



As a valued customer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC), your confidence in the healthcare coverage we provide is important to us. That's one of the reasons why we are working hard to implement the guidelines defined under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). With that in mind, **we request your response to the form linked below to comply with new requirements. Please respond by September 15, 2022.**

The CAA mandates the submission of certain healthcare spending, pharmacy spending, medical claims, and premium data by insurers and health plans, amongst other new requirements on the healthcare industry, such as surprise billing protections. Based on the current Interim Final Rule implementing the mandate, Blue KC will be required to submit certain data in an aggregated level, based on state, group size, and funding type. However, certain data points are possessed by the plan sponsor or employer and Blue KC requests your help in collecting this data. Blue KC will submit this data so that you do not need to.

Blue KC needs each plan sponsor or employer to provide Blue KC with the following information for **both 2020 and 2021**:

- The average monthly premium amount paid by the plan sponsor/employer on behalf of members;
- The average monthly premium amount paid by members;
- The total annual premium amount

Blue KC prefers that you provide this data in whole amounts (i.e., The average monthly premium for Acme Co. covered for employees in 2020 was \$643. The average monthly premium amount paid by members in 2020 was \$129). However, if you are unable to access this precise historical data, please provide the percentage you and the member covered of the premium, totaling 100%. Please provide the data to the best of your ability based on previous record keeping. Going forward, you will need to track this information for accurate reporting. The government has indicated that it is allowing good faith compliance for the first submission, but it will be less forgiving of missing data moving forward.

Premium amount means, with respect to individual insurance and fully-insured group health plans, earned premium as that term is defined for MLR, excluding the adjustments related to risk adjustment.

Premium amount means, with respect to self-funded group health plans and other arrangements that do not rely exclusively or primarily on payments of premiums as defined for MLR, the premium equivalent amount representing the total cost of providing and maintaining coverage, including claims costs, administrative costs, and stop-loss premiums, as applicable. The average monthly premium paid by employers on behalf of members includes premium amounts paid by plan sponsors that do not directly employ individuals.

The information you provide will be pooled together into an aggregated report for each funding type (insured versus self-funded) for either Kansas or Missouri, depending on the state your contract was issued (insured groups) or where your plan has its principal place of business (self-funded) and then into either the small group category or large group category (51+).

Your information will not be identifiable in the final report since it will be combined with other plans' information in your applicable line of business, but we will be reporting that you have responded to the requirement.

To complete your online form, type one of the following URLs into your browser or use the QR code:

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Log in using your Blue KC Group ID: «ExternalDataReference»