

STATE OF VERMONT  
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont	)	GMCB-005-21rr
2022 Individual Market Rate Filing	)	
	)	SERFF No. BCVT-132829271
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In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont	)	GMCB-006-21rr
2022 Small Group Market Rate Filing	)	
	)	SERFF No.: BCVT-132829562

**July 22 Post-Hearing Board Questions for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont**

Dear Mr. Donofrio and Ms. Asay,

Pursuant to its authority under 8 V.S.A § 4062 and 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b)(6), the Green Mountain Care Board requests that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) provide the following information to assist with the Board’s review of the above-referenced filings. Please provide the requested information no later than Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

1. On page 4 of his supplemental pre-filed testimony (Ex. 21), Mr. Schultz calculated an average net premium decrease of at least 4.3% for BCBSVT members in the individual market if the Board approves the rates of both carriers as recommended by L&E. What would the average net premium change for BCBSVT members in the individual market be if the Board reduces both carriers’ rates by 1.0%, 2.0%, and 3.0% more than L&E recommended? Explain why the results do or do not differ from the calculated -4.3%.
2. Provide additional detail regarding the program described in the first half of the second-to-last paragraph on page 5 of Exhibit 13.
3. Confirm that the 11 new professional practices referred to in the second paragraph on page 6 of Exhibit 13 are participating in OneCare Vermont’s primary care capitation program.
4. What percentage of total claims costs are for mental health services?
5. Explain in more detail the 59-point reduction to RBC identified on page 6 of Exhibit 15. As part of the explanation, quantify the impact of the change in pension funded status in dollars.
6. Explain in more detail the \$15 million that BCBSVT added to the pension plan to meet ERISA requirements. How does this payment flow through BCBSVT’s financial statements? How does it not impact RBC?

Sincerely,

Michael Barber  
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Green Mountain Care Board