



## **Solicitation of Public Comment**

### **Proposed Rate Decrease for Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI Medicare Supplement Insurance**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island ("Blue Cross") has filed with the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner its proposed rates for standardized Group Medicare Supplement policies in Rhode Island.

Blue Cross proposes an average rate change (decrease) of -3.6% in its rates for these policies, although the amount of the rate change (decrease) is expected to vary by group from -0.9% to -7.0%. There are 7,250 RI resident subscribers of these policies. The expected loss ratio for this business is: 81.5%. In addition, Blue Cross seeks to offer two additional standardized Group Medicare Supplement plans, Plan G and Plan N. Currently Blue Cross offers only Plan C. Neither the existing plan nor the proposed new plans cover Skilled Nursing Facility benefits.

### **How to File Public Comment**

OHIC welcomes written public comment regarding this request for a rate increase ("the rate request"). Public comment should be received by the OHIC no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, March 16, 2018. To comment on the filing, you may submit written comments to OHIC by United States mail with postage prepaid to:

OHIC  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
Building #69, first floor  
Cranston, RI 02920  
Attention: Emily Maranjian, Esq., OHIC Legal Counsel

Alternately, comments may be submitted by e-mail to [emily.maranjian@ohic.ri.gov](mailto:emily.maranjian@ohic.ri.gov) if you have questions regarding this rate request, please email [ohic.healthinsinq@ohic.ri.gov](mailto:ohic.healthinsinq@ohic.ri.gov)