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### **About Medicare**

The proposed transaction brings together two companies that are highly complementary, combining Aetna's focus on commercial products with Humana's Medicare focus. Today, more than 140 insurers offer beneficiaries an average of 18 plans in over 3,000 counties nationwide.

[Link to <http://avalere.com/expertise/managed-care/insights/medicare-advantage-2015-national-snapshot>]

The following article written by a third party was made available via link provided in the above communication:

### **Medicare Advantage: 2015 National Snapshot**

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**In 2015, 17 of 54 million Medicare beneficiaries nationwide receive their Medicare benefits from Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.<sup>i</sup> MA plans are private managed care organizations that contract with the federal government to coordinate care for Medicare beneficiaries who choose to enroll.<sup>ii</sup> MA options are available to beneficiaries in more than 3,000 counties throughout the nation.<sup>iii</sup> While MA enrollment has grown significantly in recent years, 37 million (or two-thirds) of Medicare beneficiaries still choose to receive their benefits from original Medicare, also known as fee-for-service (FFS).<sup>iv</sup>**

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**Most Medicare Beneficiaries Choose from Several Competing MA Plans**

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Medicare beneficiaries who live in counties with high MA enrollment have a significant choice of plans in 2015. Indeed, the nearly 11 million Medicare beneficiaries who live in one of the 30 U.S. counties with the highest MA enrollment have an average of 29 plan options. <sup>vi</sup>

### **MA Plans Compete with FFS Medicare and Other MA Plans**

#### *Role of FFS Medicare*

MA plans compete against original FFS Medicare in addition to other MA plans. As described below, the annual bidding and open enrollment processes ensure competition in the program. <sup>viii</sup>

#### *The Annual MA Bidding, Bid Review, and Enrollment Process*

### **MA plans bid against statutory benchmarks based on local FFS costs.**

MA plans submit bids to provide Medicare benefits that are then compared to benchmarks based on local, county-level FFS costs.

**MA plans have a strong incentive to bid below FFS benchmarks.**

Plans that bid below the fixed FFS benchmark receive a percentage of the difference as a rebate, which they must use to provide extra benefits (like dental or vision coverage and cost sharing reductions) to enrollees. Plans that bid above the benchmark do not receive rebates. To enroll in a plan that bids above the benchmark, beneficiaries must pay a premium equal to the difference between the MA plan bid and the FFS benchmark amount. Today, 79 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have access to a zero-premium MA plan; 48 percent of MA enrollees are enrolled in a zero-premium plan.

**The MA Star Rating system rewards high quality plans.**

Plans with a 4, 4.5, or 5 star quality rating (on a 1 to 5 scale) receive a bonus payment on top of the benchmark and receive a higher rebate percentage than those with lower star ratings. Plans with 5 star quality ratings are also permitted to market and enroll new members throughout the entire year.

**CMS reviews MA plans and bids to ensure compliance.**

CMS reviews plan bids to ensure compliance with benefit and network adequacy requirements, and meaningful differences standards that ensure plan options offer consumers distinct choice of premium and benefit design. Separate from the bid review process, plans must also comply with a minimum medical loss ratio (MLR) requirement that limits the amount plans may dedicate to profit and administrative costs.

**Beneficiaries can enroll in an MA plan, switch MA plans, or return to FFS Medicare.**

Each year during the Annual Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries can choose to enroll in an MA plan, renew enrollment in their current plan, switch plans, or disenroll and return to FFS Medicare.

*MA Competitive Landscape*

One hundred forty-three parent Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) participate in the MA program to provide benefits to the remaining 32 percent of beneficiaries who are not enrolled in FFS Medicare.<sup>viii</sup> As shown in Figure 2, United Healthcare has the largest share of nationwide MA enrollment at 21 percent, followed by Humana at 19 percent.

Alternatively, enrollment in MA plans can be considered as a percentage of total Medicare enrollment. As shown in Table 2, the parent MAOs with the highest enrollment – United and Humana – represent 6.3 and 5.8 percent of total Medicare enrollment respectively.

However, MA enrollment share varies significantly based on geography.<sup>ix</sup> As shown in Table 3, the parent MAO with the largest share of MA enrollment varies in 4 of the 5 states with the highest MA enrollment.

i Avalere analysis of June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File. Enrollment includes Cost, MSA, demos, PACE plans.

ii “Medicare Advantage Plans,” Medicare.gov. Available at <http://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/medicare-health-plans/medicare-advantage-plans/medicare-advantage-plans.ht>

iii Avalere analysis of 2015 Medicare Advantage Landscape File. There are 3,075 counties with participating MA plans.

iv Avalere analysis of June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File.

v Avalere analysis of 2015 Medicare Advantage Landscape File and June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File.

vi Avalere analysis of 2015 Medicare Advantage Landscape File and June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File.

vii MedPAC MA Payment Basics, <http://www.medpac.gov/documents/payment-basics/medicare-advantage-program-payment-system-14.pdf>.

viii Avalere analysis of June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File.

ix Avalere analysis of June 2015 Medicare Advantage Enrollment File.

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## **Important Information For Investors And Stockholders**

This website does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. In connection with the proposed transaction between Aetna Inc. (“Aetna”) and Humana Inc. (“Humana”), Aetna and Humana will file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including an Aetna registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of Aetna and Humana that also constitutes a prospectus of Aetna, and a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of Aetna and Humana. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF AETNA AND HUMANA ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Aetna or Humana through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Aetna will be available free of charge on Aetna’s internet website at <http://www.Aetna.com> or by contacting Aetna’s Investor Relations Department at 860-273-8204. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Humana will be available free of charge on Humana’s internet website at <http://www.Humana.com> or by contacting Humana’s Investor Relations Department at 502-580-3644.

Aetna, Humana, their respective directors and certain of their respective executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Humana is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on February 18, 2015, its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 6, 2015, and its Current Report on Form 8-K, which was filed with the SEC on April 17, 2015. Information about the directors and executive officers of Aetna is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (“Aetna’s Annual Report”), which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015, its proxy statement for its 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 3, 2015 and its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which were filed with the SEC on May 19, 2015 and May 26, 2015. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available. Except as specifically noted, information on, or accessible from, any website to which this





implementation of health insurance exchanges; Aetna's ability to offset Medicare Advantage and PDP rate pressures; and changes in Aetna's future cash requirements, capital requirements, results of operations, financial condition and/or cash flows. Health care reform will continue to significantly impact Aetna's business operations and financial results, including Aetna's pricing and medical benefit ratios. Key components of the legislation will continue to be phased in through 2018, and Aetna will be required to dedicate material resources and incur material expenses during 2015 to implement health care reform. Certain significant parts of the legislation, including aspects of public health insurance exchanges, Medicaid expansion, reinsurance, risk corridor and risk adjustment and the implementation of Medicare Advantage and Part D minimum medical loss ratios ("MLRs"), require further guidance and clarification at the federal level and/or in the form of regulations and actions by state legislatures to implement the law. In addition, pending efforts in the U.S. Congress to amend or restrict funding for various aspects of health care reform, and litigation challenging aspects of the law continue to create additional uncertainty about the ultimate impact of health care reform. As a result, many of the impacts of health care reform will not be known for the next several years. Other important risk factors include: adverse changes in health care reform and/or other federal or state government policies or regulations as a result of health care reform or otherwise (including legislative, judicial or regulatory measures that would affect Aetna's business model, restrict funding for or amend various aspects of health care reform, limit Aetna's ability to price for the risk it assumes and/or reflect reasonable costs or profits in its pricing, such as mandated minimum medical benefit ratios, or eliminate or reduce ERISA pre-emption of state laws (increasing Aetna's potential litigation exposure)); adverse and less predictable economic conditions in the U.S. and abroad (including unanticipated levels of, or increases in the rate of, unemployment); reputational or financial issues arising from Aetna's social media activities, data security breaches, other cybersecurity risks or other causes; Aetna's ability to diversify Aetna's sources of revenue and earnings (including by creating a consumer business and expanding Aetna's foreign operations), transform Aetna's business model, develop new products and optimize Aetna's business platforms; the success of Aetna's

Healthagen® (including Accountable Care Solutions and health information technology) initiatives; adverse changes in size, product or geographic mix or medical cost experience of membership; managing executive succession and key talent retention, recruitment and development; failure to achieve and/or delays in achieving desired rate increases and/or profitable membership growth due to regulatory review or other regulatory restrictions, the difficult economy and/or significant competition, especially in key geographic areas where membership is concentrated, including successful protests of business awarded to Aetna; failure to adequately implement health care reform; the outcome of various litigation and regulatory matters, including audits, challenges to Aetna's minimum MLR rebate methodology and/or reports, guaranty fund assessments, intellectual property litigation and litigation concerning, and ongoing reviews by various regulatory authorities of, certain of Aetna's payment practices with respect to out-of-network providers and/or life insurance policies; Aetna's ability to integrate, simplify, and enhance Aetna's existing products, processes and information technology systems and platforms to keep pace with changing customer and regulatory needs; Aetna's ability to successfully integrate Aetna's businesses (including Humana, Coventry, bswift LLC and other businesses Aetna may acquire in the future) and implement multiple strategic and operational initiatives simultaneously; Aetna's ability to manage health care and other benefit costs; adverse program, pricing, funding or audit actions by federal or state government payors, including as a result of sequestration and/or curtailment or elimination of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' star rating bonus payments; Aetna's ability to reduce administrative expenses while maintaining targeted levels of service and operating performance; failure by a service provider to meet its obligations to us; Aetna's ability to develop and maintain relationships (including collaborative risk-sharing agreements) with providers while taking actions to reduce medical costs and/or expand the services Aetna offers; Aetna's ability to demonstrate that Aetna's products and processes lead to access to quality affordable care by Aetna's members; Aetna's ability to maintain Aetna's relationships with third-party brokers, consultants and agents who sell Aetna's products; increases in medical costs or Group Insurance claims resulting from any epidemics, acts of terrorism or other extreme events; changes in medical cost estimates due to the necessary extensive judgment that is used in the medical cost estimation process, the considerable variability inherent in such estimates, and the sensitivity of such estimates to changes in medical claims payment patterns and changes in medical cost trends; a downgrade in Aetna's financial ratings; and adverse impacts from any failure to raise the U.S. Federal government's debt ceiling or any sustained U.S. Federal government shut down. For more discussion of important risk factors that may materially affect Aetna, please see the risk factors contained in Aetna's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Aetna's 2014 Annual Report") on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). You should also read Aetna's 2014 Annual Report and Aetna's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, on file with the SEC, for a discussion of Aetna's historical results of operations and financial condition. Except as specifically noted, information on, or accessible from, any website to which this website contains a hyperlink is not incorporated by reference into this website and does not constitute a part of this website.

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