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States Begin to Ready for Fall Enrollment with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

Several states have begun to release preliminary rates for health plans to be sold through public exchanges this fall. In Arizona, several carriers boosted rates by more than 10%. Cigna proposed a 14.4% increase while Humana proposed rates that are up more than 25% from 2014 prices. Overall plan prices, however, are not expected to soar due to several new carriers that intend to participate, including UnitedHealth Group, which sat out of Arizona's exchange this year. UnitedHealth also submitted its first proposals in Connecticut. WellPoint, which participated in the CT state-run exchange last year, proposed an average increase of 12.5%. In Ohio, carriers proposed an average 13% rate increase for 2015. Sixteen companies filed to sell plans through the government-run exchange this fall – two more than last year according to the Ohio Department of Insurance.

As more states begin to publish their rates for 2015, we will circulate that data immediately since it impacts employers planning for 2015.

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