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Kentucky Employees' Health Plan

**Actuarial Reserve Study
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aon has conducted an actuarial valuation of the incurred, but not paid, claims as of June 30, 2024, for the medical and prescription drug benefits provided by Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) and administered through Humana and Express Scripts (ESI) prior to 2015. Beginning from 2015, medical and prescription drug benefits are administered through Anthem and Caremark.

The results show a projected total reserve of approximately \$129.4 million. This figure includes \$6.2 million as an explicit provision for adverse experience. Claims that have been processed and paid, and invoiced to KEHP but not yet paid are excluded from these actuarial estimates, though this may represent an additional liability outside the scope of this actuarial review. The estimates provided also exclude unallocated amounts, which are believed to be immaterial to the Plan.

The details of the Unpaid Claim Reserve are shown in separate exhibits for Medical, Pharmacy, CDHP Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) and the Waiver Credit HRA.

The traditional actuarial loss developmental method and Bornhuetter-Ferguson method were the basis of our calculation. The loss development uses historical paid claims information by incurred date. This method is consistent with reserve calculations within the industry, and best reflects the impact on claim payment patterns and accounts for the cyclical nature of the Plan's claims.

In accordance with GASB 10, to the extent that future billed premiums for the 2024 plan year are not sufficient to cover future incurred claims and administrative fees for the 2024 plan year, a "premium deficiency reserve" (PDR) in the amount of the difference should be estimated. As of June 30, 2024, due to the estimated revenue (\$1,254.6 million) being insufficient to cover the estimated program expenses (\$1,314.2 million), there is an additional premium deficiency reserve of \$59.6 million.

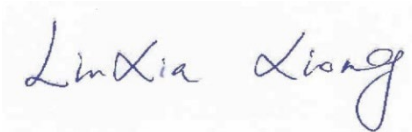
Also included in this report are the actual Rx rebates paid from January 1, 2020 to December 2023 and the estimated Rx rebate from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

The results mentioned above are contingent upon future events. Consequently, actual results will differ from projected results. These deviations may be material. KEHP staff should monitor emerging experience and take appropriate actions as required.

**ACTUARIAL CERTIFICATION
STATEMENT OF OPINION**

Aon has been retained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to study the actuarial reserves for incurred but not paid claims as of June 30, 2024, for the medical and prescription drug benefits provided by Kentucky Employees' Health Plan. I am employed by Aon. I am a Member of the Society of Actuaries and am qualified by education and experience to make the statements of actuarial opinion contained herein.

In performing our reserve study, we have relied upon reports and information provided by Merative, the carriers and The Commonwealth of Kentucky. We have not audited this data beyond general tests for reasonableness. The results are our best estimate of incurred but unpaid claims with explicit margins for adverse deviation. The techniques and methodology used are reasonable and in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practice.



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DATA AND ASSUMPTIONS

Commonwealth of Kentucky Medical and Pharmacy benefits are administered through Anthem and Caremark beginning from 2015. Below is all data source we have used:

- Monthly enrollment provided by Merative.
- Transactional and eligibility data was provided by KEHP.
- Medical and Pharmacy claims incurred and paid from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 provided by Anthem and Caremark.

No adjustment for interest was used in this analysis. Anthem and Caremark don't charge administrative fees for processing run-out claims so no administrative fee reserve is required.

METHODOLOGY

The unpaid claim liability (UCL), also called the incurred but not reported (IBNR) reserve, at a specified date is essentially the estimated claims incurred up to that date less the claims that have been (incurred and) paid to that date. Since the incurred and paid claims are known, the UCL is easily determined once the incurred claims have been estimated.

The traditional loss development method uses historical claim payment patterns to develop completion factors that are used to estimate incurred claims. The claims incurred in a given month and paid by the end of the experience period are divided by the completion factor to estimate the incurred claims for that month. The UCL for that month is subsequently determined by subtracting the known incurred and paid claims from the estimated incurred claims. The total UCL is merely the sum of all the appropriate monthly UCL estimates.

This method is relatively easy to understand and is effective when the historical claim payment patterns are deemed to be stable enough to estimate current/future claim payment patterns and when several months of claim payments (run-out) after the incurred month are available. When the run-out for any month is limited, this month is called immature and the associated completion factor is significantly less than one. The resulting incurred claim estimate is unstable. Consequently, a secondary method has traditionally been used to estimate the immature months.

The secondary method for health claims is often an average of historical incurred claims adjusted for claim trend and enrollment between the historical period and the time of interest. One of the shortcomings of this secondary method is that the available claim payment information for the month being estimated is not used. Another problem is that the line of demarcation between mature months and immature months is as much art as science.

The Bornhuetter-Ferguson Method (BFM) addresses both of these issues by blending the loss development method and the secondary method. The BFM uses the available incurred and paid data and the expected UCL developed from the secondary method to estimate incurred claims. This method generally provides a more stable estimate than the pure loss development method, a more responsive estimate than the secondary method, and a reasonable technique for blending the results of both methods.

Using the BFM with claims paid through March 31, 2024, the resulting UCL for June 30, 2024 was approximately \$123.3 million. In addition, an explicit margin for adverse deviation of 5.0% of claims unpaid on June 30, 2024 has been used.

RESULTS

The result of our reserve analysis shows the following components of our June 30, 2024 reserve for the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan.

Exhibit 1

Kentucky Employees' Health Plan Terminal Liability Calculation as of June 30, 2024				
	Unpaid Claims Liability as of June 30, 2024	Margin (5%)	Administrative Fees for Processing Runout Claims	Total IBNR Reserve (Rounded to Nearest \$1,000)
Medical	\$119,035,253	\$5,951,763	\$0	\$124,987,000
Pharmacy	\$1,130,142	\$56,507	\$0	\$1,187,000
CDHP HRA	\$2,081,549	\$104,077	\$0	\$2,186,000
Waiver HRA	\$1,027,865	\$51,393	\$0	\$1,079,000
Grand Total	\$123,274,809	\$6,163,740	\$0	\$129,439,000

* Claims that have been processed and paid, and invoiced to KEHP but not yet paid are excluded from these actuarial estimates, though this may represent an additional liability outside the scope of this actuarial review. The estimates provided also exclude unallocated amounts, which are believed to be immaterial to the Plan.

**No administrative fees are required from Anthem or Caremark for processing runout claims.

Exhibit 2a

Kentucky Employees' Health Plan Medical and Pharmacy Terminal Liability Calculation as of June 30, 2024

Month	Enrollment	Estimated Incurred Claims	Completion Factor	Actual Paid	Total Unpaid Claim Reserve
Jul-21	138,284	\$152,991,586	1.000	\$152,991,586	\$0
Aug-21	137,179	\$157,116,964	1.000	\$157,116,964	\$0
Sep-21	136,596	\$151,390,411	1.000	\$151,390,411	\$0
Oct-21	138,675	\$158,251,876	1.000	\$158,251,876	\$0
Nov-21	138,498	\$164,096,470	1.000	\$164,096,470	\$0
Dec-21	138,422	\$182,803,923	1.000	\$182,803,923	\$0
Jan-22	139,271	\$119,888,441	1.000	\$119,888,441	\$0
Feb-22	138,919	\$120,204,434	1.000	\$120,204,434	\$0
Mar-22	138,935	\$145,290,003	1.000	\$145,290,003	\$0
Apr-22	138,732	\$138,790,176	1.000	\$138,790,176	\$0
May-22	138,533	\$144,974,574	1.000	\$144,974,574	\$0
Jun-22	138,120	\$155,203,669	1.000	\$155,203,669	\$0
Jul-22	137,350	\$147,172,577	1.000	\$147,172,577	\$0
Aug-22	136,362	\$157,567,666	1.000	\$157,552,288	\$15,378
Sep-22	135,557	\$153,278,367	1.000	\$153,254,680	\$23,687
Oct-22	137,962	\$158,445,052	1.000	\$158,436,076	\$8,975
Nov-22	138,038	\$166,792,801	1.000	\$166,781,153	\$11,648
Dec-22	138,200	\$176,403,457	1.000	\$176,342,209	\$61,247
Jan-23	138,657	\$129,916,938	1.000	\$129,852,645	\$64,293
Feb-23	138,390	\$133,713,290	0.999	\$133,622,000	\$91,290
Mar-23	138,646	\$161,650,842	0.999	\$161,482,643	\$168,200
Apr-23	138,642	\$153,648,671	0.999	\$153,529,863	\$118,808
May-23	138,525	\$167,066,580	0.999	\$166,947,086	\$119,495
Jun-23	138,392	\$176,373,923	0.999	\$176,242,869	\$131,054
Jul-23	138,166	\$170,420,242	0.999	\$170,209,895	\$210,347
Aug-23	137,374	\$181,261,994	0.998	\$180,860,404	\$401,590
Sep-23	136,796	\$166,303,148	0.996	\$165,716,525	\$586,624
Oct-23	139,327	\$184,412,347	0.995	\$183,520,595	\$891,752
Nov-23	139,556	\$189,345,710	0.994	\$188,174,031	\$1,171,679
Dec-23	139,704	\$200,016,107	0.991	\$198,239,206	\$1,776,901
Jan-24	140,879	\$143,419,728	0.989	\$141,793,539	\$1,626,189
Feb-24	140,692	\$155,050,455	0.981	\$152,181,046	\$2,869,409
Mar-24	140,964	\$167,270,395	0.954	\$159,616,577	\$7,653,818
Apr-24	140,951	\$171,281,898	0.940	\$161,059,895	\$10,222,003
May-24	140,811	\$177,388,867	0.852	\$151,093,044	\$26,295,823
Jun-24	140,567	\$182,010,057	0.639	\$116,364,870	\$65,645,187
Total		\$5,761,213,640		\$5,641,048,245	\$120,165,395

Exhibit 2b
Kentucky Employees' Health Plan
Medical
Terminal Liability Calculation as of June 30, 2024

Month	Enrollment	Estimated Incurred Claims	Completion Factor	Actual Paid	Total Unpaid Claim Reserve
Jul-21	138,284	\$106,824,367	1.000	\$106,824,367	\$0
Aug-21	137,179	\$109,752,771	1.000	\$109,752,771	\$0
Sep-21	136,596	\$104,443,348	1.000	\$104,443,348	\$0
Oct-21	138,675	\$110,212,791	1.000	\$110,212,791	\$0
Nov-21	138,498	\$113,847,959	1.000	\$113,847,959	\$0
Dec-21	138,422	\$127,968,435	1.000	\$127,968,435	\$0
Jan-22	139,271	\$79,657,896	1.000	\$79,657,896	\$0
Feb-22	138,919	\$80,785,481	1.000	\$80,785,481	\$0
Mar-22	138,935	\$98,118,406	1.000	\$98,118,406	\$0
Apr-22	138,732	\$94,448,700	1.000	\$94,448,700	\$0
May-22	138,533	\$98,116,479	1.000	\$98,116,479	\$0
Jun-22	138,120	\$106,440,033	1.000	\$106,440,033	\$0
Jul-22	137,350	\$100,381,219	1.000	\$100,381,219	\$0
Aug-22	136,362	\$107,117,823	1.000	\$107,109,941	\$7,882
Sep-22	135,557	\$104,019,608	1.000	\$104,000,213	\$19,395
Oct-22	137,962	\$109,280,599	1.000	\$109,276,388	\$4,211
Nov-22	138,038	\$116,518,328	1.000	\$116,511,650	\$6,679
Dec-22	138,200	\$123,639,728	1.000	\$123,587,378	\$52,350
Jan-23	138,657	\$82,215,551	0.999	\$82,165,403	\$50,148
Feb-23	138,390	\$85,950,119	0.999	\$85,876,490	\$73,629
Mar-23	138,646	\$104,470,337	0.999	\$104,327,594	\$142,743
Apr-23	138,642	\$97,850,695	0.999	\$97,764,116	\$86,579
May-23	138,525	\$104,787,342	0.999	\$104,710,139	\$77,203
Jun-23	138,392	\$113,038,756	0.999	\$112,959,430	\$79,326
Jul-23	138,166	\$109,077,649	0.999	\$108,925,173	\$152,477
Aug-23	137,374	\$114,491,218	0.997	\$114,160,370	\$330,848
Sep-23	136,796	\$105,073,774	0.995	\$104,556,701	\$517,073
Oct-23	139,327	\$115,957,412	0.993	\$115,144,981	\$812,432
Nov-23	139,556	\$122,966,095	0.991	\$121,881,499	\$1,084,595
Dec-23	139,704	\$131,218,400	0.987	\$129,542,979	\$1,675,421
Jan-24	140,879	\$88,239,701	0.982	\$86,692,235	\$1,547,466
Feb-24	140,692	\$98,006,671	0.971	\$95,213,470	\$2,793,201
Mar-24	140,964	\$106,570,775	0.929	\$99,007,410	\$7,563,366
Apr-24	140,951	\$106,308,255	0.905	\$96,185,033	\$10,123,223
May-24	140,811	\$110,910,130	0.764	\$84,720,310	\$26,189,821
Jun-24	140,567	\$115,283,497	0.431	\$49,638,310	\$65,645,187
Total		\$3,803,990,348		\$3,684,955,095	\$119,035,253

Exhibit 2c
Kentucky Employees' Health Plan
Pharmacy
Terminal Liability Calculation as of June 30, 2024

Month	Enrollment	Estimated Incurred Claims	Completion Factor	Actual Paid	Total Unpaid Claim Reserve
Jul-21	138,284	\$46,167,219	1.000	\$46,167,219	\$0
Aug-21	137,179	\$47,364,194	1.000	\$47,364,194	\$0
Sep-21	136,596	\$46,947,063	1.000	\$46,947,063	\$0
Oct-21	138,675	\$48,039,085	1.000	\$48,039,085	\$0
Nov-21	138,498	\$50,248,511	1.000	\$50,248,511	\$0
Dec-21	138,422	\$54,835,488	1.000	\$54,835,488	\$0
Jan-22	139,271	\$40,230,545	1.000	\$40,230,545	\$0
Feb-22	138,919	\$39,418,954	1.000	\$39,418,954	\$0
Mar-22	138,935	\$47,171,597	1.000	\$47,171,597	\$0
Apr-22	138,732	\$44,341,476	1.000	\$44,341,476	\$0
May-22	138,533	\$46,858,095	1.000	\$46,858,095	\$0
Jun-22	138,120	\$48,763,637	1.000	\$48,763,637	\$0
Jul-22	137,350	\$46,791,358	1.000	\$46,791,358	\$0
Aug-22	136,362	\$50,449,844	1.000	\$50,442,347	\$7,496
Sep-22	135,557	\$49,258,759	1.000	\$49,254,467	\$4,292
Oct-22	137,962	\$49,164,452	1.000	\$49,159,688	\$4,765
Nov-22	138,038	\$50,274,473	1.000	\$50,269,504	\$4,969
Dec-22	138,200	\$52,763,729	1.000	\$52,754,831	\$8,898
Jan-23	138,657	\$47,701,387	1.000	\$47,687,242	\$14,145
Feb-23	138,390	\$47,763,171	1.000	\$47,745,511	\$17,661
Mar-23	138,646	\$57,180,505	1.000	\$57,155,049	\$25,456
Apr-23	138,642	\$55,797,976	0.999	\$55,765,747	\$32,229
May-23	138,525	\$62,279,238	0.999	\$62,236,947	\$42,292
Jun-23	138,392	\$63,335,167	0.999	\$63,283,439	\$51,728
Jul-23	138,166	\$61,342,593	0.999	\$61,284,723	\$57,870
Aug-23	137,374	\$66,770,776	0.999	\$66,700,034	\$70,742
Sep-23	136,796	\$61,229,374	0.999	\$61,159,824	\$69,550
Oct-23	139,327	\$68,454,934	0.999	\$68,375,614	\$79,320
Nov-23	139,556	\$66,379,616	0.999	\$66,292,532	\$87,084
Dec-23	139,704	\$68,797,706	0.999	\$68,696,227	\$101,480
Jan-24	140,879	\$55,180,027	0.999	\$55,101,304	\$78,723
Feb-24	140,692	\$57,043,785	0.999	\$56,967,577	\$76,208
Mar-24	140,964	\$60,699,620	0.999	\$60,609,168	\$90,452
Apr-24	140,951	\$64,973,643	0.998	\$64,874,863	\$98,780
May-24	140,811	\$66,478,736	0.998	\$66,372,734	\$106,002
Jun-24	140,567	\$66,726,560	1.000	\$66,726,560	\$0
Total		\$1,957,223,292		\$1,956,093,150	\$1,130,142

Exhibit 3

Kentucky Employees' Health Plan Terminal Liability Calculation as of June 30, 2024

Health Reimbursement Arrangements

CDHP HRA				
Period	Paid To Date	Completion Factor	Total Incurred	Unpaid Claim Reserve
Jan-Mar 2021	\$16,396,156	100.0%	\$16,396,156	\$0
Apr-Jun 2021	\$15,461,307	100.0%	\$15,461,307	\$0
Jul-Sep 2021	\$12,041,937	100.0%	\$12,041,937	\$0
Oct-Dec 2021	\$11,002,270	100.0%	\$11,002,270	\$0
Jan-Mar 2022	\$17,811,863	100.0%	\$17,811,863	\$0
Apr-Jun 2022	\$16,170,358	100.0%	\$16,170,358	\$0
Jul-Sep 2022	\$11,826,643	100.0%	\$11,826,643	\$0
Oct-Dec 2022	\$10,841,952	100.0%	\$10,841,952	\$0
Jan-Mar 2023	\$19,189,732	100.0%	\$19,189,738	\$6
Apr-Jun 2023	\$15,830,549	99.9%	\$15,839,779	\$9,230
Jul-Sep 2023	\$11,865,992	99.6%	\$11,908,255	\$42,263
Oct-Dec 2023	\$11,449,770	99.1%	\$11,557,846	\$108,076
Jan-Mar 2024	\$19,793,530	98.1%	\$20,185,403	\$391,873
Apr-Jun 2024	\$16,447,576	91.5%	\$17,977,678	\$1,530,102
Total	\$206,129,635		\$208,211,184	\$2,081,549

Waiver HRA				
Plan Year	Paid To Date	Completion	Total Incurred	Unpaid Claim
2021	\$35,912,978	100.0%	\$35,912,978	\$0
2022	\$35,200,851	100.0%	\$35,200,851	\$0
2023	\$36,400,636	99.7%	\$36,521,062	\$120,425
2024	\$16,069,598	94.7%	\$16,977,037	\$907,439
Total	\$123,584,063		\$124,611,927	\$1,027,865

Exhibit 4

Kentucky Employees' Health Plan Rx Rebates as of June 30, 2024

Plan Year	Rebate Amount		
	Accounting	Incurred	
Q1 2020	\$35,062,495	\$44,376,478	Actual/Estimate
Q2 2020	\$41,193,865	\$45,265,406	Actual/Estimate
Q3 2020	\$38,937,487	\$45,828,808	Actual/Estimate
Q4 2020	\$59,898,357	\$47,401,948	Actual/Estimate
Q1 2021	\$43,236,360	\$42,018,928	Actual/Estimate
Q2 2021	\$43,485,834	\$45,269,213	Actual/Estimate
Q3 2021	\$46,018,808	\$45,851,085	Actual/Estimate
Q4 2021	\$54,469,127	\$48,832,654	Actual/Estimate
Q1 2022	\$46,693,187	\$52,865,212	Actual/Estimate
Q2 2022	\$52,280,271	\$56,165,249	Actual/Estimate
Q3 2022	\$56,253,088	\$58,884,598	Actual/Estimate
Q4 2022	\$65,636,965	\$59,177,357	Actual/Estimate
Q1 2023	\$57,552,152	\$65,199,835	Actual/Estimate
Q2 2023	\$65,764,561	\$74,848,135	Actual/Estimate
Q3 2023	\$69,736,334	\$80,137,534	Actual/Estimate
Q4 2023	\$70,158,570	\$82,054,079	Actual/Estimate
Q1 2024	\$69,285,014	\$81,218,260	Estimate/Estimate
Q2 2024	\$79,171,644	\$83,429,199	Estimate/Estimate

Exhibit 5
Kentucky Employees' Health Plan
Premium Deficiency Reserve as of June 30, 2024

Calculation of the Premium Deficiency Reserve	
(figures in \$millions)	
Revenue	
Medical and Pharmacy Premiums	\$1,065.9
HRA Waiver Premiums	\$25.5
Interest Income	\$4.8
Pharmacy Rebates	\$158.4
Total Revenue (a)	\$1,254.6
Expenses	
Medical and Pharmacy Claims	\$1,224.9
Administrative Fees (Medical & Pharmacy)	\$42.1
Operating Expenses/ERRP	\$5.0
HRA (waiver & select) Claims	\$42.2
Total Expenses (b)	\$1,314.2
Net Gain/(Loss) (a) - (b)	(\$59.6)

* As of June 30, 2024, due to the estimated revenue (\$1,254.6 million) being insufficient to cover the estimated program expenses (\$1,314.2 million), there is an additional premium deficiency reserve of \$59.6 million.