Document	Health Filing Data		Yes
Supporting Document	Third Party Filing Authorization		Yes
Supporting Document	Table of Contents and Exhibits		Yes

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Rate Filing Deemed Complete

Comments:

This note is to advise the company that this rate filing has been deemed complete as of February 11, 2013 - meaning that the Department's 30-day review period for both filings runs through March 13, 2013.

Sean Londergan

Rate & Form Analyst

Department of Financial Regulation

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Purpose

The purpose of this narrative is to describe the methodology for determining a common set of benefit relativities for the rating of The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP) plans. It is our desire to use the relativity factors derived from this methodology, and displayed in the exhibits, for the rating of large group business that is new or renewing in the second quarter of 2013 or later.

Overview

To determine standardized pure premium rate relationships, also called relativities¹, TVHP has created models that simulate the impact of member benefits for the following types of plans: BlueCare LO Options (BCLO), Open Access (OAP), BlueCare (HMO), BlueCare Options (POS), Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's) and Prescriptions Drugs. The models determine the allowed charges for the latest complete calendar year included in the study, and "re-adjudicate" the claims, thereby simulating the impact of member cost sharing for a given benefit plan.

Claims data has been taken from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont's² (BCBSVT) data warehouse. The starting point of the analysis is allowed charges as determined by the BCBSVT claims adjudication system. The claims data includes benefit codes that enable us to identify the services and benefit structures (copays, deductibles, and coinsurance).

For each benefit plan of interest, the models produced simulated PMPM values of the benefits. The model then applies utilization adjustment factors to account for the expected benefit induced utilization. One plan has been chosen as the "base" plan. The utilization-adjusted PMPM for each plan was then divided by the base plan PMPM to produce its relativity. Relativities are included for medical only plans, Rx only plans, and CDHP plans.

The chosen base plan is:

Medical: HMO \$50 Office Visit, \$2,500 combined hospital deductible, \$200 ER, \$150 Ambulance
Rx: \$100 Deductible, \$5/\$25/\$50 Copays, Diabetic Supplies Same as Any Other, Lifestyle Exclusion Rider, Mail Order 2.5x, \$1,250 OOP

The relativity factors will be used only to adjust the relativities between benefit plans. Tier factors for the various contract types (e.g. Single, Two-Person, Family) are not affected by this analysis. The relativities also will not affect the overall expected claims level, which will be determined by the usual experience renewal calculation for each piece of business.

¹ It is our intention that the relativities will be applied to the Projected Standard Plan Single Claims Rate, as outlined in the to-be-filed TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing.

² For purposes of this filing, "BCBSVT" refers to both "BCBSVT/TVHP", since the data warehouse and claims processing systems span both entities.

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Medical vs. Pharmacy Weight

The ratio of medical to drug allowed charges, based on the latest experience and trends, is as follows:

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Pharmacy</u>
Weights	0.821	0.179

These medical-pharmacy weights are reflected in the final benefit relative values.

Medical Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. The charges were trended to July 1, 2014. This date is the midpoint of the 12-month period that begins January 1, 2014. (The majority of the business that will be renewed with these factors has a January 1 renewal date.)
2. The claims from TVHP Group business are included in the analysis; individual lines of business claims have been excluded. Claims from large groups with special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.
3. The HMO, POS, BCLO and OAP models use claims experience and member months from all TVHP products, including CDHP products.
4. The claims were categorized according to how benefits are paid. Claims were separated into office copay, inpatient, outpatient surgery, ER, ambulance and preventive care categories. Claims were split for In-Network and Out-of-Network benefits, if applicable.
5. Continuance tables were then created to model the impact of deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums. Cost/Frequency tables were created to model the impact of copays.
6. The following medical-only models were created: HMO, POS, BCLO and OAP.

Pharmacy Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed drug charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. As with the Medical Benefit Model, the charges were trended to July 1, 2014.
2. The claims included are from BCBSVT Insured Group, BCBSVT Self Funded and TVHP business. Claims experience from Individual lines of business has been excluded from the analysis. Claims from large groups with special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.

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3. Within the model, scripts are assigned to one of six categories:
 - Retail Generic • Retail Preferred Brand • Retail Non-Preferred Brand
 - Mail Generic • Mail Preferred Brand • Mail Non-Preferred Brand
4. Cost/Frequency tables were created for the six categories to model the impact of copays and coinsurance. The model assumes that the member will pay the lesser of the allowed charge of the prescription or the amount of their copay.
5. A continuance table was used to assess the impact of deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums. With Vermont Act 171, all pharmacy benefits will have an OOPM of \$1,250 during 2013. It is expected that this limit will increase to a yet unknown amount, following the IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, in 2014.
6. **Options for the Drug Cards**
 - a. Diabetic Supplies:
 - Diabetic supplies are covered at 100%, with no member cost-sharing
 - Diabetic supplies are subject to the same member cost shares as any other Rx (SAAO)
 - b. Mail Order Drugs (90 day supply):
 - Member cost sharing is 2.0X retail cost sharing
 - Member cost sharing is 2.5X retail cost sharing
 - c. Lifestyle Exclusion Rider:
 - Lifestyle drugs are included and member cost-sharing is the same as any other drug
 - Lifestyle drugs are excluded
 - d. Women's Wellness
 - If the plan is subject to the preventive care provisions of the Affordable Care Act (or has elected to comply with those provisions), then contraceptives are covered at 100%
 - If the plan is not subject to the preventive care provisions of the Affordable Care Act, then member cost sharing will apply the same as any other prescription

CDHP Benefit Model Details

1. Incurred allowed charges from 2011, paid through July 2012, were used. The charges were trended to July 1, 2014. This date is the midpoint of the 12-month period that begins January 1, 2014. (The majority of the business that will be renewed with these factors has a January 1 renewal date.)
2. The claims from TVHP Group business are included in the analysis; Individual lines of business claims have been excluded. Claims from large groups with

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special benefits have also been excluded. Only plans with both medical and pharmacy benefits are included.

3. The CDHP model uses claims experience and member months from all TVHP products.
4. **Rx Options in CDHP Model**
 - a. Wellness drugs (Safe Harbor Drugs) can be provided on a first-dollar basis, i.e. they are not subject to the integrated deductible.
 - b. After the integrated deductible is satisfied, pharmacy claims (including wellness) can have unique cost-sharing benefits until the integrated out-of-pocket maximum is satisfied.
 - c. The model assumes that all CDHP benefits will comply with Vermont Act 171, which limits a member's pharmacy out-of-pocket to \$1,250 during 2013. It is expected that this limit will increase to a yet unknown amount, following the IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, in 2014.
5. A "claim-by-claim" re-adjudication model assesses the impact of CDHP deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and no cost-share preventive care (ACA) services with various wellness benefits and Act 171 limitations incorporated.

Utilization Adjustment

1. A separate analysis was done which organized claims data by plan type and benefit design (deductible-based, copay-based, CDHP and pharmacy).
2. Utilization adjustment factors were developed for each benefit design, using the paid-to-allowed ratio to adjust up or down from the base simulated PMPM. These utilization factors are shown in Exhibits I, II and III, along with the benefit relativities.

Applying the Relativities

Once the TVHP Group Merit Rating Program filing has been submitted and approved, the benefit relativities will be used in accordance with that filing.

If there is a future need for relativities for benefit designs that are not displayed in the Exhibits³, we will use the methodology described in this filing to simulate the impact of the benefits and relate the resulting PMPM's to the base PMPM.

³ An example of this is the need for new relativities with the announcement of the 2014 IRC rules for Health Savings Account and High Deductible Plans, since the 2014 drug out-of-pocket limit under Vermont Act 171 will change accordingly.

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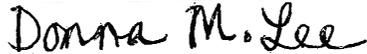
Actuarial Opinion

The purpose of this filing is to develop benefit relative value factors for use in rating TVHP small group and large group business. This filing is not intended to be used for other purposes.

The data used in this analysis has been reviewed for reasonableness and consistency; however, it has not been audited.

It is my opinion that, in aggregate, the benefit relative value factors presented in this filing fall within a range of reasonable trend values. They will produce premium rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits provided, adequate, not excessive, and not unfairly discriminatory.

I am a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, and I meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to render this opinion.



Donna M. Lee, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

December 20, 2012

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have reviewed the applicable filing requirements for this filing, and, to the best of my knowledge, the filing complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions for the state of Vermont



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Date

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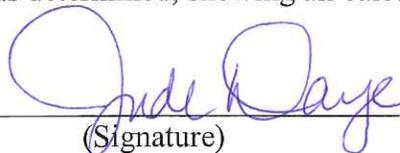
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Exhibit II Relativities for CDHP Plans

Exhibit III Relativities for HMO and POS Plans

Exhibit IV Relativities for Rx Plans

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Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare LO Options (BCLO) and Open Access (OAP) Medical Plans**

index	Product	In-Network						Out-of-Network			PPACA Compliant	
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Office Copay	Specialist Copay	ER ¹ Copay	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Utilization	Relativity
1	BCLO	\$2,500	20%	\$5,000	\$25	\$25					0.9341	0.6046
2	BCLO	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30					0.9139	0.5562
3	BCLO	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	NA ²	NA ²					0.9568	0.6589
4	OAP	\$1,000	0%	\$1,000	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$2,000	40%	\$4,000	1.0210	0.8219
5	OAP	\$1,000	20%	\$2,000	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$2,000	40%	\$4,000	1.0028	0.7769
6	OAP	\$2,000	20%	\$4,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$4,000	40%	\$8,000	0.9665	0.6878
7	OAP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000	0.9690	0.6940
8	OAP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30	\$250	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000	0.9474	0.6413

1. **ER Copay:** the displayed member copay goes toward the facility allowed charges. Associated physician and ancillary charges are the covered at 100%.
2. For the BCLO product, Office and Specialist Copay can be under the deductible.
3. BCLO does not have Out-of-Network benefits.

The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's)

index	Product	In-Network						Unlimited OOPM		\$1,200 OOPM		\$1,250 OOPM	
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	RX OOPM Limit ³	Wellness Rx ¹	Drugs After Deductible ²	Utilization	Relativity	Utilization	Relativity	Utilization	Relativity
								Active	Active	Active	Active		
1	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9666	0.8977	0.9673	0.9070	0.9672	0.9066
2	CDHP	\$1,500	20%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9505	0.8336	0.9514	0.8470	0.9513	0.8463
3	CDHP	\$1,500	10%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.9520	0.8399	0.9532	0.8539	0.9532	0.8532
4	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9539	0.8461	0.9554	0.8611	0.9553	0.8603
5	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9377	0.7881	0.9394	0.8066	0.9393	0.8058
6	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.9325	0.7714	0.9348	0.7924	0.9346	0.7915
7	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9477	0.8231	0.9498	0.8411	0.9496	0.8402
8	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9393	0.7856	0.9431	0.8151	0.9429	0.8138
9	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9417	0.8016	0.9443	0.8227	0.9442	0.8216
10	CDHP	\$2,500	10%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.9226	0.7402	0.9267	0.7677	0.9265	0.7666
11	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9255	0.7485	0.9283	0.7723	0.9281	0.7713
12	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9300	0.7623	0.9339	0.7894	0.9337	0.7883
13	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.9139	0.7134	0.9179	0.7423	0.9177	0.7412
14	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.9007	0.6768	0.9068	0.7122	0.9065	0.7110
15	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9078	0.6957	0.9145	0.7331	0.9143	0.7318
16	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8873	0.6407	0.8970	0.6865	0.8966	0.6852
17	CDHP	\$10,000	0%	\$10,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8745	0.4950	0.8933	0.5687	0.8929	0.5672
18	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9371	0.7929	0.9386	0.8076	0.9385	0.8071
19	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9383	0.7908	0.9413	0.8134	0.9412	0.8125
20	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$60	0%	0.9415	0.8080	0.9434	0.8241	0.9433	0.8235
21	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9269	0.7549	0.9308	0.7812	0.9307	0.7802
22	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.9301	0.7706	0.9329	0.7906	0.9328	0.7899
23	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	0%	0.8806	0.6166	0.8901	0.6547	0.8898	0.6537
24	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9476	0.8324	0.9493	0.8466	0.9492	0.8460
25	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	0%	50%	0.9381	0.7891	0.9416	0.8151	0.9414	0.8141
26	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$3,500	\$1,250	0%	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.9395	0.7981	0.9423	0.8195	0.9422	0.8187
27	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9418	0.8122	0.9438	0.8283	0.9437	0.8276
28	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$5,950	\$1,250	50%	50%	0.9042	0.6839	0.9102	0.7217	0.9100	0.7205
29	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9305	0.7753	0.9334	0.7951	0.9333	0.7944
30	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9095	0.7130	0.9143	0.7391	0.9141	0.7382
31	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8902	0.6614	0.8971	0.6929	0.8969	0.6920
32	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8890	0.6549	0.8959	0.6874	0.8957	0.6864
33	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8838	0.6264	0.8926	0.6626	0.8924	0.6617
34	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9536	0.8502	0.9548	0.8625	0.9547	0.8620
35	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9371	0.7915	0.9385	0.8073	0.9385	0.8066
36	CDHP	\$2,000	50%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$0/50%/50%	50%	0.8926	0.6611	0.8974	0.6907	0.8972	0.6897
37	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9476	0.8279	0.9490	0.8422	0.9489	0.8416
38	CDHP	\$2,250	20%	\$3,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9311	0.7719	0.9329	0.7896	0.9328	0.7889
39	CDHP	\$2,450	10%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$0/50%/50%	10%	0.9201	0.7378	0.9243	0.7644	0.9241	0.7635
40	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9416	0.8071	0.9435	0.8235	0.9434	0.8228
41	CDHP	\$2,500	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9252	0.7535	0.9274	0.7731	0.9273	0.7724
42	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.9301	0.7693	0.9329	0.7898	0.9327	0.7890
43	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9140	0.7200	0.9171	0.7432	0.9169	0.7424
44	CDHP	\$3,250	20%	\$4,250	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.9085	0.7046	0.9122	0.7296	0.9120	0.7287
45	CDHP	\$4,000	20%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	20%	0.8930	0.6629	0.8982	0.6926	0.8980	0.6917
46	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8886	0.6521	0.8957	0.6863	0.8955	0.6853
47	CDHP	\$5,950	0%	\$5,950	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8799	0.6149	0.8902	0.6552	0.8899	0.6541

- Wellness Rx:** if applicable, cost sharing rules apply *before* the deductible is satisfied. The member's cost share for **Wellness Rx** accumulates toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.
- All other drugs** are subject to deductible. Once the deductible is met, drugs are subject to the **Drugs After Deductible** cost share until the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.
- The Rx OOPM Limit is as described in Vermont Act 171.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare (HMO) and BlueCare Options (POS) Medical Plans**

index	Product ¹	In-Network							Out-of-Network ²			PPACA Compliant	
		IP	OP	HOSP	PCP	SCP	ER	AMB	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Utilization	Relativity
1	HMO			\$500	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0579	0.9166
2	HMO			\$750	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0547	0.9090
3	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0517	0.9018
4	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0469	0.8902
5	HMO			\$3,000	\$20	\$30	\$100	\$50				1.0291	0.8481
6	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$100	\$0				1.0695	0.9449
7	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0				1.0694	0.9446
8	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0				1.0700	0.9474
9	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$250	\$50				1.0658	0.9358
10	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$50				1.0681	0.9415
11	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0				1.0652	0.9344
12	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0647	0.9331
13	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0633	0.9298
14	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0622	0.9270
15	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0597	0.9211
16	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100				1.0581	0.9173
17	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0547	0.9091
18	HMO	\$1,000	\$500		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100				1.0522	0.9029
19	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0485	0.8942
20	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50				1.0437	0.8828
21	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$25	\$40	\$100	\$50				1.0559	0.9120
22	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0437	0.8828
23	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0				1.0439	0.8831
24	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$250	\$50				1.0389	0.8714
25	POS	\$500	\$200		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0621	0.9344
26	POS	\$0	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0687	0.9505
27	POS	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0615	0.9330
28	POS	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$500	30%	\$3,000	1.0591	0.9270

PCP	Primary Care Physician
SCP	Specialist Physician
IP	Inpatient (max. of 2/yr per family)
OP	Outpatient Surgery
HOSP	Combined Inpatient and Outpatient Deductible
ER	Emergency Room
AMB	Ambulance

1. All HMO and POS Plans have a DME rider benefit of: \$100 deductible, 80% coinsurance, Unlimited out-of-pocket built into the relativity
 2. HMO Plans do not have Out-of-Network benefits.

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index	Type	Deductible	Copay (\$) / Coinsurance (%)			Diabetic	Lifestyle Exclusion Rider	Mail Order Factor	Unlimited OOPM	\$1,200 OOPM	\$1,250 OOPM
			Generic	Preferred Brand	Non-Preferred Brand				Women's Preventive Same as Any Other	Women's Preventive Covered in Full	Women's Preventive Covered in Full
									Relativity	Relativity	Relativity
									Active	Active	Active
1	CMB	\$0	\$3	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.1281	0.1635	0.1630
2	CMB	\$0	\$5	40%	60%	N	N	2.0	0.1302	0.1656	0.1651
3	CMB	\$50	\$10	20%	20%	N	N	2.0	0.1554	0.1729	0.1724
4	CMB	\$100	\$5	40%	60%	N	Y	2.5	0.1207	0.1564	0.1554
5	CMB	\$100	\$5	40%	60%	N	N	2.0	0.1221	0.1581	0.1571
6	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.1017	0.1541	0.1532
7	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	N	N	2.0	0.1028	0.1557	0.1548
8	COI	\$50	50%	50%	50%	N	Y	2.5	0.0985	0.1507	0.1498
9	COP	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.2073	0.2096	0.2096
10	COP	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	Y	N	2.0	0.2260	0.2261	0.2261
11	COP	\$0	\$2	\$2	\$2	Y	N	2.0	0.2235	0.2238	0.2238
12	COP	\$0	\$3	\$3	\$3	N	N	2.0	0.2206	0.2214	0.2213
13	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	Y	2.5	0.2070	0.2106	0.2105
14	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$10	Y	N	2.0	0.2133	0.2158	0.2157
15	COP	\$0	\$5	\$25	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1886	0.1952	0.1951
16	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1949	0.2006	0.2005
17	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1940	0.2001	0.1999
18	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1932	0.1995	0.1994
19	COP	\$0	\$5	\$15	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.2008	0.2054	0.2053
20	COP	\$0	\$5	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1827	0.1901	0.1894
21	COP	\$0	\$10	\$15	\$15	Y	N	2.0	0.2022	0.2088	0.2087
22	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$35	Y	N	2.0	0.1921	0.2000	0.1998
23	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1913	0.1994	0.1993
24	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1856	0.1949	0.1947
25	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1786	0.1889	0.1887
26	COP	\$0	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	N	2.0	0.1975	0.2050	0.2048
27	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1891	0.1978	0.1977
28	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1833	0.1932	0.1930
29	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1816	0.1922	0.1920
30	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1760	0.1871	0.1869
31	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1745	0.1862	0.1860
32	COP	\$0	\$10	\$35	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1704	0.1827	0.1824
33	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1800	0.1913	0.1911
34	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	Y	N	2.0	0.1831	0.1952	0.1949
35	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1805	0.1933	0.1930
36	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1744	0.1883	0.1879
37	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1736	0.1878	0.1875
38	COP	\$0	\$15	\$35	\$55	N	N	2.0	0.1667	0.1824	0.1821
39	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	Y	2.5	0.1992	0.2031	0.2030
40	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	N	N	2.0	0.2014	0.2059	0.2058
41	COP	\$50	\$5	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1758	0.1835	0.1834
42	COP	\$50	\$10	\$15	\$30	Y	Y	2.5	0.1903	0.1983	0.1981
43	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	N	Y	2.5	0.1807	0.1901	0.1898

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									Relativity	Relativity	Relativity
									Active	Active	Active
44	COP	\$50	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	Y	2.5	0.1879	0.1964	0.1962
45	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	Y	N	2.0	0.1854	0.1942	0.1940
46	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1829	0.1922	0.1919
47	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1803	0.1907	0.1905
48	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$35	N	N	2.0	0.1779	0.1876	0.1875
49	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1770	0.1872	0.1870
50	COP	\$50	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1700	0.1808	0.1806
51	COP	\$50	\$10	\$35	\$70	N	N	2.0	0.1626	0.1759	0.1756
52	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1762	0.1867	0.1865
53	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	Y	2.5	0.1715	0.1847	0.1844
54	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1737	0.1868	0.1866
55	COP	\$100	\$0	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1878	0.1903	0.1902
56	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	Y	2.5	0.1785	0.1853	0.1852
57	COP	\$100	\$5	\$25	\$50	N	Y	2.5	0.1724	0.1801	0.1793
58	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	Y	2.5	0.1792	0.1858	0.1857
59	COP	\$100	\$5	\$35	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1720	0.1794	0.1792
60	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1814	0.1879	0.1878
61	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1806	0.1874	0.1872
62	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	Y	2.5	0.1825	0.1906	0.1904
63	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	Y	2.5	0.1624	0.1742	0.1739
64	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	N	Y	2.5	0.1632	0.1746	0.1744
65	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	Y	N	2.0	0.1686	0.1792	0.1790
66	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	Y	N	2.0	0.1679	0.1788	0.1785
67	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	N	N	2.0	0.1847	0.1926	0.1925
68	COP	\$100	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1762	0.1861	0.1859
69	COP	\$100	\$10	\$25	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1706	0.1814	0.1812
70	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1653	0.1766	0.1764
71	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1646	0.1762	0.1760
72	COP	\$100	\$15	\$40	\$60	N	Y	2.5	0.1491	0.1666	0.1662
73	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$45	N	N	2.0	0.1631	0.1776	0.1772
74	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1623	0.1772	0.1768
75	COP	\$100	\$20	\$40	\$60	N	N	2.0	0.1490	0.1685	0.1681
76	COP	\$150	\$10	\$20	\$40	N	N	2.0	0.1716	0.1818	0.1815
77	COP	\$150	\$10	\$30	\$50	N	N	2.0	0.1603	0.1723	0.1720

* **Type:** CMB = combined; COI = coinsurance; COP = copay

* **Diabetic:** If "Y" then Diabetic supplies are covered at 100% of allowed charges; If "N" then Diabetic supplies are subject to cost sharing same as any other prescription drug (SAAO).

* **Lifestyle Exclusion Rider :** If "Y" then the benefit has the Lifestyle Exclusion Rider.

* **Mail Order Factor :** This is the number of copays taken on a 90-day mail order supply.

February 3, 2014

Mr. Josh Hammerquist, A.S.A., M.A.A.A.
Assistant Vice President & Consulting Actuary
Lewis & Ellis, Inc.

**Subject: Your 01/30/2014 Questions re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 BCBSVT Benefit Relativity Factor Filing (SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736)**

Dear Mr. Hammerquist:

In response to your request dated January 30, 2014, here are *your questions* and our answers:

1. *We note that the claims for Large Groups with special benefits are excluded from the medical and pharmacy models. What is considered “special benefits?” Please include examples of special benefits that excluded Large Group claims for both the medical benefit model and the pharmacy benefit model.*

This predominantly refers to groups that have specific reimbursement with local providers outside of BCBSVT’s contracts and/or claims processing function. We also exclude groups with a geographical distribution (e.g. a predominantly non-Vermont population) that would skew the average. This represents about 8% of the Large Group business.

2. *Please provide the following, if applicable, for all benefit designs:*
 - a. *medical paid-to-allowed ratio;*
 - b. *medical induced utilization factor;*
 - c. *pharmacy paid-to-allowed ratio; and*
 - d. *pharmacy induced utilization factor.*

See attached *Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries-01.30.2014.xlsx*. (yellow tabs).

3. *Please provide the trend, by service category, that was used to trend the medical and pharmacy claims to July 1, 2015.*

The cost trends applied to the experience period were:

- Inpatient : 6.66%
- Outpatient : 4.97%
- Professional and Other : 0.95%
- Generic drugs : -3.7%
- Brand drugs : 10.0%
- Specialty drugs : 6.8%

Note that, for modeling simplicity, we have ignored utilization trend in our analysis. Utilization trends in our most recently-approved filing were 0.4% for medical and 0.6% for

pharmacy. The impact of excluding utilization trend will be a slightly reduced manual rate and a very subtle broadening of the benefit relativity factors, relative to the rate and factors that would be produced with an explicit recognition of utilization trend. We intend to work toward explicitly incorporating utilization trend into our modeling in future filings.

4. *Please provide at least the last 36 months of data with sufficient run-out to support the trends used to project the claims costs. To the extent that the historical data does not support the trends used, please provide an explanation for the differences.*

The Pharmacy cost trends were calculated with the same experience and method as in the TVHP Q1-Q2 2014 Trend Filing (SERFF # BCVT-129197313). Exhibit II from that filing is attached for your convenience.

Medical Cost trends were not based on historical trends but on known and estimated contracting changes for the projected period. Using the experience period as weights for the different hospitals, we applied the known cost increase, approved by the GMCB, to the allowed charges. For reimbursement schedules not under GMCB's review, our Provider Contracting department provided us with their best estimate at the time. To trend to July 2015, we assumed that the next contracting season would result in identical increases.

5. *Please provide the manual rate from the prior filing. What changes have impacted the manual rate since the prior filing?*

The manual rate in the Q2 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity filing was \$415.97. In the past, we would select a plan and use it as the manual rate, or 1.000. This year, the average paid PMPM was used as the manual rate. Mandated benefits, such as additional preventive services and requirements that copayment accumulate toward the medical out-of-pocket, also impacts the value of the modeled plans. Finally, we significantly enhanced our modeling this year by moving from a continuance table approach to a full repricing model.

6. *Please provide a sample comparison for a group that is 100% manually rated and has the plans listed below for the current filing and prior filing. For both filings, the comparison should take the manual rate and multiply by the benefit relativities for each plan.*

Current Filing:

- a. *HMO: Index 3*
- b. *CDHP: Index 1*
- c. *COP: Index 30*

Prior Filing:

- d. *HMO: Index 8*
- e. *CDHP: Index 1*
- f. *COP: Index 23*

Neither BCBSVT nor TVHP sells insured medical plans separately from pharmacy riders - plans are always packaged under a single benefit. Because of our methodology related to the split between medical and pharmacy benefits as well as our change in manual rate basis from prior to current filing, we must include a pharmacy benefit in order to create a valid longitudinal comparison. We combined the HMO and COP plans. We also included COP Index 27 for the prior filing and not COP Index 23 to have the same plan for both years.

	Prior Filing			Current Filing		Increase
	Relativity	PMPM		Relativity	PMPM	
Manual Rate	1.0000	\$415.97	Manual Rate	1.0000	\$408.35	
HMO+COP	1.1451	\$476.33	HMO+COP	1.2354	\$504.48	5.91%
CDHP	0.9066	\$377.12	CDHP	0.9724	\$397.08	5.29%

7. What is the premium or member weighted percentage of groups that renew on January 1st?

Approximately 70% of our Large Group customers (50% of membership) renews in January.

8. Why is the medical induced utilization based on frequency rather than total allowed costs? This appears to overweight the impact of professional utilization and underweight the impact of inpatient utilization.

Allowed charges are a function of 3 components; 1) cost per service, 2) mixture of services (%inpatient, %outpatient, %professional/other) and 3) frequency of services. Our model simulates benefits from our average population’s allowed charges which have implicit cost/service, mixture and frequency components built in. When we model a particular benefit we make the assumption that the cost/service and mixture of services are constant regardless of plan design and the only remaining variable is the frequency of services. The richness or leanness of the plan correlates to the frequency in which medical services are consumed.

Our methodology uses total AV rather than examining component pieces of the benefit. Total allowed cost is therefore directly proportional to the increase in total utilization.

9. Why is the pharmacy induced utilization based on the number of scripts rather than total allowed claims?

The simulation model starts with the average 2015 allowed charges. Implicit in these allowed charges are an inherent generic dispensing rate, script frequency per member, and average cost per generic, formulary brand and non-formulary brand script. When a specific benefit is modeled we make adjustments to the generic dispensing rate and script frequency per member, assuming that the average cost per type of script is constant for all benefits. We are effectively adjusting the allowed charges per benefit by making adjustments to the underlying components of the average allowed charges.

10. Based on our review of the “Benefit Induced Utilization: Pharmacy”, we are concerned that there may be a potential double counting of the impact of induced utilization on generics by making adjustments based on:

- a. the difference in the Generic and Brand copays; and*
- b. the paid-to-allowed ratio.*

Please discuss if this was considered and provide support that demonstrates that there is no double counting. A simplified example of both adjustments may provide clarity.

A) The adjustment for difference in Generic/Brand copays changes the mixture of scripts (e.g. generic dispensing rate) without adjusting the overall frequency of scripts.

B) The richness or leanness of the plan which is measured by the paid to allowed ratio adjusts the overall frequency of scripts

Please see the attached spreadsheet for illustrative example

11. Please provide more details regarding the decrease in the pharmacy weight from 17.9% in the prior filing to 14.7% in the current filing.

The Q2 2013 BCBSVT Benefit relativity filing pharmacy trend was, in retrospect, too aggressive. At the time of the Q2 2013 filing, we were anticipating pharmacy cost trend of around 10%, which did not materialize. Looking back at previous filing, the Q2 2013 filing is the outlier and this filing is more in line with the current, and projected, split between medical and pharmacy.

Filing	Pharmacy Portion
Q2 2014	14.7%
Q2 2013	17.9%
Q2 2012	13.6%
Q2 2011	14.1%
Q2 2010	13.0%

12. Please provide a brief description of the drugs that are considered Wellness Rx?

Wellness Drugs (Safe Harbor Drugs) are prescriptions that can have cost-sharing before the deductible without compromising the HSA compatibility of a CDHP plan. Please visit our website, <http://www.bcbsvt.com/pharmacy/drug-lists/wellness-drug-list>, for a detailed list of the Wellness drugs.

13. Please provide a more detailed explanation and a sample calculation of how “the allowed charges associated with out-of-network benefits were adjusted by applying a factor equal to the ratio of out-of-network charges PMPM for each plan in the base data to the analogous PMPM in the aggregate base data, in order to account for the ‘freedom’ associated with the plan.”

In this context, out-of-network means out of area, or outside of the preferred (BlueCard) network. For OAP and POS plans, separate and independent benefit structures are applied to the preferred and non-preferred network. For CDHP, HMO and BCLO, the same overall benefits are applied to the preferred network only. Those plans do not include an out-of-network benefit (other than emergency exceptions). The underlying benefits in the experience have different splits between preferred and non-preferred networks as part of the “freedom” of the benefit. In order to adjust the starting point for each benefit design, we ratioed the experienced PMPM by type of benefit to the average.

Benefit Type	Experience PMPM	Factor
Indemnity	\$6.50	1.5687
VHP	\$3.95	0.9534
TVHP	\$1.35	0.3255
Total	\$4.14	1.000

The “non-preferred” allowed charges were multiplied by the above factor before simulating each benefit.

14. Why are the plan relativities different for the CDHP plan designs between the BCBSVT and TVHP filings?

The starting allowed charges between BCBSVT and TVHP CDHP plans are different and therefore the same plan design applied to each company will return a different benefit relativity value (BRV). The allowed charges are different for two reasons;

- 1) Different provider reimbursements. In general, TVHP discounts are greater than or equal to BCBSVT for any given provider.
- 2) Different networks. TVHP does not include an out-of-network benefit (other than emergency exceptions), while BCBSVT members can access the national Blue Card network.

Please let us know if you have any further questions, or if we can provide additional clarity on any of the items above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Schultz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

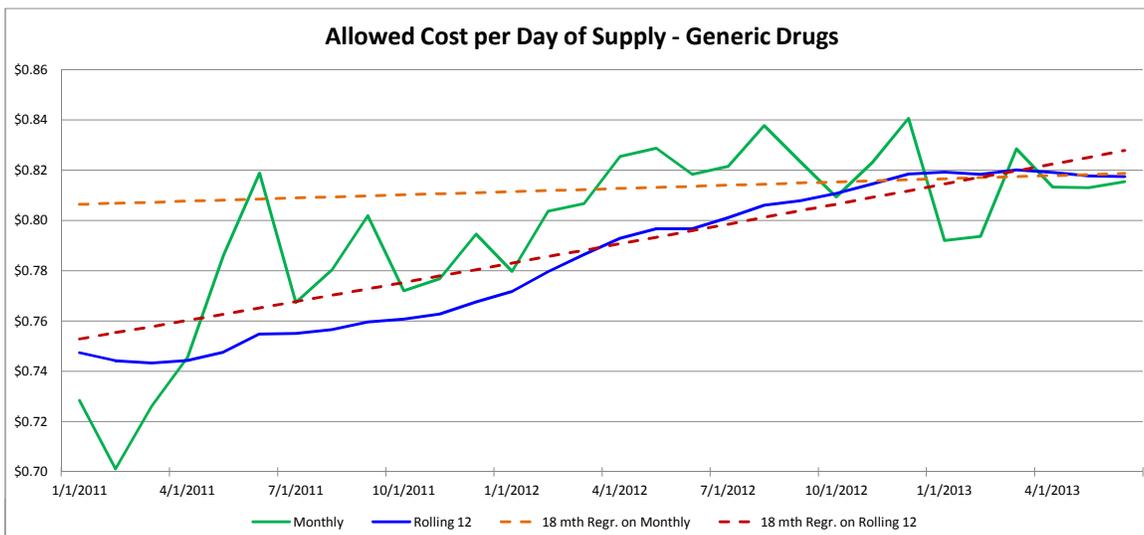
Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

The Vermont Health Plan
First and Second Quarter 2014 Trend Filing
Pharmacy Trend Development

GENERIC DRUGS

Incurred Date	MONTHLY DATA				ROLLING 12				EXPONENTIAL FIT	
	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Monthly Cost Trend	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Rolling 12 Cost Trend	Monthly Data	Rolling 12 Data
Jan-10	1,661,072	\$1,180,260	\$0.71							
Feb-10	1,566,473	\$1,157,498	\$0.74							
Mar-10	1,816,131	\$1,336,369	\$0.74							
Apr-10	1,741,221	\$1,276,454	\$0.73							
May-10	1,714,668	\$1,285,371	\$0.75							
Jun-10	1,850,148	\$1,364,000	\$0.74							
Jul-10	1,760,921	\$1,348,220	\$0.77							
Aug-10	1,808,463	\$1,379,775	\$0.76							
Sep-10	1,770,934	\$1,359,481	\$0.77							
Oct-10	1,833,702	\$1,390,536	\$0.76							
Nov-10	1,830,941	\$1,378,904	\$0.75							
Dec-10	1,977,938	\$1,462,883	\$0.74							
Jan-11	1,929,700	\$1,405,801	\$0.73	2.5%	21,601,240	\$16,145,293	\$0.75		\$0.81	\$0.75
Feb-11	1,783,450	\$1,250,664	\$0.70	-5.1%	21,818,217	\$16,238,458	\$0.74		\$0.81	\$0.76
Mar-11	2,032,701	\$1,476,027	\$0.73	-1.3%	22,034,787	\$16,378,116	\$0.74		\$0.81	\$0.76
Apr-11	1,922,132	\$1,433,180	\$0.75	1.7%	22,215,699	\$16,534,842	\$0.74		\$0.81	\$0.76
May-11	2,009,912	\$1,580,167	\$0.79	4.9%	22,510,943	\$16,829,638	\$0.75		\$0.81	\$0.76
Jun-11	2,025,686	\$1,658,838	\$0.82	11.1%	22,686,480	\$17,124,476	\$0.75		\$0.81	\$0.77
Jul-11	1,921,903	\$1,474,852	\$0.77	0.2%	22,847,462	\$17,251,108	\$0.76		\$0.81	\$0.77
Aug-11	2,059,132	\$1,606,685	\$0.78	2.3%	23,098,131	\$17,478,018	\$0.76		\$0.81	\$0.77
Sep-11	1,948,787	\$1,562,856	\$0.80	4.5%	23,275,984	\$17,681,393	\$0.76		\$0.81	\$0.77
Oct-11	2,011,231	\$1,552,918	\$0.77	1.8%	23,453,513	\$17,843,775	\$0.76		\$0.81	\$0.78
Nov-11	2,030,149	\$1,577,249	\$0.78	3.2%	23,652,721	\$18,042,120	\$0.76		\$0.81	\$0.78
Dec-11	2,149,281	\$1,707,886	\$0.79	7.4%	23,824,064	\$18,287,122	\$0.77		\$0.81	\$0.78
Jan-12	2,098,854	\$1,636,604	\$0.78	7.0%	23,993,218	\$18,517,926	\$0.77	3.3%	\$0.81	\$0.78
Feb-12	2,001,956	\$1,608,977	\$0.80	14.6%	24,211,723	\$18,876,239	\$0.78	4.8%	\$0.81	\$0.79
Mar-12	2,093,591	\$1,689,122	\$0.81	11.1%	24,272,613	\$19,089,335	\$0.79	5.8%	\$0.81	\$0.79
Apr-12	2,098,370	\$1,732,161	\$0.83	10.7%	24,448,851	\$19,388,316	\$0.79	6.5%	\$0.81	\$0.79
May-12	2,169,223	\$1,797,711	\$0.83	5.4%	24,608,161	\$19,605,860	\$0.80	6.6%	\$0.81	\$0.79
Jun-12	2,178,114	\$1,782,539	\$0.82	-0.1%	24,760,590	\$19,729,561	\$0.80	5.6%	\$0.81	\$0.80
Jul-12	2,144,497	\$1,761,711	\$0.82	7.1%	24,983,184	\$20,016,420	\$0.80	6.1%	\$0.81	\$0.80
Aug-12	2,246,093	\$1,881,579	\$0.84	7.4%	25,170,145	\$20,291,314	\$0.81	6.5%	\$0.81	\$0.80
Sep-12	2,048,802	\$1,687,188	\$0.82	2.7%	25,270,161	\$20,415,645	\$0.81	6.4%	\$0.81	\$0.80
Oct-12	2,337,312	\$1,891,784	\$0.81	4.8%	25,596,241	\$20,754,512	\$0.81	6.6%	\$0.82	\$0.81
Nov-12	2,237,438	\$1,841,879	\$0.82	6.0%	25,803,530	\$21,019,142	\$0.81	6.8%	\$0.82	\$0.81
Dec-12	2,268,190	\$1,906,813	\$0.84	5.8%	25,922,439	\$21,218,069	\$0.82	6.6%	\$0.82	\$0.81
Jan-13	2,335,843	\$1,850,134	\$0.79	1.6%	26,159,428	\$21,431,599	\$0.82	6.2%	\$0.82	\$0.81
Feb-13	2,164,536	\$1,718,161	\$0.79	-1.2%	26,322,009	\$21,540,782	\$0.82	5.0%	\$0.82	\$0.82
Mar-13	2,259,256	\$1,871,965	\$0.83	2.7%	26,487,674	\$21,723,625	\$0.82	4.3%	\$0.82	\$0.82
Apr-13	2,348,009	\$1,909,591	\$0.81	-1.5%	26,737,313	\$21,901,055	\$0.82	3.3%	\$0.82	\$0.82
May-13	2,389,678	\$1,943,093	\$0.81	-1.9%	26,957,768	\$22,046,436	\$0.82	2.6%	\$0.82	\$0.83
Jun-13	2,265,986	\$1,847,827	\$0.82	-0.4%	27,045,640	\$22,111,725	\$0.82	2.6%	\$0.82	\$0.83

Exponential Trend:	0.6%	4.0%
Adjustment for Future ESI Contract Terms:	0.9568	0.9568
Adjusted Trend:	-3.7%	-0.5%

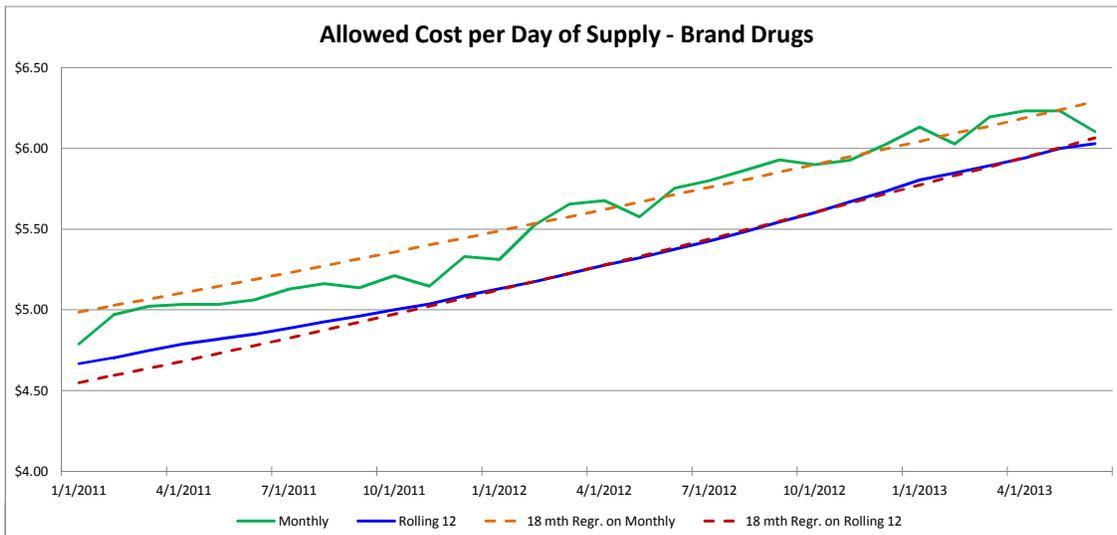


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BRAND DRUGS

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	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Monthly Cost Trend	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Rolling 12 Cost Trend	Monthly Data	Rolling 12 Data
Jan-10	629,038	\$2,736,708	\$4.35							
Feb-10	596,673	\$2,678,970	\$4.49							
Mar-10	679,677	\$3,070,834	\$4.52							
Apr-10	617,417	\$2,807,916	\$4.55							
May-10	593,366	\$2,776,836	\$4.68							
Jun-10	621,664	\$2,937,245	\$4.72							
Jul-10	566,139	\$2,633,963	\$4.65							
Aug-10	578,221	\$2,709,267	\$4.69							
Sep-10	565,506	\$2,666,315	\$4.71							
Oct-10	590,001	\$2,797,224	\$4.74							
Nov-10	578,456	\$2,739,416	\$4.74							
Dec-10	622,937	\$2,960,926	\$4.75							
Jan-11	557,355	\$2,669,196	\$4.79	10.1%	7,167,412	\$33,448,109	\$4.67		\$4.99	\$4.55
Feb-11	518,803	\$2,578,958	\$4.97	10.7%	7,089,542	\$33,348,096	\$4.70		\$5.03	\$4.60
Mar-11	593,963	\$2,983,461	\$5.02	11.2%	7,003,828	\$33,260,723	\$4.75		\$5.06	\$4.64
Apr-11	557,894	\$2,808,305	\$5.03	10.7%	6,944,305	\$33,261,112	\$4.79		\$5.11	\$4.68
May-11	568,274	\$2,860,776	\$5.03	7.6%	6,919,213	\$33,345,052	\$4.82		\$5.15	\$4.73
Jun-11	575,505	\$2,913,271	\$5.06	7.1%	6,873,053	\$33,321,079	\$4.85		\$5.19	\$4.78
Jul-11	534,161	\$2,739,315	\$5.13	10.2%	6,841,076	\$33,426,430	\$4.89		\$5.23	\$4.83
Aug-11	569,634	\$2,940,207	\$5.16	10.2%	6,832,489	\$33,657,370	\$4.93		\$5.27	\$4.87
Sep-11	552,875	\$2,840,076	\$5.14	9.0%	6,819,858	\$33,831,132	\$4.96		\$5.32	\$4.92
Oct-11	580,888	\$3,027,950	\$5.21	9.9%	6,810,745	\$34,061,858	\$5.00		\$5.36	\$4.97
Nov-11	574,905	\$2,958,650	\$5.15	8.7%	6,807,195	\$34,281,091	\$5.04		\$5.40	\$5.02
Dec-11	601,728	\$3,207,133	\$5.33	12.1%	6,785,986	\$34,527,299	\$5.09		\$5.44	\$5.07
Jan-12	555,009	\$2,947,829	\$5.31	10.9%	6,783,640	\$34,805,932	\$5.13	9.9%	\$5.49	\$5.12
Feb-12	546,042	\$3,017,293	\$5.53	11.2%	6,810,878	\$35,244,267	\$5.17	10.0%	\$5.53	\$5.18
Mar-12	530,120	\$2,997,929	\$5.66	12.6%	6,747,035	\$35,258,735	\$5.23	10.0%	\$5.58	\$5.23
Apr-12	523,888	\$2,974,021	\$5.68	12.8%	6,713,029	\$35,424,451	\$5.28	10.2%	\$5.62	\$5.28
May-12	536,425	\$2,991,524	\$5.58	10.8%	6,681,180	\$35,555,200	\$5.32	10.4%	\$5.67	\$5.33
Jun-12	483,937	\$2,784,185	\$5.75	13.7%	6,589,612	\$35,426,113	\$5.38	10.9%	\$5.71	\$5.38
Jul-12	477,732	\$2,771,195	\$5.80	13.1%	6,533,183	\$35,457,994	\$5.43	11.1%	\$5.76	\$5.44
Aug-12	482,948	\$2,831,863	\$5.86	13.6%	6,446,497	\$35,349,650	\$5.48	11.3%	\$5.81	\$5.49
Sep-12	430,002	\$2,549,707	\$5.93	15.4%	6,323,624	\$35,059,281	\$5.54	11.8%	\$5.85	\$5.55
Oct-12	485,132	\$2,861,749	\$5.90	13.2%	6,227,868	\$34,893,079	\$5.60	12.0%	\$5.90	\$5.60
Nov-12	455,378	\$2,699,491	\$5.93	15.2%	6,108,340	\$34,633,920	\$5.67	12.6%	\$5.95	\$5.66
Dec-12	493,296	\$2,970,536	\$6.02	13.0%	5,999,907	\$34,397,323	\$5.73	12.7%	\$6.00	\$5.72
Jan-13	481,142	\$2,950,677	\$6.13	15.5%	5,926,041	\$34,400,171	\$5.80	13.1%	\$6.04	\$5.77
Feb-13	432,116	\$2,604,898	\$6.03	9.1%	5,812,115	\$33,987,776	\$5.85	13.0%	\$6.09	\$5.83
Mar-13	447,704	\$2,773,629	\$6.20	9.5%	5,729,699	\$33,763,476	\$5.89	12.8%	\$6.14	\$5.89
Apr-13	469,741	\$2,927,355	\$6.23	9.8%	5,675,552	\$33,716,810	\$5.94	12.6%	\$6.19	\$5.95
May-13	481,056	\$2,998,204	\$6.23	11.8%	5,620,184	\$33,723,489	\$6.00	12.8%	\$6.24	\$6.00
Jun-13	463,243	\$2,827,843	\$6.10	6.1%	5,599,490	\$33,767,147	\$6.03	12.2%	\$6.29	\$6.07

Exponential Trend: 10.1% 12.6%
 Adjustment for Future ESI Contract Terms: 0.9995 0.9995
 Adjusted Trend: 10.0% 12.6%

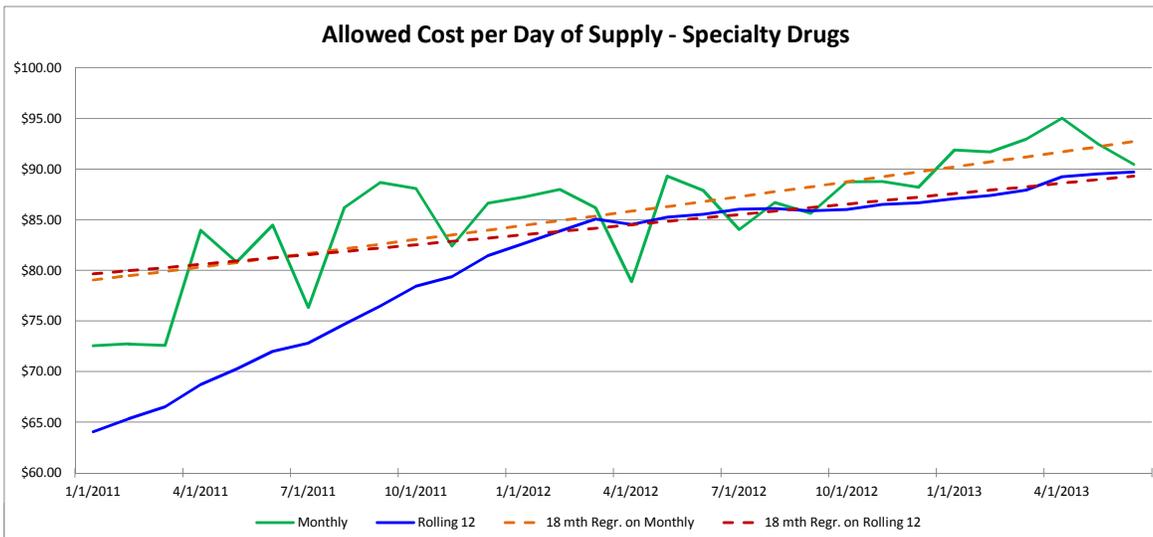


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	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Monthly Cost Trend	Supply	Adjusted Allowed Charge	Cost/ Supply	Rolling 12 Cost Trend	Monthly Data	Rolling 12 Data
Jan-10	12,376	\$644,040	\$52.04							
Feb-10	12,089	\$675,766	\$55.90							
Mar-10	14,146	\$845,851	\$59.79							
Apr-10	13,952	\$790,323	\$56.65							
May-10	12,564	\$776,827	\$61.83							
Jun-10	13,537	\$873,278	\$64.51							
Jul-10	12,614	\$840,946	\$66.67							
Aug-10	12,982	\$854,416	\$65.82							
Sep-10	12,164	\$814,077	\$66.93							
Oct-10	12,502	\$814,095	\$65.12							
Nov-10	11,950	\$850,089	\$71.14							
Dec-10	13,984	\$899,575	\$64.33							
Jan-11	11,164	\$809,774	\$72.53	39.4%	153,649	\$9,845,018	\$64.07		\$79.03	\$79.65
Feb-11	11,358	\$826,060	\$72.73	30.1%	152,918	\$9,995,311	\$65.36		\$79.47	\$79.97
Mar-11	13,259	\$962,485	\$72.59	21.4%	152,031	\$10,111,945	\$66.51		\$79.88	\$80.26
Apr-11	11,057	\$928,266	\$83.95	48.2%	149,136	\$10,249,888	\$68.73		\$80.33	\$80.58
May-11	11,878	\$959,857	\$80.81	30.7%	148,450	\$10,432,918	\$70.28		\$80.77	\$80.90
Jun-11	12,178	\$1,028,449	\$84.45	30.9%	147,091	\$10,588,089	\$71.98		\$81.22	\$81.22
Jul-11	11,988	\$914,863	\$76.31	14.5%	146,466	\$10,662,007	\$72.80		\$81.66	\$81.54
Aug-11	13,870	\$1,195,323	\$86.18	30.9%	147,354	\$11,002,913	\$74.67		\$82.12	\$81.87
Sep-11	11,968	\$1,061,164	\$88.67	32.5%	147,158	\$11,250,000	\$76.45		\$82.58	\$82.20
Oct-11	12,998	\$1,144,997	\$88.09	35.3%	147,655	\$11,580,902	\$78.43		\$83.03	\$82.52
Nov-11	12,890	\$1,062,183	\$82.40	15.8%	148,595	\$11,792,996	\$79.36		\$83.50	\$82.85
Dec-11	13,479	\$1,167,791	\$86.64	34.7%	148,089	\$12,061,213	\$81.45		\$83.96	\$83.18
Jan-12	13,855	\$1,208,439	\$87.22	20.2%	150,780	\$12,459,878	\$82.64	29.0%	\$84.43	\$83.51
Feb-12	14,088	\$1,239,384	\$87.97	21.0%	153,511	\$12,873,202	\$83.86	28.3%	\$84.90	\$83.85
Mar-12	15,206	\$1,310,252	\$86.17	18.7%	155,457	\$13,220,969	\$85.05	27.9%	\$85.35	\$84.16
Apr-12	15,654	\$1,234,595	\$78.87	-6.1%	160,053	\$13,527,298	\$84.52	23.0%	\$85.83	\$84.50
May-12	15,586	\$1,392,041	\$89.31	10.5%	163,761	\$13,959,482	\$85.24	21.3%	\$86.30	\$84.83
Jun-12	15,315	\$1,346,046	\$87.89	4.1%	166,898	\$14,277,080	\$85.54	18.8%	\$86.79	\$85.17
Jul-12	16,614	\$1,396,133	\$84.04	10.1%	171,524	\$14,758,349	\$86.04	18.2%	\$87.26	\$85.51
Aug-12	17,455	\$1,513,369	\$86.70	0.6%	175,108	\$15,076,395	\$86.10	15.3%	\$87.75	\$85.85
Sep-12	16,023	\$1,371,758	\$85.61	-3.4%	179,163	\$15,386,990	\$85.88	12.3%	\$88.24	\$86.20
Oct-12	17,838	\$1,582,977	\$88.74	0.7%	184,003	\$15,824,970	\$86.00	9.7%	\$88.74	\$86.53
Nov-12	17,854	\$1,584,863	\$88.77	7.7%	188,967	\$16,347,651	\$86.51	9.0%	\$89.22	\$86.88
Dec-12	17,867	\$1,576,084	\$88.21	1.8%	193,355	\$16,755,943	\$86.66	6.4%	\$89.71	\$87.22
Jan-13	17,030	\$1,564,634	\$91.87	5.3%	196,530	\$17,112,139	\$87.07	5.4%	\$90.21	\$87.57
Feb-13	15,638	\$1,433,766	\$91.69	4.2%	198,079	\$17,306,521	\$87.37	4.2%	\$90.72	\$87.92
Mar-13	16,142	\$1,500,254	\$92.94	7.9%	199,016	\$17,496,523	\$87.92	3.4%	\$91.18	\$88.24
Apr-13	17,196	\$1,634,048	\$95.02	20.5%	200,558	\$17,895,975	\$89.23	5.6%	\$91.70	\$88.60
May-13	17,599	\$1,627,203	\$92.46	3.5%	202,571	\$18,131,137	\$89.51	5.0%	\$92.20	\$88.95
Jun-13	17,138	\$1,550,307	\$90.46	2.9%	204,394	\$18,335,398	\$89.71	4.9%	\$92.72	\$89.30

Exponential Trend: 6.8% 4.8%
 Adjustment for Future ESI Contract Terms: 1.0000 1.0000
 Adjusted Trend: 6.8% 4.8%

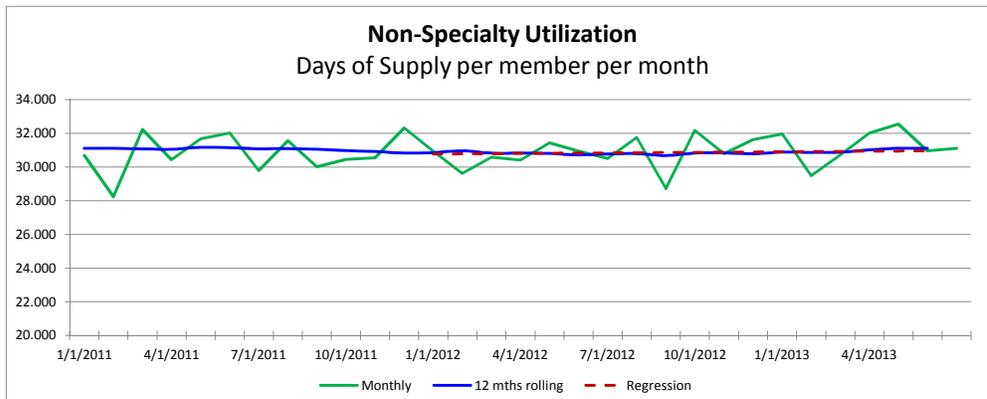


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	Membership	Supply	Supply per Member	Monthly Utilization Trend	Membership	Supply	Supply per Member	Rolling 12 Utilization Trend	Rolling 12 Data
Jan-10	76,869	2,290,110	29.792						
Feb-10	76,980	2,163,146	28.100						
Mar-10	76,618	2,495,808	32.575						
Apr-10	76,530	2,358,638	30.820						
May-10	76,458	2,308,034	30.187						
Jun-10	76,387	2,471,812	32.359						
Jul-10	76,111	2,327,060	30.575						
Aug-10	76,084	2,386,684	31.369						
Sep-10	76,596	2,336,440	30.503						
Oct-10	77,207	2,423,703	31.392						
Nov-10	77,377	2,409,397	31.138						
Dec-10	77,440	2,600,875	33.586						
Jan-11	81,069	2,487,055	30.678	3.0%	924,857	28,768,652	31.106		
Feb-11	81,471	2,302,253	28.259	0.6%	929,348	28,907,759	31.105		
Mar-11	81,510	2,626,665	32.225	-1.1%	934,240	29,038,616	31.083		
Apr-11	81,497	2,480,026	30.431	-1.3%	939,207	29,160,004	31.047		
May-11	81,387	2,578,186	31.678	4.9%	944,136	29,430,156	31.172		
Jun-11	81,228	2,601,190	32.023	-1.0%	948,977	29,559,534	31.149		
Jul-11	82,446	2,456,065	29.790	-2.6%	955,312	29,688,538	31.077		
Aug-11	83,264	2,628,766	31.571	0.6%	962,492	29,930,620	31.097		
Sep-11	83,335	2,501,662	30.019	-1.6%	969,231	30,095,842	31.051		
Oct-11	85,147	2,592,119	30.443	-3.0%	977,171	30,264,258	30.971		
Nov-11	85,272	2,605,055	30.550	-1.9%	985,066	30,459,916	30.922		
Dec-11	85,130	2,751,009	32.315	-3.8%	992,756	30,610,050	30.833		
Jan-12	85,784	2,653,862	30.937	0.8%	997,471	30,776,858	30.855	-0.8%	30.76
Feb-12	86,020	2,547,997	29.621	4.8%	1,002,020	31,022,602	30.960	-0.5%	30.78
Mar-12	85,785	2,623,711	30.585	-5.1%	1,006,295	31,019,648	30.826	-0.8%	30.79
Apr-12	86,198	2,622,258	30.421	0.0%	1,010,996	31,161,880	30.823	-0.7%	30.80
May-12	86,098	2,705,647	31.425	-0.8%	1,015,707	31,289,342	30.805	-1.2%	30.81
Jun-12	86,053	2,662,051	30.935	-3.4%	1,020,532	31,350,202	30.719	-1.4%	30.82
Jul-12	85,961	2,622,229	30.505	2.4%	1,024,047	31,516,367	30.776	-1.0%	30.83
Aug-12	85,944	2,729,042	31.754	0.6%	1,026,727	31,616,642	30.794	-1.0%	30.85
Sep-12	86,359	2,478,804	28.703	-4.4%	1,029,751	31,593,784	30.681	-1.2%	30.86
Oct-12	87,717	2,822,444	32.177	5.7%	1,032,321	31,824,109	30.828	-0.5%	30.87
Nov-12	87,431	2,692,815	30.799	0.8%	1,034,480	31,911,870	30.848	-0.2%	30.88
Dec-12	87,315	2,761,486	31.627	-2.1%	1,036,665	31,922,347	30.793	-0.1%	30.89
Jan-13	88,153	2,816,984	31.956	3.3%	1,039,034	32,085,468	30.880	0.1%	30.91
Feb-13	88,053	2,596,653	29.490	-0.4%	1,041,067	32,134,124	30.867	-0.3%	30.92
Mar-13	88,117	2,706,961	30.720	0.4%	1,043,399	32,217,373	30.877	0.2%	30.93
Apr-13	87,993	2,817,750	32.022	5.3%	1,045,194	32,412,865	31.011	0.6%	30.94
May-13	88,214	2,870,734	32.543	3.6%	1,047,310	32,577,952	31.106	1.0%	30.95
Jun-13	88,141	2,729,229	30.964	0.1%	1,049,398	32,645,130	31.108	1.3%	30.97

Exponential Trend: **0.5%**

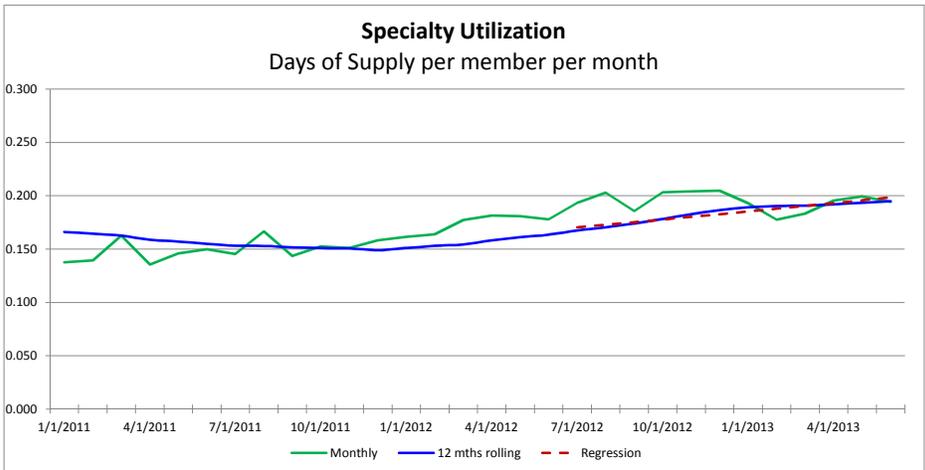


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	Membership	Supply	Supply per Member	Monthly Utilization Trend	Membership	Supply	Supply per Member	Rolling 12 Utilization Trend	Rolling 12 Data
Jan-10	76,869	12,376	0.161						
Feb-10	76,980	12,089	0.157						
Mar-10	76,618	14,146	0.185						
Apr-10	76,530	13,952	0.182						
May-10	76,458	12,564	0.164						
Jun-10	76,387	13,537	0.177						
Jul-10	76,111	12,614	0.166						
Aug-10	76,084	12,982	0.171						
Sep-10	76,596	12,164	0.159						
Oct-10	77,207	12,502	0.162						
Nov-10	77,377	11,950	0.154						
Dec-10	77,440	13,984	0.181						
Jan-11	81,069	11,164	0.138	-14.5%	920,657	154,860	0.168		
Feb-11	81,471	11,358	0.139	-11.2%	924,857	153,649	0.166		
Mar-11	81,510	13,259	0.163	-11.9%	929,348	152,918	0.165		
Apr-11	81,497	11,057	0.136	-25.6%	934,240	152,031	0.163		
May-11	81,387	11,878	0.146	-11.2%	939,207	149,136	0.159		
Jun-11	81,228	12,178	0.150	-11.2%	944,136	148,450	0.157		
Jul-11	81,228	12,178	0.150	-15.4%	948,977	147,091	0.155		
Aug-11	82,446	11,988	0.145	-12.3%	955,312	146,466	0.153		
Sep-11	83,264	13,870	0.167	-2.4%	962,492	147,354	0.153		
Oct-11	83,335	11,968	0.144	-9.6%	969,231	147,158	0.152		
Nov-11	85,147	12,998	0.153	-5.7%	977,171	147,655	0.151		
Dec-11	85,272	12,890	0.151	-2.1%	985,066	148,595	0.151		
Jan-12	85,130	13,479	0.158	-12.3%	992,756	148,089	0.149	-11.3%	
Feb-12	85,784	13,855	0.162	17.3%	997,471	150,780	0.151	-9.0%	
Mar-12	86,020	14,088	0.164	17.5%	1,002,020	153,511	0.153	-6.9%	
Apr-12	85,785	15,206	0.177	9.0%	1,006,295	155,457	0.154	-5.1%	
May-12	86,198	15,654	0.182	33.9%	1,010,996	160,053	0.158	-0.3%	
Jun-12	86,098	15,586	0.181	24.0%	1,015,707	163,761	0.161	2.5%	
Jul-12	86,053	15,315	0.178	18.7%	1,020,532	166,898	0.164	5.5%	
Aug-12	85,961	16,614	0.193	32.9%	1,024,047	171,524	0.167	9.2%	0.17
Sep-12	85,944	17,455	0.203	21.9%	1,026,727	175,108	0.171	11.4%	0.17
Oct-12	86,359	16,023	0.186	29.2%	1,029,751	179,163	0.174	14.6%	0.18
Nov-12	87,717	17,838	0.203	33.2%	1,032,321	184,003	0.178	18.0%	0.18
Dec-12	87,431	17,854	0.204	35.1%	1,034,480	188,967	0.183	21.1%	0.18
Jan-13	87,315	17,867	0.205	29.2%	1,036,665	193,355	0.187	25.0%	0.18
Feb-13	88,153	17,030	0.193	19.6%	1,039,034	196,530	0.189	25.1%	0.19
Mar-13	88,053	15,638	0.178	8.4%	1,041,067	198,079	0.190	24.2%	0.19
Apr-13	88,117	16,142	0.183	3.3%	1,043,399	199,016	0.191	23.5%	0.19
May-13	87,993	17,196	0.195	7.6%	1,045,194	200,558	0.192	21.2%	0.19
Jun-13	88,214	17,599	0.200	10.2%	1,047,310	202,571	0.193	20.0%	0.20
Jul-13	88,141	17,138	0.194	9.3%	1,049,398	204,394	0.195	19.1%	0.20

Exponential Trend: 18.1%



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Pharmacy Trend Development

ACTUAL AND PROJECTED DISPENSING RATES
GENERIC AND SPECIALTY DRUGS

Brands losing Patent→ Patent Exp Date→	ATACAND 201305	NIASPAN 201309	CYMBALTA 201312	CELEBREX 201405	NEXIUM 201405	SYMBICORT 201410	NOVOLOG 201412	NAMENDA 201501	LANTUS 201502	GLEEVEC 201507	LIDODERM 201510	Other Brand	Generic	Specialty	Total	Generic Dispensing Rate		Specialty Dispensing Rate	
																Monthly	Rolling 12	Monthly	Rolling 12
Incurred Date	# DAYS SUPPLY BY INCURRED DATE																		
Jan-11	630	3,915	10,397	7,914	18,351	3,271	6,280	570	13,280	150	787	491,959	1,929,700	11,014	2,498,219	77.2%		0.4%	
Feb-11	870	4,355	9,128	6,014	17,349	3,012	5,999	836	12,414	120	714	458,112	1,783,450	11,238	2,313,611	77.1%		0.5%	
Mar-11	900	4,885	11,761	7,770	18,494	4,627	6,005	810	12,790	120	499	525,422	2,032,701	13,139	2,639,924	77.0%		0.5%	
Apr-11	480	4,960	10,267	7,088	20,299	4,204	6,303	570	11,988	30	638	491,096	1,922,132	11,027	2,491,083	77.2%		0.4%	
May-11	690	5,014	10,511	7,085	10,567	4,721	6,725	735	13,592	120	943	507,691	2,009,912	11,758	2,590,064	77.6%		0.5%	
Jun-11	1,290	5,251	10,609	7,741	10,715	4,835	5,889	960	14,334	60	968	512,912	2,025,686	12,118	2,613,368	77.5%		0.5%	
Jul-11	450	4,410	10,831	7,228	10,102	4,329	6,288	660	12,513	120	853	476,497	1,921,903	11,868	2,468,053	77.9%		0.5%	
Aug-11	990	3,630	12,234	7,609	9,447	4,170	7,906	715	13,313	90	1,211	508,408	2,059,132	13,780	2,642,636	77.9%		0.5%	
Sep-11	570	4,410	12,059	6,646	8,729	4,495	6,136	852	12,301	210	901	495,776	1,948,787	11,758	2,513,630	77.5%		0.5%	
Oct-11	690	4,168	11,554	7,733	7,959	4,700	7,527	944	13,035	90	837	521,740	2,011,231	12,908	2,605,118	77.2%		0.5%	
Nov-11	900	3,960	11,624	6,983	8,729	5,464	7,057	720	14,173	202	1,276	514,019	2,030,149	12,688	2,617,945	77.5%		0.5%	
Dec-11	570	4,402	11,544	6,783	9,857	6,841	6,741	709	14,577	156	1,235	538,468	2,149,281	13,323	2,764,488	77.7%	77.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Jan-12	630	3,466	10,782	7,102	8,613	5,317	6,298	780	12,161	90	1,027	498,833	2,098,854	13,765	2,667,718	78.7%	77.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Feb-12	960	3,369	10,472	6,222	8,348	6,868	7,767	660	13,926	142	1,410	486,039	2,001,956	13,946	2,562,086	78.1%	77.7%	0.5%	0.5%
Mar-12	510	4,374	11,584	6,236	7,874	7,265	6,701	750	12,125	172	952	471,748	2,093,591	15,034	2,638,917	79.3%	77.9%	0.6%	0.5%
Apr-12	540	3,188	11,490	7,026	9,021	6,432	7,033	580	13,669	82	1,293	463,615	2,098,370	15,572	2,637,911	79.5%	78.1%	0.6%	0.5%
May-12	570	3,322	11,239	7,217	8,274	6,327	7,450	660	15,391	142	1,371	474,603	2,169,223	15,444	2,721,233	79.7%	78.2%	0.6%	0.5%
Jun-12	810	4,555	12,021	5,434	8,426	6,772	7,541	853	14,735	164	1,156	421,633	2,178,114	15,151	2,677,366	81.4%	78.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Jul-12	464	3,511	12,327	7,292	9,202	7,595	7,374	570	14,139	112	1,155	414,103	2,144,497	16,502	2,638,843	81.3%	78.8%	0.6%	0.5%
Aug-12	990	2,641	11,303	7,374	8,087	7,179	8,102	570	14,833	164	1,202	420,666	2,246,093	17,291	2,746,497	81.8%	79.2%	0.6%	0.5%
Sep-12	450	3,002	10,866	5,289	8,539	7,995	6,397	850	15,012	112	1,092	370,510	2,048,802	15,911	2,494,827	82.1%	79.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Oct-12	508	4,007	12,175	7,880	7,651	8,986	7,706	660	14,624	82	1,222	419,713	2,337,312	17,756	2,840,282	82.3%	80.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Nov-12	840	2,401	11,013	6,552	8,343	9,397	6,944	400	14,426	82	1,106	393,955	2,237,438	17,772	2,710,669	82.5%	80.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Dec-12	510	3,347	13,269	6,808	9,499	9,113	8,436	640	16,696	134	1,287	423,691	2,268,190	17,733	2,779,353	81.6%	80.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Jan-13	540	3,032	12,318	7,620	7,128	10,778	6,564	808	15,836	142	1,147	415,370	2,335,843	16,888	2,834,014	82.4%	81.0%	0.6%	0.6%
Feb-13	690	2,627	11,494	6,199	8,043	9,990	7,584	376	14,594	120	813	369,706	2,164,536	15,518	2,612,291	82.9%	81.4%	0.6%	0.6%
Mar-13	270	2,642	11,750	6,292	8,105	9,116	7,624	936	15,405	210	913	384,650	2,259,256	15,932	2,723,102	83.0%	81.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Apr-13	420	3,544	12,256	7,446	7,852	10,445	7,127	1,094	16,035	120	1,287	402,233	2,348,009	17,076	2,834,946	82.8%	82.0%	0.6%	0.6%
May-13	631	2,880	12,974	8,225	7,846	9,897	7,036	809	17,102	210	1,453	412,204	2,389,678	17,389	2,888,333	82.7%	82.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Jun-13	30	2,473	13,895	6,608	7,990	11,263	7,969	569	16,595	150	1,407	394,442	2,265,986	16,988	2,746,367	82.5%	82.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Jul-13	30	2,866	12,448	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,293,885	16,632	2,772,775	82.7%	82.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Aug-13	30	2,866	12,448	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,293,885	16,632	2,772,775	82.7%	82.5%	0.6%	0.6%
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Mar-14	0	0	12,448	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,296,781	16,632	2,772,775	82.8%	82.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Apr-14	0	0	12,448	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,296,781	16,632	2,772,775	82.8%	82.7%	0.6%	0.6%
May-14	0	0	12,448	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,296,781	16,632	2,772,775	82.8%	82.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Jun-14	0	0	0	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,309,229	16,632	2,772,775	83.3%	82.8%	0.6%	0.6%
Jul-14	0	0	0	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,309,229	16,632	2,772,775	83.3%	82.8%	0.6%	0.6%
Aug-14	0	0	0	7,065	7,827	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,309,229	16,632	2,772,775	83.3%	82.9%	0.6%	0.6%
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Nov-14	0	0	0	0	0	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,324,122	16,632	2,772,775	83.8%	83.1%	0.6%	0.6%
Dec-14	0	0	0	0	0	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,324,122	16,632	2,772,775	83.8%	83.2%	0.6%	0.6%
Jan-15	0	0	0	0	0	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,324,122	16,632	2,772,775	83.8%	83.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Feb-15	0	0	0	0	0	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,324,122	16,632	2,772,775	83.8%	83.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Mar-15	0	0	0	0	0	10,248	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,324,122	16,632	2,772,775	83.8%	83.4%	0.6%	0.6%
Apr-15	0	0	0	0	0	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,334,370	16,632	2,772,775	84.2%	83.5%	0.6%	0.6%	
May-15	0	0	0	0	0	7,318	765	15,928	159	1,170	396,434	2,334,370	16,632	2,772,775	84.2%	83.7%	0.6%	0.6%	
Jun-15	0	0</																	

The Vermont Health Plan
First and Second Quarter 2014 Trend Filing
Pharmacy Trend Development

Pharmacy Trend Calculation

For the 12 months ending May 2013:

Days Supply

Allowed Charge per Supply

Total Allowed Charges

Utilization Trends

Projected # Days Supply (1 yr)

Projected Rolling-12 dispensing rate (Generic and Brand split)

Non-Specialty Projected # Days Supply: Generic and Brand

Utilization Trends: Generic and Brand

Cost Trends

Projected Allowed Charge per Supply

Projected Total Allowed Charges

Total Trends

PMPM Calculation

Member Months for the 12 months ending May 2013

PMPM by category

	Generic	Brand	Non-Specialty= Generic+Brand	Specialty		Total
a	26,957,768	5,620,184	32,577,952	202,571	a=Σ	32,780,523
b	\$0.82	\$6.00		\$89.51	b=c/a	\$2.25
c=a*b	\$22,046,436	\$33,723,489	\$55,769,925	\$18,131,137	c=Σ	\$73,901,063
d			0.5%	18.1%	d=e/a-1	0.6%
e=a*(1+d)			32,729,053	239,212	e=Σ	32,968,265
f	83.9%	16.1%				
g=e*f	27,471,019	5,258,033				
h=g/a-1	1.9%	-6.4%				
i	-3.7%	10.0%		6.8%	i=j/b	6.6%
j=b*(1+h)	\$0.79	\$6.60		\$95.62	j=k/e	\$2.40
k=g*j OR e*j	\$21,630,607	\$34,713,898	\$56,344,505	\$22,873,681	k=Σ	\$79,218,186
l=k/c-1	-1.9%	2.9%	1.0%	26.2%	l=k/c-1	7.2%
m						1,047,310
n=c/m	\$21.05	\$32.20	\$53.25	\$17.31		\$70.56

February 11, 2014

Mr. Josh Hammerquist, A.S.A., M.A.A.A.
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Lewis & Ellis, Inc.

**Subject: Your 02/07/2014 Questions re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing (SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736)**

Dear Mr. Hammerquist:

In response to your request dated February 7, 2014, here are *your questions* and our answers:

1. *For medical and pharmacy, please calculate the induced utilization with total allowed costs as the dependent variable and provide the results of this calculation for each plan in the Excel exhibit that was provided in the response dated February 3rd.*

Our methodology produces identical results to those calculated using total allowed costs as the dependent variable, rather than total utilization. For your convenience, we have added columns showing allowed charges by plan to the induced utilization exhibits previously provided. Please see attached Response to TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries- 02.07.2014.xlsx

Please note that we have made an adjustment to the specific GDR adjustment factor from the information provided in the round 2 file. While the model implicitly builds this assumption into the calculations during the re-adjudication process, we mistakenly backed out a factor twice in calculating our round 2 responses. The GDR factors currently displayed are constant for a given level of copayment differential, which is consistent with our methodology. The final Benefit Relativity Factors are unaffected.

2. *Based on the current sales distribution, what is the change in the average manual rate from the prior filing?*

Based on the current sales distribution, the change in the average manual rate is -1.9%

In calculating our answer to this question, we noted that some of the information provided in our February 3 response, while accurate, did not present information on an apples-to-apples comparison. Specifically, the prior filing's manual rate did not include the Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) capitation amount, whereas MHSA fee-for-service claims *are* included in this filing's manual rate due to the elimination of the cap arrangement. Adding the MHSA claims into the prior filing PMPM yields the following results, which are more comparable across periods:

	Prior Filing			Current Filing		Increase
	Relativity	PMPM		Relativity	PMPM	
Manual Rate	1.0000	\$415.97	Manual Rate	1.0000	\$408.35	
HMO+COP	1.1741	\$488.39	HMO+COP	1.2354	\$504.48	3.29%
CDHP	0.9347	\$388.81	CDHP	0.9724	\$397.08	2.13%

3. Will the same manual rate be used for all 2014 renewals? If not, what trend will be applied to it?

No, the manual rate is adjusted, as described in Section VI.D of the TVHP Group Merit Program Filing (SERFF # BCVT-128888672). Below is Section VI.D:

“D. Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate
 We derive the standard rate from the approved TVHP Benefit Relativity Factor Filing’s base plan PMPM. We trend this PMPM forward to the effective date of the rating with the Benefit Paid Estimated Uncapped Combined trend from the most recently approved BCBSVT trend filing. We then adjust this trended PMPM for the specifics of the case. We calculate a weighted average age/gender factor for the group based on the current membership. We also identify the appropriate industry load or credit based on the group’s SIC. We then multiply the trended standard rate by these two factors to determine the case specific Book of Business Standard Plan Expected Single Claims Rate”

4. The trends were provided by service category in the response dated February 3rd. Please also summarize these trends into medical, pharmacy and total.

The overall cost trends applied to the experience were:

- Medical : 3.99%
- Pharmacy : 4.70%
- Total : 4.09%

Please let us know if you have any further questions, or if we can provide additional clarity on any of the items above.

Sincerely,



Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
BlueCare LO Options (BCLO) and Open Access (OAP) Medical Plans**

index	Product	In-Network						Out-of-Network			Relativity	Medical Utilization	Medical Paid to Allowed Ratio	Allowed Charge	
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Office Copay	Specialist Copay	ER ¹ Copay	Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	Active				
1	LO	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500								0.7036	0.9359	0.7625	376.82
2	LO	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$30	\$30						0.6142	0.8948	0.6962	360.27
3	OAP	\$500	20%	\$1,500	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$1,000	40%	\$3,000		0.8956	1.0291	0.8769	417.01
4	OAP	\$2,000	20%	\$4,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$4,000	40%	\$8,000		0.7086	0.9361	0.7628	379.33
5	OAP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$30	\$30	\$100	\$5,000	40%	\$10,000		0.7291	0.9459	0.7767	383.30

1. **ER Copay:** the displayed member copay goes toward the facility allowed charges.
Associated physician and ancillary charges are the covered at 100%.
2. For the BCLO product, Office and Specialist Copay can be under the deductible.
3. BCLO does not have Out-of-Network benefits.

**The Vermont Health Plan
Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Consumer Driven Health Plans (CDHP's)**

index	Product	In-Network						Relativity					Allowed Charge
		Deductible	Coinsurance	Out-of-Pocket	RX OOPM Limit ³	Wellness Rx ¹	Drugs After Deductible ²	Active	Medical Utilization	Medical Paid to Allowed Ratio	Pharmacy Utilization	Pharmacy Paid to Allowed Ratio	
1	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9724	1.0034	0.8485	0.8921	0.7619	467.59
2	CDHP	\$1,500	0%	\$1,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9774	0.9981	0.8425	0.9317	0.8240	468.32
3	CDHP	\$1,500	20%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.8913	0.9665	0.8041	0.8737	0.7331	451.45
4	CDHP	\$1,800	0%	\$1,800	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9327	0.9857	0.8278	0.8807	0.7442	459.66
5	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.9092	0.9752	0.8150	0.8750	0.7352	455.03
6	CDHP	\$2,000	10%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/40%/50%	0.8450	0.9475	0.7788	0.8549	0.7038	442.44
7	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.8236	0.9361	0.7628	0.8620	0.7149	438.37
8	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.9154	0.9700	0.8085	0.9188	0.8038	456.07
9	CDHP	\$2,000	0%	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.9111	0.9715	0.8104	0.8997	0.7738	455.31
10	CDHP	\$2,000	20%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	20%	0.8405	0.9440	0.7740	0.8627	0.7159	441.59
11	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8831	0.9634	0.8000	0.8693	0.7263	449.86
12	CDHP	\$2,250	0%	\$2,250	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8896	0.9583	0.7934	0.9143	0.7967	451.04
13	CDHP	\$2,250	20%	\$3,250	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	20%	0.8197	0.9315	0.7561	0.8781	0.7400	437.67
14	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8663	0.9478	0.7793	0.9105	0.7908	446.55
15	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8595	0.9527	0.7860	0.8646	0.7190	445.26
16	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8613	0.9491	0.7810	0.8901	0.7589	445.60
17	CDHP	\$2,500	0%	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8613	0.9491	0.7810	0.8901	0.7589	445.60
18	CDHP	\$2,500	10%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	10%	0.7941	0.9234	0.7439	0.8557	0.7050	432.81
19	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.8186	0.9344	0.7604	0.8577	0.7082	437.40
20	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8261	0.9298	0.7536	0.9048	0.7818	438.89
21	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.8204	0.9309	0.7552	0.8836	0.7487	437.82
22	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	20%	0.7508	0.8978	0.7017	0.8928	0.7631	425.16
23	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$5,500	\$1,250	N/A	10%/25%/25%	0.7331	0.8972	0.7006	0.8482	0.6933	421.73
24	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/\$15/\$40	0%	0.8224	0.9305	0.7546	0.8910	0.7603	438.18
25	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.8261	0.9298	0.7536	0.9048	0.7818	438.89
26	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$5/40%/60%	0%	0.8197	0.9313	0.7558	0.8792	0.7418	437.67
27	CDHP	\$3,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	\$10/\$30/\$50	0.8096	0.9298	0.7536	0.8602	0.7121	435.72
28	CDHP	\$3,000	20%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	20%	0.7753	0.9080	0.7193	0.8963	0.7686	429.51
29	CDHP	\$3,250	20%	\$4,250	\$1,250	\$15/\$40/\$60	20%	0.7520	0.9023	0.7095	0.8690	0.7258	425.24
30	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.7630	0.9025	0.7099	0.8972	0.7700	427.35
31	CDHP	\$4,000	0%	\$4,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.7543	0.9065	0.7167	0.8489	0.6943	425.50
32	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	0%	0%	0.7151	0.8829	0.6735	0.8923	0.7623	419.10
33	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	N/A	0%	0.7054	0.8863	0.6802	0.8432	0.6855	416.97
34	CDHP	\$5,000	0%	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$10/\$30/\$50	0%	0.7081	0.8835	0.6747	0.8696	0.7268	417.72

- 1. **Wellness Rx:** if applicable, cost sharing rules apply *before* the deductible is satisfied. The member's cost share for **Wellness Rx** accumulates toward the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.
- 2. **All other drugs** are subject to deductible. Once the deductible is met, drugs are subject to the **Drugs After Deductible** cost share until the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.
- 3. The **Rx OOPM** Limit is as described in Vermont Act 171.

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index	Product ¹	In-Network								Relativity	Medical Utilization	Medical Paid to Allowed Ratio	Allowed Charge
		IP	OP	HOSP	PCP	SCP	ER	AMB	OOPM	Active			
1	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0002	1.0861	0.9339	437.30
2	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0546	1.1143	0.9598	448.65
3	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0772	1.1200	0.9755	450.95
4	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0734	1.1200	0.9720	450.95
5	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0667	1.1200	0.9659	450.95
6	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0620	1.1182	0.9632	450.22
7	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0586	1.1165	0.9617	449.54
8	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0181	1.0954	0.9426	441.04
9	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$0	\$6,350	1.0502	1.1121	0.9578	447.76
10	HMO			\$3,000	\$20	\$30	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	0.9448	1.0575	0.9061	425.78
11	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100	\$6,350	1.0420	1.1078	0.9539	446.03
12	HMO			\$750	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0282	1.1007	0.9474	443.17
13	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$25	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	1.0292	1.1012	0.9479	443.38
14	HMO	\$1,500	\$750		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0146	1.0936	0.9409	440.32
15	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0002	1.0861	0.9339	437.30

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ER	Emergency Room Copay
AMB	Ambulance Copay

1. All HMO Plans have a DME rider benefit of: \$100 deductible, 80% coinsurance, built into the relativity.
2. HMO Plans do not have Out-of-Network benefits.

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Benefit Plan Relative Value Factors
Prescription Drug Cards

Index	Type	Deductible	Copay (\$) / Coinsurance (%)						OOPM	Diabetic Supplies	Lifestyle Exclusion Rider	Relativity					
			Retail Generic	Retail Preferred Brand	Retail Non-Preferred Brand	Mail Order Generic	Mail Order Preferred Brand	Mail Order Non-Preferred Brand				Active	Carveout	Impact of GDR Adjustment	Pharmacy Induced Utilization	Pharmacy Paid to Allowed Ratio	Allowed Charge
1	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1616	0.5347	1.0527	1.0169	0.8645	76.34
2	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1523	0.5039	1.0116	1.0096	0.8538	72.83
3	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1533	0.5072	1.0527	0.9976	0.8361	74.89
4	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$600	100%	N	0.1644	0.5601	1.0116	1.0385	0.8964	74.92
5	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1359	0.4683	0.9905	0.9762	0.8046	68.95
6	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1459	0.4828	0.9905	1.0017	0.8421	70.75
7	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	\$20	\$60	\$120	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1444	0.4778	0.9905	0.9979	0.8365	70.48
8	COP	\$0	\$5	\$25	\$50	\$10	\$50	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1566	0.5182	0.9905	1.0279	0.8808	72.60
9	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	\$20	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1366	0.4707	0.9905	0.9781	0.8073	69.08
10	COP	\$100	\$5	\$25	\$50	\$10	\$50	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1437	0.4952	0.9905	0.9963	0.8341	70.37
11	COP	\$100	\$5	\$35	\$50	\$10	\$70	\$100	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1390	0.4790	0.9731	0.9905	0.8256	68.73
12	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	100%	N	0.1557	0.5258	1.0527	1.0033	0.8445	75.32
13	CMB	\$50	\$10	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1276	0.4309	0.9251	0.9783	0.8076	64.54
14	COI	\$0	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1153	0.3815	0.9251	0.9434	0.7562	62.24
15	COI	\$0	0%	20%	50%	0%	20%	50%	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1500	0.4963	0.9251	1.0375	0.8949	68.44
16	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1434	0.4745	0.9905	0.9954	0.8329	70.31
17	COP	\$0	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1509	0.4993	1.0527	0.9918	0.8275	74.45
18	COP	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1752	0.5797	1.0527	1.0475	0.9097	78.64
19	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$35	\$10	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1620	0.5360	1.0116	1.0328	0.8880	74.51
20	COP	\$100	\$0	\$20	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1557	0.5365	0.9905	1.0257	0.8775	72.45
21	COP	\$100	\$10	\$15	\$30	\$20	\$30	\$60	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1507	0.5193	1.0527	0.9913	0.8268	74.42
22	COP	\$100	\$10	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1473	0.5076	1.0527	0.9832	0.8149	73.81
23	COP	\$100	\$10	\$25	\$45	\$20	\$50	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1386	0.4776	1.0116	0.9758	0.8040	70.40
24	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1334	0.4597	0.9905	0.9699	0.7953	68.51
25	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$35	\$20	\$40	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1534	0.5181	1.0527	0.9978	0.8364	74.91
26	COP	\$50	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$20	\$40	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1506	0.5086	1.0527	0.9912	0.8267	74.41
27	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1443	0.4873	1.0116	0.9901	0.8250	71.42
28	COP	\$50	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1381	0.4664	0.9905	0.9819	0.8130	69.35
29	COP	\$50	\$5	\$10	\$25	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1673	0.5650	1.0527	1.0298	0.8836	77.31
30	COP	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1582	0.5235	1.0527	1.0091	0.8530	75.75
31	COP	\$0	\$10	\$25	\$40	\$20	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1498	0.4957	1.0116	1.0037	0.8451	72.41
32	COP	\$0	\$10	\$30	\$60	\$20	\$60	\$120	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1419	0.4695	0.9905	0.9916	0.8273	70.04
33	COP	\$0	\$10	\$35	\$60	\$20	\$70	\$120	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1380	0.4566	0.9731	0.9881	0.8221	68.56
34	COP	\$0	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1418	0.4692	1.0116	0.9840	0.8160	70.98
35	COP	\$0	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1600	0.5294	1.0116	1.0281	0.8810	74.16
36	COP	\$0	\$5	\$30	\$50	\$10	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1501	0.4966	0.9731	1.0186	0.8670	70.68
37	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$45	\$20	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1341	0.4621	0.9905	0.9718	0.7980	68.64
38	COP	\$100	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,200	SAAO	N	0.1336	0.4604	0.9905	0.9705	0.7962	68.55
39	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$30	\$60	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1331	0.4586	1.0116	0.9619	0.7835	69.39
40	COP	\$100	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$30	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1324	0.4562	1.0116	0.9602	0.7809	69.27
41	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$40	\$10	\$40	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1476	0.5086	1.0116	0.9984	0.8372	72.02
42	COP	\$100	\$5	\$20	\$45	\$10	\$40	\$90	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1468	0.5058	1.0116	0.9963	0.8341	71.87
43	COP	\$150	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1294	0.4459	0.9905	0.9594	0.7797	67.76
44	COP	\$50	\$10	\$25	\$35	\$20	\$50	\$70	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1452	0.4904	1.0116	0.9923	0.8282	71.58
45	COP	\$50	\$10	\$35	\$70	\$20	\$70	\$140	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1318	0.4451	0.9731	0.9718	0.7980	67.43
46	COP	\$50	\$15	\$25	\$40	\$30	\$50	\$80	\$1,250	SAAO	N	0.1460	0.4931	1.0527	0.9802	0.8105	73.59

* Type: COI = coinsurance; COP = copay; CMB = combined

* Diabetic: If "100%" then Diabetic supplies are covered at 100% of allowed charges;

If "SAAO" then Diabetic supplies are subject to cost sharing same as any other prescription drug.

* Lifestyle Exclusion Rider : If "Y" then the benefit has the Lifestyle Exclusion Rider.

February 14, 2014

Mr. Josh Hammerquist, A.S.A., M.A.A.A.
Assistant Vice President & Consulting Actuary
Lewis & Ellis, Inc.

**Subject: Your 02/12/2014 Questions re: The Vermont Health Plan
2Q 2014 BCBSVT Benefit Relativity Factor Filing (SERFF Tracking #: BCVT-129370736)**

Dear Mr. Hammerquist:

In response to your request dated February 12, 2014, here are *your questions* and our answers:

- 1. Based on the phone call on February 12th, please calculate the induced utilization using the same process as the original filing, but replace the utilization frequency with the allowed costs from the experience period as the dependent variable. Please add the results of this calculation for each plan in the Excel exhibit that was provided in the response dated February 11th.*

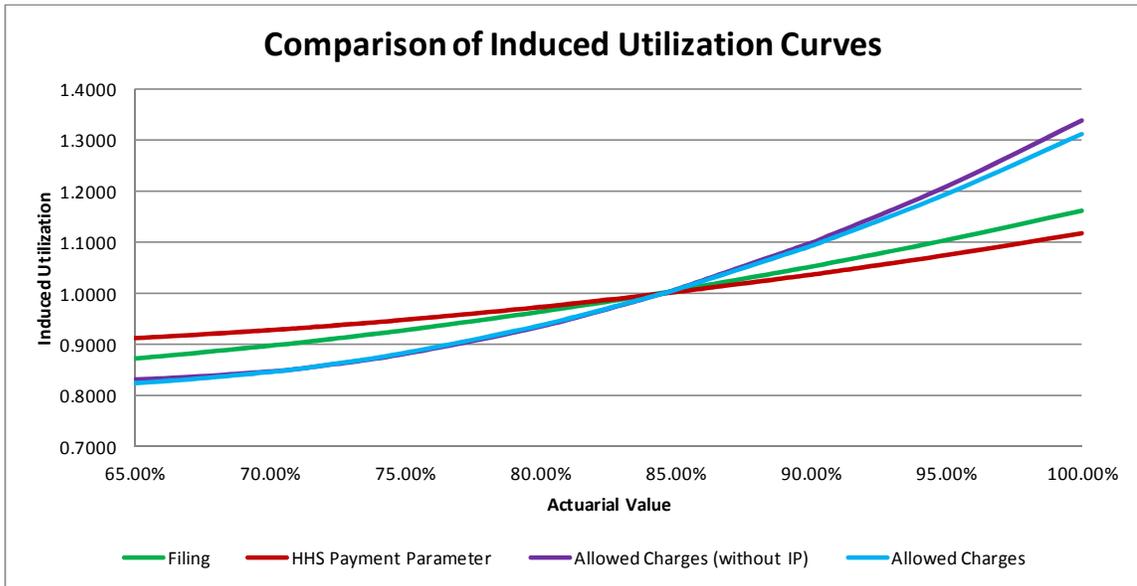
In the original filing, the utilization formula was calculated with Frequency as the dependent variable and the Actuarial Value (AV) as the independent variable. The line was then calibrated to have the average AV in the experience calculate a 1.000 induced utilization factor. We decided upon this methodology after an assessment of a number of other techniques, including that suggested in this question.

We calculated the induced utilization formula with the Allowed PMPM as the dependent variable and keeping the AV as the independent variable. We noted that this regression, which produces a significantly steeper curve than that proposed in our filing, had an R-squared value (a measure of the percentage of variability described by the regression formula) of 0.4687 versus 0.6117 for the methodology used in the filing. We conjecture that in a rural setting such as the state of Vermont, inpatient claims are little affected by plan design, as there are limited alternatives for care outside the inpatient setting. Moreover the typical induced inpatient effect is longer length of stay. DRG contracts and relatively low OOP maxima relative to the cost of a hospital stay tend to insulate the insured from the cost of longer stays in most situations. Including inpatient claims may therefore simply add an element of randomness to the results.

Therefore, we also recalculated the induced utilization formula with the Allowed PMPM *excluding Inpatient claims* as the dependent variable and keeping the AV as the independent variable. Once more, the line was calibrated to have the average AV in the experience calculate a 1.000 induced utilization factor. While the R-squared value was similar to that produced using the filed methodology, the slope of the induced utilization curve is again significantly steeper than that we have proposed. This seems

to follow theoretically, as patients may seek less expensive treatments in addition to seeking fewer services when they have a less comprehensive plan design.

Please see the graph below for a depiction of the induced utilization curve produced by the variety of techniques discussed above. Note that we have also graphed the utilization factor from the Final HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014. Observing that this curve, based on a study of national data, matches very closely with our proposed induced utilization curve gave us some measure of comfort that the factors we are proposing are appropriate for our geography and book of business. While the steeper curve based on the allowed charges may match more closely with recent experience, we thought it prudent to take a more consistent and conservative approach to setting the induced utilization curve.



The induced utilization factors calculated with the “allowed charge” method are included in the attached Reponses to *TVHP LG Benefit Relativity Factors Actuarial Review Inquiries - 02.12.2014.xlsx*. We are only including the HMO tab because of the time constraints. We can calculate and provide results for the other types of plan as well, should you require the additional information.

Please let us know if you have any further questions, or if we can provide additional clarity on any of the items above.

Sincerely,

Paul Schultz, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.

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		IP	OP	HOSP	PCP	SCP	ER	AMB	OOPM	Active				
1	HMO	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0002	1.0861	0.9339	437.30	1.1611
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5	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$15	\$25	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0667	1.1200	0.9659	450.95	1.2312
6	HMO	\$0	\$0		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0620	1.1182	0.9632	450.22	1.2250
7	HMO	\$0	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$50	\$0	\$6,350	1.0586	1.1165	0.9617	449.54	1.2216
8	HMO			\$1,000	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0181	1.0954	0.9426	441.04	1.1795
9	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$0	\$6,350	1.0502	1.1121	0.9578	447.76	1.2128
10	HMO			\$3,000	\$20	\$30	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	0.9448	1.0575	0.9061	425.78	1.1055
11	HMO	\$500	\$200		\$20	\$30	\$100	\$100	\$6,350	1.0420	1.1078	0.9539	446.03	1.2041
12	HMO			\$750	\$20	\$30	\$50	\$50	\$6,350	1.0282	1.1007	0.9474	443.17	1.1899
13	HMO	\$250	\$100		\$25	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$6,350	1.0292	1.1012	0.9479	443.38	1.1909
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ER	Emergency Room Copay
AMB	Ambulance Copay

1. All HMO Plans have a DME rider benefit of: \$100 deductible, 80% coinsurance, built into the relativity.
2. HMO Plans do not have Out-of-Network benefits.