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Updated - HHS Publishes Health Insurance Premium Rate Review Final Rule, Amends Rule to Include Policies Sold Through Associations, and Lists States with Effective Rate Review Programs

EBG Introduces Interactive National Rate Review Scorecard

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Shortly after the September 1st effective date for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Rate Review Regulations, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published an Amendment to the Final Rule that revises the definitions of "Individual Market" and "Small Group Market" to include insurance policies sold to individuals and small groups through associations, whether or not the applicable state includes association coverage in its own definitions of the individual and small group markets. CMS also recently added two more states to the list of states with "effective rate review programs" covering both the individual and small group insurance markets.

This updated Client Alert provides further analysis of these key changes. Featured in today's *BNA Health Insurance Report*, this Client Alert also refers to Epstein Becker Green's new interactive National Health Insurance Rate Review Scorecard. The Scorecard offers insurance carriers, lawyers, and other stakeholders an up-to-date resource on federal and state health insurance rate review programs, standards, and initiatives.

Read the full alert online

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