



## Arkansas Blue Cross & Blue Shield – Small Group

Rate request filing SERFF Tracking #: **ARBB-131580492**

Product Name: **2019 SG BC Off Exchange Rates**

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<https://www.insurance.arkansas.gov/uploads/pages/py2019-sg-arbcbs-full.pdf>

### Overview

<b>Requested average rate change:</b>	<b>7.93%</b>	Range of requested rate change:	(2.36)% – 19.96%
		Effective date:	January 1, 2019
		Covered lives affected:	14,509

**This plan is available in the following counties:** Statewide

### Financial Information

**Experience from January-December 2017:**

Premiums written:	\$74.50 million
Claims paid:	\$61.50 million

**Projection for January-December 2019:**

Projected premium:	\$82.94 million
Projected claims:	\$68.46 million

### Company Justification for Requested Change

**According to the company's filing, its request is made because:**

"In general the factors driving the proposed 7.93% average rate change are medical cost and utilization trends."

**According to the company's filing, its financial experience has been:**

"Our current estimate of the demand and cost of medical services is running close to what was originally expected."

**The request is made up of the following components:**

- 28% of the 7.93% total request is due to Medical Utilization Changes.
- 61% of the 7.93% total request is due to Medical Price Changes.
- 0% of the 7.93% total request is due to Medical Benefit Changes Required by Law.
- -2% of the 7.93% total request is due to Medical Benefit Changes Not Required by Law.
- -35% of the 7.93% total request is due to Changes to Administration Costs.
- 9% of the 7.93% total request is due to Changes to Profit Margin.
- 39% of the 7.93% total request is due to Other, defined as: "Impact of changes in demographic makeup and adjustment for HA rates to be 5% less than BC."