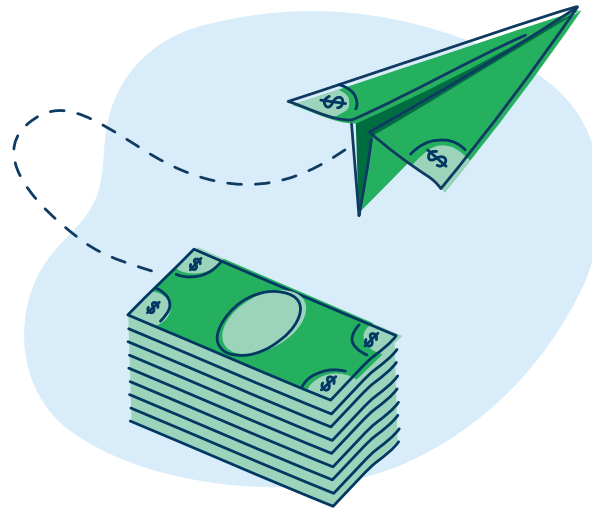


FAPHM-103B  
120 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

<Client Name>  
<Address Line 1>  
<Address Line 2>  
<City>, <State> <ZIP>



Dear <Client First Name>,

## **A rebate check from Highmark is headed your way. It's real — we promise. Cash it as soon as you can.**

We're sending you this letter to let you know that a Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) rebate for 2021 is on its way. This rebate is required by the Affordable Care Act — the health reform law that ensures you have access to affordable health care.

## **Let us break down why you're getting money back.**

In 2021, claims costs were lower than expected because members like you worked hard to stay healthy. The Affordable Care Act requires we spend at least 80% of all premiums on health care services and wellness programs. Since we didn't reach that number, you're receiving a rebate. What's left will help us cover business expenses like administrative and overhead costs. Now that's what we'd call a win-win.

Sincerely,

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

### **Have questions?**

For additional details about the rebate, visit [Highmark2021MLR.com](https://www.Highmark2021MLR.com) or refer to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services notice that will be enclosed with your check.

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## Notice of Health Insurance Premium Rebate

<<Subscriber Name>>

September 2022

<<Subscriber Address 1>>

<<Subscriber Address 2>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Re: **Health Insurance Premium Rebate for Year 2021; Policy #** <<UMI>>

Dear <<Subscriber Name>>:

This letter is to inform you that you will receive a rebate of a portion of your health insurance premiums. This rebate is required by the Affordable Care Act – the health reform law.

The Affordable Care Act requires Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to issue a rebate to you if Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield does not spend at least 80 percent of the premiums it receives on health care services, such as doctors and hospital bills, and activities to improve health care quality, such as efforts to improve patient safety. No more than 20 percent of premiums may be spent on administrative costs such as salaries, sales, and advertising. This requirement is referred to as the “Medical Loss Ratio” standard or the “80 / 20 rule”. The 80 / 20 rule in the Affordable Care Act is intended to ensure that consumers get value for their health care dollars. You can learn more about the 80/20 rule and other provisions of the health reform law at: <https://www.healthcare.gov/health-care-law-protections/rate-review/>.

### What the Medical Loss Ratio Rule Means to You

The Medical Loss Ratio rule is calculated on a State-by-State basis. In Pennsylvania, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield did not meet the Medical Loss Ratio standard. In 2021, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield spent only 79.1% of a total of \$311,447,324 in premium dollars on health care and activities to improve health care quality. Since it missed the 80 percent target in Pennsylvania by 0.9% of premiums it received, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield must rebate 0.9% of your health insurance premiums. We are required to provide this rebate to you by September 30, 2022, or apply this rebate to your premium that is due on or after September 30, 2022.

### Need more information?

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