

Virginia Medicare Supplement Rate Action, Eff. July 1, 2020, for CLOSED PLANS (Blue Assurance)

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As a leading carrier in the Medicare Supplement market, we offer a strong suite of products to help you and your clients find the best option to suit their needs. To ensure you are well informed, ready to sell and prepared for discussions with your existing clients, we want to tell you about the rate adjustments effective July 1, 2020, on the Blue Assurance (closed) plans.

What Information Will my Clients Receive About this Adjustment?

Beginning mid-May, your clients will receive a renewal letter regarding their coverage. This letter will show the premium that Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will bill the member upon the renewal effective date. See the links below for copies of the information your clients will receive:

[Renewal Letter](#)

[Important Information](#) about premiums and other costs for Medicare plans.

The charts below show the rate action and the premium that was approved by the Virginia Bureau of Insurance for Anthem, effective July 1, 2020:

Virginia Approved July 2020 Medicare Supplement Rates	
Plan	Approved Change
Blue Assurance -- Closed Plans	
AA Plan A	9.9%
AA Plan F	5.0%
AA Plan HD F	6.5%
AA Plan I	5.0%
AA Plan I Lite	5.0%
AA Plan J	5.0%
AA Plan J Lite	5.0%
TOTAL	5.0%

Attained Age	Premium Effective July 1, 2020										
	(Area M1)	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
Plan A	\$59	\$63	\$65	\$68	\$69	\$74	\$76	\$77	\$79	\$82	\$87
Plan F	\$148	\$163	\$175	\$184	\$191	\$197	\$207	\$214	\$223	\$232	\$247
Plan F HD	\$46	\$50	\$54	\$56	\$60	\$64	\$66	\$70	\$75	\$78	\$83
Plan I	\$238	\$257	\$268	\$279	\$289	\$294	\$301	\$308	\$312	\$318	\$322
Plan I Lite	\$161	\$172	\$177	\$187	\$193	\$197	\$202	\$208	\$209	\$209	\$216
Plan J	\$295	\$303	\$314	\$322	\$330	\$338	\$345	\$350	\$355	\$360	\$378
Plan J Lite	\$198	\$203	\$210	\$216	\$221	\$226	\$231	\$235	\$237	\$240	\$253

Attained Age	Premium Effective July 1, 2020										
	(Area M2)	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
Plan A	\$54	\$56	\$59	\$60	\$64	\$66	\$68	\$69	\$71	\$74	\$76
Plan F	\$134	\$147	\$158	\$165	\$173	\$180	\$187	\$193	\$200	\$207	\$226
Plan F HD	\$40	\$44	\$47	\$50	\$54	\$58	\$60	\$64	\$68	\$71	\$79
Plan I	\$216	\$234	\$240	\$250	\$258	\$268	\$273	\$279	\$284	\$288	\$289
Plan I Lite	\$144	\$155	\$162	\$170	\$173	\$177	\$184	\$187	\$190	\$190	\$195
Plan J	\$266	\$273	\$282	\$290	\$296	\$303	\$312	\$317	\$319	\$323	\$341
Plan J Lite	\$179	\$184	\$188	\$196	\$200	\$203	\$208	\$211	\$214	\$217	\$230

Age-Related Premium Change

All plans are attained-age products, which means that, as enrollees reach a new age category, their premium will change based on the new age category. The age-related premium changes occur during the July renewal each year. Therefore, while there may not be a medical cost increase, your client could see an increase due to the rating method for the product. If a birthday occurs during the renewal month, the age change will not occur until the next renewal. If an individual is age 75 or older, their premiums will not change based on their new age as the age-related premium change caps at age 75.

Just a reminder: Please remember that, if your client is thinking about moving out of one of the closed pools, you must advise them that these plans are closed and are not open to new enrollment. In the event they decide to move out of this plan, they cannot return to this plan -- except in limited circumstances. Anthem may offer other Medicare Supplement plans that may help reduce the member's monthly premium and these plans may require underwriting.

Why Is an Adjustment Necessary?

Rate adjustments are necessary for several reasons. First, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) generally updates deductible and coinsurance amounts effective January 1 of each year. This means our plans that cover the deductible and coinsurance amounts may have to pay more in benefits. In addition, the cost of providing health care services continues to increase each year, and the population covered by Medicare Supplement policies tends to need more health care services as they grow older.

At Anthem, we are committed to helping you succeed. We know you are a huge part of our strength and success, and we value your commitment to the members.

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