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State of Utah
Department of Health and Human Services
Salt Lake City, Utah

Independent Accountant's Report

We have examined the accompanying Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio of Health Choice Utah, Inc. (Health Choice) Accountable Care Organization for the six-month period ended June 30, 2020. Health Choice's management is responsible for presenting the Medical Loss Ratio Reporting in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42 § 438.8 and other applicable federal guidance (criteria). This criteria was used to prepare the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio is in accordance with the criteria, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio was prepared for the purpose of complying with the criteria, and is not intended to be a complete presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the item addressed in the Schedule of Reporting Caveats, the above referenced accompanying Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio is presented in accordance with the above referenced criteria, in all material respects, and the Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio exceeds the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement of eighty-five percent (85%) for the six-month period ended June 30, 2020.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Milliman, and Health Choice and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Myers and Stauffer LC Kansas City, Missouri July 20, 2022

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Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio for the Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2020 Paid Through September 30, 2020

	Adjusted Medical Loss Ratio for the	Six-	Month Period En	ided	d June 30, 2020 Pa	id Through Septembe	er 30, 2020		
	Expansion Population								
Line #	e # Line Description		Reported		Adjustment	Preliminary Adjusted	Risk Corridor Cost		Adjusted
Lille #			Amounts		Amounts	Amounts	Settlement Amount		Amounts
1. Numera	tor								
1.1	Incurred Claims	\$	2,441,428	\$	(43,476)	\$ 2,397,952		\$	2,397,952
1.2	Quality Improvement	\$	14,558	\$	-	\$ 14,558		\$	14,558
1.3	Total Numerator [Incurred Claims + Quality Improvement]	\$	2,455,986	\$	(43,476)	\$ 2,412,510		\$	2,412,510
2. Denomi	nator								
2.1	Premium Revenue	\$	2,425,564	\$	-	\$ 2,425,564	\$ 694,098	\$	3,119,662
2.2	Taxes and Fees	\$	(31,029)	\$	306,412	\$ 275,383		\$	275,383
2.3	Total Denominator [Premium Revenue - Taxes and Fees]	\$	2,456,593	\$	(306,412)	\$ 2,150,181	\$ 694,098	\$	2,844,279
3. Credibili	ty Adjustment								
3.1	Member Months		5,413		-	5,413		\$	5,413
3.1a	Annualized Member Months ¹		10,826		-	10,826		\$	10,826
3.2	Credibility		Partially Credible			Partially Credible			Partially Credible
3.3	Credibility Adjustment		6.2%		0.0%	6.2%			6.2%
4. MLR Cal	culation								
4.1	Unadjusted MLR [Total Numerator / Total Denominator]		100.0%		12.2%	112.2%	-27.4%		84.8%
4.2	Credibility Adjustment		6.2%		0.0%	6.2%			6.2%
4.3	Adjusted MLR [Unadjusted MLR + Credibility Adjustment]		106.2%		12.2%	118.4%	-27.4%		91.0%
5. Remittance Calculation									
5.1	Is Plan Membership Above the Minimum Credibility Value?		Yes			Yes			Yes
5.2	MLR Standard		85.0%			85.0%			85.0%
5.3	Adjusted MLR Prior to Risk Corridor Cost Settlement		106.2%			118.4%			118.4%
5.4	Risk Corridor Cost Settlement Due to Health Plan						\$ 694,098	\$	694,098
5.5	Adjusted MLR								91.0%
5.6	Meets MLR Standard		Yes			Yes			Yes

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Schedule of Reporting Caveats

During our examination, the following reporting issues were identified.

Caveat #1 – MLR reporting period does not align with the rating period

The Utah Department of Health and Human Services had an 18-month rating period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The MLR Report was developed by the Utah Department of Health and Human Services to capture data for the MLR reporting period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Per 42 CFR § 438.8, the MLR reporting year should a period of 12 months consistent with the rating period selected by the state. For purposes of this engagement, the six-month MLR reporting period was examined.

Schedule of Adjustments and Comments for the Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2020

During our examination, we identified the following adjustments.

Adjustment #1 - To adjust qualified taxes to actual incurred expense

The health plan did not appropriately report incurred income taxes related to the expansion population on the MLR Report. An adjustment was proposed to increase the tax amount based on the audited financial statements and the expense apportioned to the expansion population. The taxes and fees reporting requirements are addressed in the Medicaid Managed Care Final Rule 42 CFR § 438.8(f)(3) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medical Loss Ratio Annual Reporting Form Filing Instructions.

	Proposed Adjustment		
Line #	Line Description	Amount	
2.2	Taxes and Fees	\$306,412	

Adjustment #2 – To remove spread pricing from pharmacy expense

The health plan reported pharmacy expenses based on internal claims data, which included amounts the health plan paid to the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM). Based on claims detail sample testing, it was determined variances existed between the amounts paid to retail pharmacies compared to payments reflected in the health plan's data, and spread pricing was the difference in the two data sources. This margin charged to the health plan is considered PBM profit and is an unallowable medical expense. Therefore, an adjustment was proposed to remove the identified spread pricing to report actual pharmacy medical expenditures. The medical expense and third party reporting requirements related to spread pricing are addressed in the Medicaid Managed Care Final Rule 42 CFR § 438.8 and the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Informational Bulletin: MLR Requirements Related to Third Party Vendors dated May 15, 2019.

Proposed Adjustment							
Line #	Line Description	Amount					
1.1	Incurred Claims	(\$43,476)					