

Financial Statements - Statutory Basis

Aetna Better Health, Inc. (a Louisiana corporation)

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 with Report of Independent Auditors



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Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Directors Aetna Better Health, Inc. (a Louisiana corporation)

We have audited the accompanying statutory-basis financial statements of Aetna Better Health, Inc. (a Louisiana corporation) (the Company), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of operations, changes in capital and surplus and cash flow for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Management also is responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 to the statutory-basis financial statements, the Company prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Louisiana Department of Insurance, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these statutory accounting practices and U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the statutory-basis financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2020 and 2019, or the results of its operations or its cash flows for the years then ended.

Opinion on Statutory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the statutory-basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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	December 31,					
(In Thousands)		2020	2019			
Admitted assets						
Cash and invested assets						
Bonds	\$	158,568 \$	127,872			
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments		59,528	11,901			
Other invested assets		11,557	9,953			
Total cash and invested assets		229,653	149,726			
Investment income due and accrued		1,081	920			
Premiums and considerations receivable		79,013	75,861			
Reinsurance recoverable			357			
Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans		2,970	1,673			
Current federal income tax recoverable			776			
Net deferred tax asset		2,509	1,712			
Health care and other amounts receivable		3,660	3,606			
State tax recoverable		946	199			
Total admitted assets	\$	319,832 \$	234,830			

Balance Sheets - Statutory Basis

	December 31,					
(In Thousands)	2020	2019				
Liabilities and capital and surplus						
Liabilities:						
Claims unpaid	\$ 134,500 \$	115,603				
Accrued medical incentive pool and bonus amounts	1,381	728				
Unpaid claims adjustment expenses	2,400	1,631				
Aggregate health policy reserves	13,394	41				
General expenses due or accrued	17,297	12,943				
Current federal income tax payable	2,011					
Remittances and items not allocated	214	120				
Amounts due to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates	24,693	23,150				
Payable for securities	11,991					
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	22					
Other liabilities	1,043	738				
Total liabilities	208,946	154,954				
Capital and surplus:						
Gross paid in and contributed surplus	108,300	78,300				
Unassigned surplus (deficit)	2,586	(12,840)				
Special surplus funds	 	14,416				
Total capital and surplus	 110,886	79,876				
Total liabilities and capital and surplus	\$ 319,832 \$	234,830				

Balance Sheets - Statutory Basis (continued)

	Y	Year ended December 31,					
(In Thousands)		2019					
Revenues							
Premium income	\$	867,957 \$	715,366				
Change in unearned premium reserves and reserve for rate credits		(13,393)					
Total revenues		854,564	715,366				
Benefits and expenses							
Claims		734,773	640,723				
Net reinsurance recoveries		(140)	(571)				
Claims adjustment expenses		27,043	19,239				
General administrative expenses		94,275	66,925				
Change in reserves for accident and health contracts		—	(19,911)				
Total benefits and expenses		855,951	706,405				
Net underwriting (loss) gain		(1,387)	8,961				
Investment gains							
Net investment income earned		5,291	4,563				
Net realized capital (losses) gains less capital gains tax expense		(158)	810				
Total investment gains		5,133	5,373				
Regulatory fines and penalties		(150)	(170)				
Income before federal income taxes		3,596	14,164				
Federal income tax expense (benefit)		3,345	(3,370)				
Net income	\$	251 \$	17,534				

Statements of Operations - Statutory Basis

	Y	ear ended Dec	d December 31,		
(In Thousands)		2020	2019		
Capital and surplus, beginning of year	\$	79,876 \$	64,534		
Net income		251	17,534		
Change in net deferred income tax		747	(873)		
Change in nonadmitted assets		12	(1,319)		
Capital contributed from parent		30,000			
Net change in capital and surplus		31,010	15,342		
Capital and surplus, end of year	\$	110,886 \$	79,876		

Statements of Changes in Capital and Surplus - Statutory Basis

	Y	Year ended December 31,					
(In Thousands)		2020	2019				
Cash from operations							
Premiums collected	\$	864,763 \$	701,082				
Investment income received		4,102	3,651				
Claims paid		(715,201)	(610,030)				
General administrative expenses and other benefits and expenses paid		(118,388)	(85,408)				
Federal income taxes (paid) recovered		(750)	1,892				
Net cash provided by operating activities		34,526	11,187				
Cash from investments							
Proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid		36,944	54,898				
Cost of investments acquired		(56,190)	(71,701)				
Net cash used in investment activities		(19,246)	(16,803)				
Cash from financing and miscellaneous sources							
Capital contributed from parent		30,000	—				
Other cash provided (applied)		2,347	(749)				
Net cash provided by (used in) financing and miscellaneous activities		32,347	(749)				
Change in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments		47,627	(6,365)				
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, beginning of year		11,901	18,266				
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, end of year	\$	59,528 \$	11,901				
Note: Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information from non-cash transactions							
Non-cash bond exchanges	\$	4,526 \$	—				

Statements of Cash Flow - Statutory Basis

1. <u>Organization and operation</u>

Aetna Better Health, Inc. (a Louisiana corporation) (the "Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aetna Health Holdings, LLC, whose ultimate parent is CVS Health Corporation ("CVS Health").

The Company was incorporated in the State of Louisiana on July 27, 2010.

During 2019 the Company administered a health plan for individuals who qualify for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Pool ("CHIP") coverage in the State of Louisiana. This contract ended on December 31, 2019. In early August 2019, it was announced by the Louisiana Department of Health that the Company had not been awarded a new contract for 2020 to 2023. The Company protested that decision and was allowed to continue under a emergency agreement for 2020. In August 2020 the Louisiana Department of Health officially withdrew the 2019 request for proposal with an expectation that a new request for proposal will come out in Spring 2021 with a January 1, 2022 effective date. The Company and the other four managed care organizations in the state are operating under emergency contracts until December 31, 2021.

In January 2019, the Company began writing dual eligible special needs plan ("DSNP") business in the State of Louisiana. A DSNP is a Medicare Advantage coordinated care plan specifically designed to enroll individuals who are entitled to both Medicare and medical assistance from a state plan under Medicaid. This contract was expanded to the State of Alabama beginning January 1, 2020. The Company has further obtained license from the State of Mississippi during 2020 and began to start writing business in 2021.

2. <u>Summary of significant accounting policies</u>

Accounting practices

The accompanying statutory financial statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Louisiana Department of Insurance ("Louisiana Department") ("Louisiana Accounting Practices"). The Louisiana Department recognizes statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the State of Louisiana for determining and reporting the financial condition and results of operations of an insurance company, which include accounting Practices and procedures adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' ("NAIC") Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual ("NAIC SAP"). The Company's net income and capital and surplus as stated on a NAIC SAP basis and on the basis of practices prescribed or permitted by the State of Louisiana were the same as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Louisiana Accounting Practices vary from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The primary differences include the following:

- Certain assets, designated as nonadmitted assets (in part, uncollected premiums are nonadmitted in accordance with Statements of Statutory Accounting Principles ("SSAP") No. 6 *Uncollected Premium Balances, Bills Receivable for Premiums, and Amounts Due From Agents and Brokers*) are not recorded as assets, but are charged to surplus. Thus, nonadmitting uncollected premiums eliminates the need for a separate allowance for doubtful accounts, which is utilized under GAAP;
- Certain assets, designated as nonadmitted assets (other receivables and prepaid capitation, which are nonadmitted in accordance with SSAP No. 4 *Assets and Nonadmitted Assets*) are not recorded as assets, but are charged to surplus. Assets having economic value other than those which can be used to fulfill policyholder obligations, or those assets which are unavailable due to encumbrances or other third party interests are not recognized on the Balance Sheets, and are, therefore, considered nonadmitted;
- Bonds are recorded at amortized cost except for those with an NAIC designation of 3 through 6, which are reported at the lower of amortized cost or fair value. Therefore, changes in unrealized gains and losses for those securities held at amortized cost are not reflected in the financial statements. Under GAAP, bonds classified as available for sale are recorded at fair value, and related changes in unrealized gains and losses are recorded as a component of equity, net of deferred federal income taxes;
- In accordance with SSAP No. 43 Revised *Loan-Backed and Structured Securities* ("SSAP 43R"), otherthan-temporary impairment ("OTTI") on loan-backed or structured securities are recorded when fair value

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of the security is less than its amortized cost basis at the balance sheet date and (1) the Company intends to sell the investment or (2) the Company does not have the intent and ability to retain the investment for the time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis or (3) if the Company does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, even if it does not intend to sell the security and the Company has the intent and ability to hold. The condition in (2) above does not apply for GAAP;

- In accordance with SSAP No. 26 Revised *Bonds*, an other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") loss is recorded as a realized loss equal to the entire difference between the bond's carrying value and its fair value at the balance sheet date of the reporting period at which the assessment is made and a new carrying value is established for prospective reporting periods. On a GAAP basis, when the Company does not intend to sell the security and it is more likely than not that the entity will not be required to sell such before recovery of its amortized costs basis, the Company bifurcates an impairment into credit-related and non-credit related components. The amount of the credit-related component is recorded as an allowance for credit losses and recognized in net income, and the amount of the non-credit related component is included in other comprehensive income;
- Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined and admitted in accordance with SSAP No. 101 *Income Taxes* ("SSAP No. 101"). Changes in net deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected as changes in surplus, whereas under GAAP, changes in such assets and liabilities are reflected in net income. In addition, statutory accounting requires consideration of a statutory allowance adjustment in the calculation of adjusted gross deferred tax assets and an admissibility test for deferred tax assets;
- In accordance with SSAP No. 2 Revised *Cash, Cash Equivalents, Drafts and Short-term Investments,* certain short-term borrowings are classified as a reduction of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments. Under GAAP, these amounts would have been classified as liabilities;
- Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments in the Statements of Cash Flow represent cash balances and investments with remaining maturities of one year or less at the time of acquisition. Under GAAP, the corresponding caption of cash and cash equivalents includes cash balances and investments with initial maturities of three months or less. The statement does not classify cash flows consistent with GAAP and a reconciliation of net earnings to net cash provided by operations is not provided;
- Reinsurance recoverables that are determined to be uncollectible are written off through a charge to operations utilizing the same accounts that established the reinsurance recoverables in accordance with SSAP No. 61 Revised *Life, Deposit-Type and Accident and Health Reinsurance.* Under GAAP, it is permissible to record an allowance against the reinsurance recoverables as opposed to writing them off through a charge to operations; and
- Reinsurance recoverables on unpaid losses are reported as a reduction of the liability for unpaid claims and claims adjustment expenses, while under GAAP, they are reported as an asset.

The effects of the foregoing variances from GAAP on the accompanying statutory financial statements have not been determined but are presumed to be material.

There were no prescribed or permitted practices by the State of Louisiana for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Use of estimates in the preparation of the financial statements

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Louisiana Accounting Practices requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant accounting policies

The Company applies the following significant accounting policies:

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, consisting primarily of money market instruments and other debt issues with an original maturity of up to one year, are carried at amortized cost. Short-term investments consist

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primarily of investments purchased with an original maturity date of greater than three months but less than one year. Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid instruments, which mature within three months from the date of purchase. The carrying amount of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments approximates fair value. Cash accounts with positive balances shall not be reported separately from cash accounts with negative balances. If in the aggregate, the reporting entity has a net negative cash balance, it shall be reported as a negative asset and shall not be recorded as a liability.

Bonds

Bonds, which include special deposits, are carried at amortized cost except for those bonds with an NAIC designation of 3 through 6, which are carried at the lower of amortized cost or fair value. The amount carried at fair value is not material to the financial statements. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized using the scientific interest method. When quoted prices in active markets for identical assets are available, the Company uses these quoted market prices to determine the fair value of bonds. This is used primarily for U.S. government securities. In other cases where a quoted market price for identical assets in an active market is either not available or not observable, the Company estimates fair values using valuation methodologies based on available and observable market information or by using a matrix pricing model. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company determines fair value using broker quotes or an internal analysis of each investment's financial performance and cash flow projections. The Company had no investments where fair value was determined using broker quotes or an internal analysis of financial performance and cash flow projections at December 31, 2020 and 2019. Bonds include all investments whose maturity is greater than one year when purchased. Loan-backed and structured securities are carried at amortized cost adjusted for unamortized premiums and discounts and are accounted for using the retrospective adjustment method. Premiums and discounts on loan-backed and structured securities are amortized using the scientific interest method over the estimated remaining term of the securities, adjusted for anticipated prepayments. All adjustments between amortized cost and carrying value are reflected in unrealized capital gains and losses and are reported as direct adjustments to surplus.

Bonds are recorded as purchases or sales on the trade date.

The Company periodically reviews its bonds to determine whether a decline in fair value below the carrying value is other-than-temporary. For bonds, other than loan-backed and structured securities ("LB&SS"), an other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") shall be recorded if it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms in effect at the date of acquisition. Declines deemed to be OTTI in the cost basis are recognized as realized capital losses. Yield-related impairments are deemed other-than-temporary when the Company intends to sell an investment at the reporting date before recovery of the cost of the investment.

For LB&SS, the Company records OTTI when the fair value of the loan-backed or structured security is less than the amortized cost basis at the balance sheet date and (1) the Company intends to sell the investment, (2) the Company does not have the intent and ability to retain the investment for the time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis, or (3) the Company does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security, even if it does not intend to sell the security and has the intent and ability to hold. If it is determined an OTTI has occurred because of (1) or (2), the amount of the OTTI is equal to the difference between the amortized cost and the fair value of the security at the balance sheet date and this difference is recorded as a realized capital loss. If it is determined an OTTI has occurred because of (3), the amount of the OTTI is equal to the difference between the amortized cost and the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, discounted at the loan-backed or structured security's effective interest rate and this difference is also accounted for as a realized capital loss.

The Company analyzes all relevant facts and circumstances for each investment when performing its analysis to determine whether an OTTI exists. Among the factors considered in evaluating whether a decline is other-thantemporary, management considers whether the decline in fair value results from a change in the quality of the investment security itself, whether the decline results from a downward movement in the market as a whole, the prospects for realizing the carrying value of the bond based on the investee's current and short-term prospects for recovery and other factors. The risks inherent in assessing the impairment of an investment include the risk that market factors may differ from the Company's expectations and the risk that facts and circumstances factored into its assessment may change with the passage of time. Unexpected changes to market factors and circumstances that were

not present in past reporting periods may result in a current period decision to sell securities that were not otherthan-temporarily impaired in prior reporting periods.

For the Company's bonds and LB&SS that provide for a prepayment penalty or acceleration fee in the event the bond or LB&SS is liquidated prior to its scheduled termination date, the Company reports such fees as investment income when earned.

Other invested assets

Other invested assets consist primarily of partnerships and equity subsidiaries. Partnerships and equity subsidiaries are reported using the equity method. Unaudited other invested assets are nonadmitted as they do not meet the admissibility requirements of SSAP No. 48, *Joint Ventures, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies*, and SSAP No. 97, *Investments in Subsidiary, Controlled and Affiliated Entities*, which requires prescribed types of audited financial statements of the investments. The Company periodically reviews other invested assets for impairment. An impairment shall be considered to have occurred if it is probable that the Company will be unable to recover the carrying amount of the investment or there is evidence indicating the inability of the investee to sustain earnings, which would justify the carrying amount of the investment.

Investment income due and accrued

Accrued investment income consists primarily of interest. Interest is recognized on an accrual basis and dividends are recorded as earned on the ex-dividend date. Due and accrued income is not recorded on: (a) bonds in default; and (b) bonds delinquent more than 90 days or where collection of interest is improbable. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company did not have any nonadmitted investment income due and accrued.

Premiums and amounts due and unpaid

Premium revenue for health care products is recognized as income in the month in which enrollees are entitled to health care services. Premiums collected before the effective period are reported as premiums received in advance. Premiums related to unexpired contractual coverage periods are reported as unearned premium in aggregate health policy reserves in the Balance Sheets.

Nonadmitted amounts consist of all premiums due and unpaid greater than 90 days past due, with the exception of amounts due under government insured plans, which may be admitted assets under certain circumstances. In addition, for any customer for which the premiums due and unpaid greater than 90 days past due is more than a de minimus portion of the entire balance of premiums due and unpaid for that customer, the entire balance of premiums due and unpaid for that customer, the entire balance of premiums due and unpaid for that customer is nonadmitted. Management also performs a specific review of accounts and based on the results of the review, additional amounts may be nonadmitted. Uncollectible amounts are generally written-off and charged to revenue in the period in which the customer reconciliations are completed and agreed to by the customer (retroactivity) or when the account is determined to be uncollectible by the Company.

Medicare Advantage premiums and related subsidies

Through the Company's Medicare Advantage Part D annual contract with CMS, the Company receives monthly premium payments from CMS and members, as determined by the Company's annual bid process. The Company recognizes the revenue related to the CMS contract ratably over the term of its annual contract.

The CMS payment is subject to risk sharing provisions through the CMS risk corridor provision, which is accounted for as a retrospectively rated contract in accordance with SSAP No. 66 - *Retrospectively Rated Contracts*. Receivables related to the CMS risk corridor provision are included in accrued retrospective premiums and payables related to the CMS risk corridor provision are included in aggregate health policy reserves on the Balance Sheets.

The Company's CMS payment is also subject to the CMS risk adjustment process for each member, which is accounted for as a contract subject to redetermination in accordance with SSAP No. 54 – Revised – *Individual and Group Accident and Health Contracts*. Receivables related to the CMS risk adjustment process are included in

accrued retrospective premiums and payables related to the CMS risk adjustment process are included in aggregate health policy reserves on the Balance Sheets.

The amounts calculated in accordance with both the risk corridor provision and the risk adjustment process are recorded as an adjustment to premiums earned on the Statements of Operations.

Certain subsidies from CMS, including reinsurance payments, the coverage gap discount program and the costsharing portion of the low income subsidy, represent cost reimbursements under the Medicare Part D program for which the Company assumes no risk. Amounts received for these subsidies are not reflected as premium revenues, but rather are accounted for as deposits. Receivables for these subsidies are included in amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans and liabilities for these subsidies are included in the liability for amounts held under uninsured accident and health plans on the Balance Sheets. Amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans and amounts held under uninsured accident and health plans are more fully discussed in Note 14.

Pharmaceutical rebate receivables

The Company estimates pharmaceutical rebate receivables based upon historical payment trends, actual utilization and other variables. Pharmaceutical rebates for a quarter are billed to the vendor within one month of the completion of the quarter with any adjustment to previously recorded amounts reflected at the time of billing. The Company reports pharmaceutical rebate receivables as health care receivables. Pharmacy rebate receivables not in accordance with SSAP No. 84 – *Health Care and Government Insured Plan Receivables* or are over 90 days past due are nonadmitted. All rebates are processed and settled monthly with an affiliated entity, including adjustments to previously billed periods. The pharmaceutical rebate receivables are more fully discussed in Note 6.

Claims and claims adjustment expenses and related reserves

Claims consist principally of fee-for-service medical claims and capitation costs. Claims unpaid and aggregate health claim reserves include the Company's estimate of payments to be made on claims reported but not yet paid and for health care services rendered to enrollees but not yet reported to the Company as of the Balance Sheet date. Such estimates are developed using actuarial principles and assumptions, which consider, among other things, historical and projected claim submission and processing payment patterns, medical cost trends, historical utilization of health care services, claim inventory levels, medical inflation, changes in membership and product mix, seasonality and other relevant factors. The Company reflects changes in estimates in claims costs in the Statements of Operations in the period they are determined. Capitation costs, which are recorded in claims in the Statements of Operations, represent contractual monthly fees paid to participating physicians and other medical providers for providing medical care, regardless of the medical services provided to the enrollee.

The Company uses the triangulation method to estimate reserves for claims incurred but not reported. The method of triangulation makes estimates of completion factors that are then applied to the total paid claims (net of coordination of benefits) to date for each incurral month. This provides an estimate of the total projected incurred claims and total amount outstanding or claims incurred but not reported (claims unpaid). For the most current dates of service where there is insufficient paid claim data to rely solely on the triangulation method, the Company examines cost and utilization trends as well as environmental factors, plan changes, provider contracts, changes in membership and/or benefits, and historical seasonal patterns to estimate the reserve required for these months.

Claims adjustment expenses, which include cost containment expenses, represent the costs incurred related to the claim settlement process such as costs to record, process and adjust claims. These expenses are included in the Company's management agreement with an affiliate described in Note 5.

Aggregate health policy reserves and related expenses

Premium deficiency reserves ("PDR") are recognized when it is probable that the expected future hospital and medical costs, including maintenance costs, will exceed anticipated future premiums and reinsurance recoveries on existing contracts. Anticipated investment income is not considered in the calculation of PDR. For purposes of

calculating a PDR, contracts are grouped in a manner consistent with the method of acquiring, servicing and measuring the profitability of such contracts.

The Company is required to make premium rebate payments to the State of Louisiana under a Medicaid Risk Corridor program. The Medicaid risk corridor rebates are more fully discussed in Note 14.

Fees paid to the Federal Government by health insurers

SSAP No. 106 - Affordable Care Act Section 9010 Assessment ("SSAP No. 106") required (1) that the annual fee be recognized in full on January 1 of the fee year (the calendar year in which the assessment must be paid to the federal government), in the operating expense category of general administrative expenses, excluding federal income taxes and (2) that in each data year preceding a fee year a reporting entity pro-ratably accrue by reclassifying from unassigned surplus to special surplus funds an amount equal to its estimated subsequent fee year assessment. This reclassification has no impact on total capital and surplus and is reversed in full on January 1 of the fee year. On January 1, 2020, the Company was subject to the annual fee ("ACA assessment"). This annual fee was allocated to individual health insurers based on the ratio of the amount of the entity's net premiums written during the preceding calendar year to the amount of health insurance for any U.S. health risk that was written during the preceding calendar year. A health insurance entity's portion of the annual fee becomes payable once the entity provides health insurance for any U.S. health risk for each calendar year beginning on or after January 1 of the year the fee is due. As of December 31, 2019, the Company estimated its portion of the annual fee that was payable on September 30, 2020 to be \$14,416 thousand. This was estimated based on premiums written subject to the ACA assessment of \$715,707 thousand. During 2020, the Company paid \$13,681 thousand to the federal government for its portion of the annual fee due on September 30, 2020. In December 2019, the annual fee was repealed beginning in 2021. As a result of this repeal, there is no annual fee payable in 2021 and thereafter, and therefore no estimated subsequent fee year assessment was required to be reclassified from unassigned funds to special surplus funds at December 31, 2020.

Federal and state income taxes

Aetna Inc. ("Aetna") and its wholly-owned subsidiaries are included in the consolidated federal income tax return of its parent company, CVS Health, pursuant to the terms of a tax sharing agreement. In accordance with the agreement, the Company's current federal and state income tax provisions are generally computed as if the Company were filing a separate federal and state income tax return; current income tax benefits, including those resulting from net operating losses, are recognized to the extent expected to be realized in the consolidated return. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company has the enforceable right to recoup federal and state income taxes paid in prior years in the event of future net losses, which it may incur, or to recoup its net losses carried forward as an offset to future net income subject to federal and state income taxes.

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred income tax assets ("DTAs") and liabilities ("DTLs") represent the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences generated by statutory accounting as defined in SSAP No. 101. DTAs and DTLs are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. DTAs and DTLs are computed by means of identifying temporary differences, which are measured using a balance sheet approach whereby statutory and tax basis balance sheets are compared. Current income tax recoverables include all current income taxes, including interest, reasonably expected to be recovered in a subsequent accounting period.

Pursuant to SSAP No. 101, gross DTAs are first reduced by a statutory valuation allowance adjustment to an amount that is more likely than not to be realized ("adjusted gross DTAs"). Adjusted gross DTAs are then admitted in an amount equal to the sum of paragraphs a. b. and c. below:

a. Federal income taxes paid in prior years that can be recovered through loss carrybacks for existing temporary differences that reverse during a timeframe corresponding with Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") tax loss carryback provisions.

b. The amount of adjusted gross DTAs, after the application of paragraph a. above, expected to be realized within the applicable period and that is no greater than the applicable percentage as determined using the applicable Realization Threshold Limitation Table. The applicable period refers to the number of years in which the DTA will reverse in the Company's tax return and the applicable percentage refers to the percentage of the Company's statutory capital and surplus as required to be shown on the statutory balance sheet adjusted to exclude any net DTAs, electronic data processing equipment and operating system software and any net positive goodwill ("Stat Cap ExDTA").

The Realization Threshold Limitation Tables allow DTAs to be admitted based upon either realization within 3 years and 15% of Stat Cap ExDTA, 1 year and 10% of Stat Cap ExDTA, or no DTA admitted pursuant to this paragraph b. In general, the Realization Threshold Limitation Tables allow the Company to admit more DTAs if total DTAs as reported by the Company are a smaller percentage of statutory capital and surplus.

c. The amount of gross DTAs, after the application of paragraphs a. and b. above that can be offset against existing gross DTLs. In applying this offset, the Company considers the character (i.e. ordinary versus capital) of the DTAs and DTLs such that offsetting would be permitted in the tax return under existing enacted federal income tax laws and regulations and the reversal patterns of temporary differences.

Changes in DTAs and DTLs are recognized as a separate component of gains and losses in surplus ("Change in net deferred income tax") except to the extent allocated to changes in unrealized gains and losses. Changes in DTAs and DTLs allocated to unrealized gains and losses are netted against the related changes in unrealized gains and losses and are reported as "Change in net unrealized capital gains and (losses)", also a separate component of gains and losses in surplus.

The Company is subject to state income taxes in various states. State income tax expense is recorded in general administrative expenses in the Statements of Operations.

3. <u>Bonds and other financial instruments</u>

The following is a summary of bonds and other financial instruments receiving bond treatment, which include special deposits, cash equivalents, and short-term investments, at December 31, 2020 and 2019:

December 31, 2020

(In Thousands)	A	mortized cost	Statutory carrying value	1	Gross unrealized gains	u	Gross inrealized losses	Fair value
U.S. government	\$	67,053	\$ 67,053	\$	898	\$	(2) \$	67,949
U.S. states, territories and possessions (direct and guaranteed)		7,678	7,678		976		_	8,654
U.S. political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions (direct and guaranteed)		2,776	2,776		15		_	2,791
U.S. special revenue and assessment obligations and all non-guaranteed obligations of agencies and authorities of governments and their political subdivisions		36,254	36,254		2,353		_	38,607
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)		104,376	104,376		3,378		(1)	107,753
Total	\$	218,137	\$ 218,137	\$	7,620	\$	(3) \$	225,754

December 31, 2019

(In Thousands)	Amortized cost		Statutory carrying value	Gross unrealized gains	zed unrealized		Fair value	
U.S. government	\$	27,653	\$ 27,653	\$ 744	\$	(1) \$	28,396	
U.S. states, territories and possessions (direct and guaranteed)		7,787	7,787	731			8,518	
U.S. political subdivisions of states, territories and possessions (direct and guaranteed)		2,592	2,592	202		_	2,794	
U.S. special revenue and assessment obligations and all non-guaranteed obligations of agencies and authorities of governments and their political subdivisions		29,877	29,877	956		(9)	30,824	
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)		76,083	76,083	1,022		(26)	77,079	
Total	\$	143,992	\$ 143,992	\$ 3,655	\$	(36) \$	147,611	

Summarized below are the Company's bonds and other financial instruments receiving bond treatment with unrealized losses at December 31, 2020 and 2019, along with the related fair values, aggregated by the length of time the investments have been in an unrealized loss position:

December 31, 2020

	Le	ess tl	han 12 mon	ths		Greater than 12 months					
(\$ in Thousands)	Number of securities	F	Fair value	τ	Inrealized losses	Number of securities	Fair value	Unrealized losses			
U.S. government	2	\$	10,990	\$	2	—	\$ —	\$ —			
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)	2		1,516		1	_	_				
Total	4	\$	12,506	\$	3	_	\$ —	\$			

	Total									
(\$ in Thousands)	Number of securities		Fair value	I	Unrealized losses					
U.S. government	2	\$	10,990	\$	2					
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)	2		1,516		1					
Total	4	\$	12,506	\$	3					

December 31, 2019

	Less than 12 months					Greater than 12 months				
(\$ in Thousands)	Number of securities	l	Fair value	۱	Unrealized losses	Number of securities	Fair value	Unrealized losses		
U.S. Government	1	\$	2,974	\$	1	—	\$ —	\$ —		
U.S. special revenue and assessment obligations and all non-guaranteed obligations of agencies and authorities of governments and their political subdivisions	3		4,190		9	_	_	_		
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)	7		7,820		22	1	496	4		
Total	11	\$	14,984	\$	32	1	\$ 496	\$ 4		

	Total									
(\$ in Thousands)	Number of securities		Fair value		Unrealized losses					
U.S. Government	1	\$	2,974	\$	1					
U.S. special revenue and assessment obligations and all non-guaranteed obligations of agencies and authorities of governments and their political subdivisions	3	\$	4,190	\$	9					
Industrial and miscellaneous (unaffiliated)	8		8,316		26					
Total	12	\$	15,480	\$	36					

The Company has reviewed the investments in the tables above and has concluded that these are performing assets generating investment income to support the needs of the business. In performing this review, the Company considered factors such as the quality of the investment security based on research performed by external rating agencies and internal credit analysts and the prospects of realizing the carrying value of the security based on the investment's current prospects for recovery. Furthermore, the Company has no intention to sell the investments in the tables above at December 31, 2020 and 2019 before their cost can be recovered and for loan-backed and structured securities the Company has the ability and intent to hold these securities for a period of time sufficient to

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recover the amortized cost; therefore, no OTTI was determined to have occurred on these investments during the year ended December 31, 2020 and 2019. In determining if the Company needs to sell before full recovery of value, the Company considers the forecasted recovery period, expected investment returns relative to other funding sources, projected cash flow and capital requirements, regulatory obligations, and other factors. Unrealized losses at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were generally caused by the widening of market yields for these securities relative to the market yields when these securities were purchased.

The contractual or expected maturities of bonds and assets receiving bond treatment (e.g., cash equivalents and short-term investments) at December 31, 2020 were as follows:

(In Thousands)	Car	rying value	Fair value
Due one year or less	\$	74,154 \$	74,338
Due after one year through five years		97,691	101,243
Due after five years through ten years		38,892	42,003
Due after ten years		7,400	8,170
Total	\$	218,137 \$	225,754

Proceeds from the maturities and sales of the Company's bonds and other financial instruments receiving bond treatment and the related gross realized capital gains and losses and the OTTI charges on bonds for the years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

(In Thousands)	2020	2019
Proceeds from sales of bonds	\$ 20,188	\$ 50,054
Proceeds from maturities of bonds	4,766	4,844
Gross realized gains on sales of bonds	625	904
Gross realized losses on sales of bonds	259	44
Included in net realized capital losses (OTTI charges on bonds that were in an unrealized loss position	331	_

The Company conducts regular reviews of its bond investments to assess whether a decline in fair value below carrying value is an OTTI. The Company will also recognize an OTTI on bonds when the Company intends to sell a security that is in an unrealized loss position. Declines deemed to be OTTI are recognized as realized capital losses.

The Company's unrealized loss position on loan-backed and structured securities held by the Company at December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

(In Thousands)	2020	2019
Aggregate amount of unrealized losses		
Less than 12 months	\$ 1 \$	18
12 months or longer	1	4
Aggregate related fair value of securities with unrealized losses		
Less than 12 months	1,016	3,275
12 months or longer	500	496

The Company has reviewed the loan-backed and structured securities in accordance with SSAP No. 43R in the tables above and have concluded that these are performing assets generating investment income to support the needs of the business. Furthermore, the Company has no intention to sell the securities at December 31, 2020 and 2019 before their cost can be recovered and does have the intent and ability to retain the securities for the time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis; therefore, no OTTI write-down to fair value was determined to have occurred on these securities.

4. <u>Financial instruments</u>

Financial instruments measured at fair value in the financial statements

The Company had no material assets and liabilities that are measured and reported at fair value as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The fair values of financial instruments are based on valuations that include inputs that can be classified within one of three levels of a hierarchy. The following are the levels of the hierarchy and a brief description of the type of valuation information ("inputs") that qualifies a financial asset or liability for each level:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2 Inputs other than Level 1 that are based on observable market data. These include: quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical assets in inactive markets, inputs that are observable that are not prices (such as interest rates and credit risks) and inputs that are derived from or corroborated by observable markets.
- Level 3 Developed from unobservable data, reflecting the Company's own assumptions.

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the valuation. When quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities are available, the Company uses these quoted market prices to determine the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and classifies these assets and liabilities as Level 1. In other cases where a quoted market price for identical assets and liabilities in an active market is either not available or not observable, the Company estimates fair value using valuation methodologies based on available and observable market information or by using a matrix pricing model. These financial assets and liabilities would then be classified as Level 2. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company determines fair value using broker quotes or an internal analysis of each investment's financial performance and cash flow projections. Thus, financial assets and liabilities may be classified in Level 3 even though there may be some significant inputs that may be observable.

Transfers in and out of all levels are recognized at the end of the reporting period of which the transfer occurred.

The carrying values and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

December 31, 2020

(In Thousands)	.ggregate air value	A	dmitted assets	(1	Level 1)	(Level 2)	(I	Level 3)
Assets									
Bonds, short term, and cash equivalent	\$ 225,754	\$	218,137	\$	67,948	\$	157,806	\$	
Total	\$ 225,754	\$	218,137	\$	67,948	\$	157,806	\$	

December 31, 2019

(In Thousands)	ggregate air value	A	dmitted assets	(1	Level 1)	(Level 2)	(L	evel 3)
Assets									
Bonds, short term, and cash equivalent	\$ 147,611	\$	143,992	\$	28,394	\$	119,217	\$	_
Total	\$ 147,611	\$	143,992	\$	28,394	\$	119,217	\$	_

In evaluating the Company's management of interest rate and liquidity risk and currency exposures, the fair values of all assets and liabilities should be taken into consideration, not only those presented above.

5. Information concerning parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates

As of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had the following significant transactions with affiliates:

The Company and Aetna Medicaid Administrators LLC ("AMA") are parties to an administrative services agreement, under which AMA and certain of its affiliates provide certain administrative services, including cash management and accounting and processing of premiums and claims. Under this agreement, the Company will remit a percentage of its earned premium revenue, as applicable, to AMA as a fee. The agreement was amended effective January 1, 2020 and approved by the Louisiana Department on August 21, 2019. The amendment allows other affiliates to provide services in accordance to a schedule of services and pricing. For these services, the Company was charged \$59,212 thousand and \$46,967 thousand in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

AMA and Aetna Health Management, LLC ("AHM"), indirectly a wholly-owned subsidiary of CVS Health, entered into a plan joinder agreement. Under this agreement, AHM has contracted with Caremark PCS Health, LLC ("Caremark"), an affiliate, to deliver pharmacy benefit management services to the Company through the Company's administrative services agreement with AMA. The Company will make payments to AMA in accordance with the administrative services agreement.

As explained in Note 2, Aetna and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Company, participate in a tax sharing agreement with CVS Health. All federal income tax receivables/payables are due from/due to CVS Health.

The Company invests in Aetna Partners Diversified Fund, LLC ("APDF"), an affiliated entity, that is a fund of hedge funds. The Company records this investment as an other invested asset. The value of the Company's investment in APDF LLC was \$11,557 thousand and \$9,953 thousand at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had the following amounts due to/from affiliates, which exclude amounts related to pharmacy rebate transactions as discussed more fully in Note 6 and the Company's reinsurance agreements if applicable:

	December	31,	
(In Thousands)	2020	2019	
Amounts due to affiliates			
Aetna Medicaid Administrators, LLC	\$ 24,693 \$	23,150	
Total due to affiliates	\$ 24,693 \$	23,150	

The terms of settlement require that these amounts be settled within 45 days after the end of the calendar quarter.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had no amounts due from affiliates.

6. <u>Health care receivables</u>

Pharmaceutical rebates

The Company receives pharmaceutical rebates through an agreement with AHM. AHM has contractual agreements with pharmaceutical companies for rebates, which cover the Company's membership as well as the membership of other Aetna programs and/or affiliates. The Company receives those rebates from AHM (either directly or through intercompany arrangements with other Aetna affiliates) that relate to the Company's membership. The Company estimates pharmaceutical rebate receivables based upon the historical payment trends, actual utilization and other variables. Actual rebates collected are applied to the collection periods below, using a first in first out methodology. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had pharmaceutical rebate receivables of \$346 thousand and \$99

thousand, respectively (refer to the Company's accounting practices related to pharmaceutical rebate receivables in Note 2).

The following table discloses the quarterly revenue and subsequent cash collections relating to the pharmaceutical rebates discussed in Note 2:

_	(In Thousands)									
	Date	imated pharmacy bates as reported on financial statements	Pł	harmacy rebates as billed or otherwise confirmed	J	Actual rebates received within 90 days of billing		Actual rebates received within 91 to 180 days of billing		Actual rebates received more than 180 days after billing
	12/31/2020	\$ 1,091	\$	—	\$	\$ 734	1	\$	- \$	—
	09/30/2020	1,141		1,147		1,160		-	-	—
	06/30/2020	759		776		778		-	-	—
	03/31/2020	745		742		739		_	-	—
	12/31/2019	561		550		548		-	-	_
	09/30/2019	745		479		478		_	-	—
	06/30/2019	1,129		669		274		396	5	—
	03/31/2019	963		1,048		332		716	5	—
	12/31/2018	894		842		252		590)	_
	09/30/2018	926		891		237		607	7	47
	06/30/2018	862		924		204		644	ļ	76
	03/31/2018	\$ 741	\$	857	\$	\$ 295		\$ 531	\$	32

¹ Represents a portion of the estimated rebates for the quarter ending December 31, 2020, which were paid by AHM to the Company prior to December 31, 2020 and invoicing in 2021.

Other receivables

The Company reported \$3,251 thousand and \$3,476 thousand of claim overpayment receivables at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

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7. <u>Income taxes</u>

The components of the net DTAs recognized in the Company's Balance Sheets are as follows:

	December 31, 2020							
(In Thousands)	0	rdinary	Capital	Total				
Gross DTAs	\$	3,026 \$	542 \$	3,568				
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment		_	_	_				
Adjusted gross DTAs		3,026	542	3,568				
DTAs nonadmitted		(526)	(58)	(584)				
Subtotal net admitted DTAs		2,500	484	2,984				
DTLs		(122)	(353)	(475)				
Net admitted DTAs	\$	2,378 \$	131 \$	2,509				

	December 31, 2019							
(In Thousands)	(Ordinary	Capital	Total				
Gross DTAs	\$	2,380 \$	393 \$	2,773				
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment		—	_					
Adjusted gross DTAs		2,380	393	2,773				
DTAs nonadmitted		(530)	(104)	(634)				
Subtotal net admitted DTAs		1,850	289	2,139				
DTLs		(138)	(289)	(427)				
Net admitted DTAs	\$	1,712 \$	— \$	1,712				

	Change								
(In Thousands)	0	rdinary	Capital	Total					
Gross DTAs	\$	646 \$	149 \$	795					
Statutory valuation allowance adjustment		_	_	_					
Adjusted gross DTAs		646	149	795					
DTAs nonadmitted		4	46	50					
Subtotal net admitted DTAs		650	195	845					
DTLs		16	(64)	(48)					
Net admitted DTAs	\$	666 \$	131 \$	797					

The amount of gross DTAs admitted under each component of SSAP No. 101 is as follows:

	December 31, 2020							
(In Thousands)	0	Ordinary	Capital	Total				
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$	2,378 \$	131 \$	2,509				
(b) Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized (excluding the amount of DTAs after application of the threshold limitations (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below))		_	_	_				
1. Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized following the balance sheet date		_	_	_				
2. Adjusted gross DTAs allowed per limitation threshold		XX	XX	16,257				
(c) Adjusted gross DTAs (excluding the amount of DTAs from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross DTLs		122	353	475				
(d) DTAs admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101	\$	2,500 \$	484 \$	2,984				

	December 31, 201				
(In Thousands)	0	rdinary	Capital	Total	
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$	278 \$	— \$	278	
(b) Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized (excluding the amount of DTAs after application of the threshold limitations (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below))		1,434	_	1,434	
1. Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized following the balance sheet date		1,434	_	1,434	
2. Adjusted gross DTAs allowed per limitation threshold		XX	XX	11,725	
(c) Adjusted gross DTAs (excluding the amount of DTAs from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross DTLs		138	289	427	
(d) DTAs admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101	\$	1,850 \$	289 \$	2,139	

	Change				
(In Thousands)		Ordinary	Capital	Total	
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$	2,100 \$	131 \$	2,231	
(b) Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized (excluding the amount of DTAs after application of the threshold limitations (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below))		(1,434)	_	(1,434)	
1. Adjusted gross DTAs expected to be realized following the balance sheet date		(1,434)	_	(1,434)	
2. Adjusted gross DTAs allowed per limitation threshold		XX	XX	4,532	
(c) Adjusted gross DTAs (excluding the amount of DTAs from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross DTLs		(16)	64	48	
(d) DTAs admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101	\$	650 \$	195 \$	845	

(\$ in Thousands)	2020		2019
(a) Ratio percentage used to determine recovery period and threshold limitation amount	399 %	, D	343 %
(b) Amount of adjusted capital and surplus used to determine recovery period threshold limitation in (b)2 above	\$ 108,377	\$	78,164

The impact of tax planning strategies is as follows:

	December 31, 2020					
(\$ in Thousands)		Ordinary		Capital	Total	
(a) Determination of adjusted gross DTAs and net admitted DTAs, by tax character as a percentage:						
1. Adjusted gross DTAs	\$	3,026	\$	542 \$	3,568	
2. Percentage of adjusted DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies		— %		%	%	
3. Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs		2,500		484	2,984	
4. Percentage of net admitted adjusted DTAs by tax character admitted because of the impact of tax planning strategies		— %		%	<u> %</u>	

	December 31, 2019					
(\$ in Thousands)		Ordinary		Capital	Total	
(a) Determination of adjusted gross DTAs and net admitted DTAs, by tax character as a percentage:						
1. Adjusted gross DTAs	\$	2,380	\$	393 \$	2,773	
2. Percentage of adjusted DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies		5 %		%	5 %	
3. Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs		1,850		289	2,139	
4. Percentage of net admitted adjusted DTAs by tax character admitted because of the impact of tax planning strategies		6 %		%	6 %	

	Change					
(\$ in Thousands)		Ordinary		Capital	Total	
(a) Determination of adjusted gross DTAs and net admitted DTAs, by tax character as a percentage:						
1. Adjusted gross DTAs	\$	646	\$	149 \$	795	
2. Percentage of adjusted DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies		(5)%		%	(5)%	
3. Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs		650		195	845	
4. Percentage of net admitted adjusted DTAs by tax character admitted because of the impact of tax planning strategies		(6)%		<u> %</u>	(6)%	

The Company's tax-planning strategies do not include the use of reinsurance.

There were no tax planning strategies impacting the Company's ordinary or capital DTAs.

The provision (benefit) for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 was as follows:

		31,		
(In Thousands)		2020	2019	Change
Federal income tax expense (benefit) on operations	\$	3,345 \$	(3,370) \$	6,715
Federal income tax provision on net capital gains		192	49	143
Federal income tax expense (benefit) incurred	\$	3,537 \$	(3,321) \$	6,858

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The tax effects of temporary differences that gave rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31, 2020 and 2019 were as follows:

		December 31,			
(In Thousands) DTAs:		2020	2019	Change	
Ordinary					
Discounting of unpaid losses	\$	1,897 \$	1,259 \$	638	
Nonadmitted assets		1,129	1,121	8	
Total ordinary DTAs		3,026	2,380	646	
Nonadmitted ordinary DTAs		(526)	(530)	4	
Admitted ordinary DTAs		2,500	1,850	650	
Capital					
Bonds and other investments		468	393	75	
Other		74	_	74	
Total capital DTAs		542	393	149	
Nonadmitted capital DTAs		(58)	(104)	46	
Admitted capital DTAs		484	289	195	
Admitted DTAs		2,984	2,139	845	
DTLs:					
Ordinary					
Investments		41	36	5	
Discounted unpaid losses - TCJA transitional tax adjustment		81	102	(21)	
Other			_	_	
Ordinary DTLs		122	138	(16)	
Capital					
Investments		353	289	64	
Capital DTLs		353	289	64	
Total DTLs		475	427	48	
Net admitted DTAs/(DTLs)	\$	2,509 \$	1,712 \$	797	

The change in net deferred income taxes is comprised of the following:

	 December 31,			
(In Thousands)	2020	2019	Change	
Total DTAs	\$ 3,568 \$	2,773 \$	795	
Total DTLs	 (475)	(427)	(48)	
Net DTAs/(DTLs)	3,093	2,346	747	
Tax effect of unrealized gains (losses)			_	
Change in net deferred income tax		\$	747	

There were no valuation allowance adjustments to gross DTAs at December 31, 2020 and 2019. The Company bases its estimates of the future realization of DTAs primarily on historic taxable income and existing DTLs.

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The provision (benefit) for federal income taxes is different from that which would be obtained by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes. The items causing this difference are as follows:

(\$ in Thousands)	Dec	ember 31, 2020	Effective Tax Rate	December 31, 2019	Effective Tax Rate
Provision computed at statutory rate	\$	796	21.0 %	\$ 2,985	21.0 %
Health insurer fee		2,873	75.8 %	_	— %
Transfer pricing adjustment		(1,153)	(30.4)%	(1,345)	(9.5)%
Tax-exempt interest		(162)	(4.3)%	(114)	(0.8)%
Change in nonadmitted assets		(8)	(0.2)%	(144)	(1.0)%
Prior year true-up		413	10.9 %	(138)	(1.0)%
Change in valuation allowance adjustment		_	— %	(3,728)	(26.2)%
Other		31	0.9 %	36	0.3 %
Total	\$	2,790	73.7 %	\$ (2,448)	(17.2)%
Federal and foreign income tax expense (benefit) incurred	\$	3,537	93.4 %	\$ (3,321)	(23.4)%
Change in net deferred income taxes		(747)	(19.7)%	873	6.2 %
Total statutory income taxes	\$	2,790	73.7 %	\$ (2,448)	(17.2)%

The transfer pricing adjustment allows taxpayers to apply different methods to price current period intercompany services at arm's length prices (i.e., prices at which unrelated entities would be willing to transact), which results in a permanent deduction for tax reporting purposes.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had no net capital loss or net operating loss carryforwards.

The amount of federal income taxes incurred that is available for recoupment in the event of future net losses are:

(In Thousands)				
Year	0	rdinary	Capital	Total
2020	\$	2,378 \$	82	\$ 2,460
2019			160	160
2018 Stub 2		N/A	_	—
Total	\$	2,378 \$	242	\$ 2,620

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The Company did not report any deposits as admitted assets under Internal Revenue Code Section 6603 at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

As discussed in Note 2, the Company is included in the consolidated federal income tax return of its parent, CVS Health, along with other affiliates, as of December 31, 2020.

The Company does not have any tax loss contingencies for which it is reasonably possible that the total liability will significantly increase within twelve months of the reporting date.

The Company is subject to premium taxes in various states. These tax expenses are recorded in general administrative expenses in the Statements of Operations. The expenses for these taxes were \$46,858 thousand and \$39,519 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company's premium tax payable of \$17,296 thousand and \$12,380 thousand at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, are included in general expenses due or accrued in the Balance Sheets.

8. Change in claims unpaid and unpaid claims adjustment expenses

The following table shows the components of the change in claims unpaid, accrued medical incentive pool and bonus amounts and unpaid claims adjustment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

(In Thousands)	2020	2019	
Balance, January 1	\$ 117,962 \$	86,943	
Health care receivable	 (8,559)	(7,713)	
Balance, January 1, net of health care receivable	109,403	79,230	
Incurred related to:			
Current year	766,722	683,406	
Prior years	(5,046)	(24,015)	
Total incurred	761,676	659,391	
Paid related to:			
Current year	631,703	569,734	
Prior years	110,129	59,484	
Total paid	 741,832	629,218	
Balance, December 31, net of health care receivable	129,247	109,403	
Health care receivable	9,034	8,559	
Balance, December 31	\$ 138,281 \$	117,962	

Reserves for incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses attributable to insured events of prior years decreased by \$5,046 thousand in 2020 and \$24,015 thousand in 2019. Changes in prior periods' estimates represent the effect of favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates on current year net income, at each financial statement date. The favorable development of these reserves is primarily a result of the actual claim submission times for health care claims being shorter than the Company had anticipated, as well as lower than expected health care cost trends in determining claims unpaid at the prior financial statement date for both 2020 and 2019. Original estimates are increased or decreased, as additional information becomes known regarding individual claims.

9. <u>Capital and surplus and shareholder's dividend restrictions</u>

The Company had 10,000 shares of common stock with no par value authorized, with 1,000 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Dividend restrictions

No domestic stock insurer shall declare and pay any dividends to its stockholders unless its capital is fully paid in cash and is unimpaired and it has a surplus beyond its capital stock and the initial minimum surplus required and all other liabilities equal to fifteen percent of its capital stock, provided that this restriction shall not apply to an insurer when its paid-in capital and surplus exceed the minimum required by the Louisiana Department Code by one hundred percent or more.

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, there was no portion of the Company's profits that may be paid as ordinary dividends to its shareholder without prior approval from the Louisiana Department.

The Company did not pay any dividends in 2020 or 2019.

The Company received \$30,000 thousand as a capital contribution from its parent on September 15, 2020. The Company did not receive any capital contributions in 2019.

There were no restrictions placed on the Company's surplus, including for whom the surplus was being held at December 31, 2020 and 2019, except as noted in Note 13.

Changes in the balances of special surplus funds from the prior year are due to the accrual of estimated 2020 ACA health insurer fees reclassified from unassigned surplus to special surplus funds as discussed more fully in Note 2.

10. <u>Commitments and contingencies</u>

Litigation and regulatory proceedings

The following description of litigation and regulatory proceedings covers CVS Health and certain of its subsidiaries, including the Company. Certain of the proceedings described below may not impact the Company directly but may have an indirect impact on the Company as the Company is a member of the CVS Health holding company group (the "CVS Health Group").

The CVS Health Group has been involved or is currently involved in numerous legal proceedings, including litigation, arbitration, government investigations, audits, reviews and claims. These include routine, regular and special investigations, audits and reviews by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), state insurance and health and welfare departments, state attorneys general, and other governmental authorities.

Legal proceedings, in general, and securities, class action and multi-district litigation, in particular, and governmental special investigations, audits and reviews can be expensive and disruptive. Some of the litigation matters may purport or be determined to be class actions and/or involve parties seeking large and/or indeterminate amounts, including punitive or exemplary damages, and may remain unresolved for several years. The CVS Health Group also may be named from time to time in qui tam actions initiated by private third parties that could also be separately pursued by a governmental body. The results of legal proceedings, including government investigations, are often uncertain and difficult to predict, and the costs incurred in these matters can be substantial, regardless of the outcome.

The Company records accruals for outstanding legal matters when it believes it is probable that a loss will be incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. The Company evaluates, on a quarterly basis, developments in legal matters that could affect the amount of any accrual and developments that would make a loss contingency both probable and reasonably estimable. If a loss contingency is not both probable and reasonably estimable, the Company does not establish an accrued liability.

Except as otherwise noted, the Company cannot predict with certainty the timing or outcome of the legal matters described below, and the Company is unable to reasonably estimate a possible loss or range of possible loss in excess of amounts already accrued for these matters. The outcome of such governmental investigations of proceedings could be material to the Company.

Provider Proceedings

The CVS Health Group is named as a defendant in purported class actions and individual lawsuits arising out of its practices related to the payment of claims for services rendered to its members by providers with whom the CVS Health Group has a contract and with whom the CVS Health Group does not have a contract ("out-of-network providers"). Among other things, these lawsuits allege that the CVS Health Group paid too little to its health plan members and/or providers for out-of-network services and/or otherwise allege that the CVS Health Group failed to timely or appropriately pay or administer out-of-network claims and benefits (including the CVS Health Group's post payment audit and collection practices and reductions in payments to providers due to sequestration). Other major health insurers are the subject of similar litigation or have settled similar litigation.

The CVS Health Group also has received subpoenas and/or requests for documents and other information from, and been investigated by, state Attorneys General and other state and/or federal regulators, legislators and agencies relating to, and the CVS Health Group is involved in other litigation regarding, its out-of-network benefit payment and administration practices. It is reasonably possible that others could initiate additional litigation or additional

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regulatory action against one or more members of the CVS Health Group, including the Company, with respect to their respective out-of-network benefit payment and/or administration practices.

CMS Actions

CMS regularly audits the CVS Health Group's performance to determine its compliance with CMS's regulations and its contracts with CMS and to assess the quality of services it provides to Medicare beneficiaries. CMS uses various payment mechanisms to allocate and adjust premium payments to the Company's and other companies' Medicare plans by considering the applicable health status of Medicare members as supported by information prepared, maintained and provided by health care providers. The CVS Health Group collects claim and encounter data from providers and generally relies on providers to appropriately code their submissions to the CVS Health Group and document their medical records, including the diagnosis data submitted to the CVS Health Group with claims. CMS pays increased premiums to Medicare Advantage plans for members who have certain medical conditions identified with specific diagnosis codes. Federal regulators review and audit the providers' medical records to determine whether those records support the related diagnosis codes that determine the members' health status and the resulting risk-adjusted premium payments to the CVS Health Group. In that regard, CMS has instituted risk adjustment data validation ("RADV") audits of various Medicare Advantage plans, including certain of the CVS Health Group's plans, to validate coding practices and supporting medical record documentation maintained by health care providers and the resulting risk adjusted premium payments to the plans. CMS may require the CVS Health Group, including the Company, to refund premium payments if the CVS Health Group's, including the Company's, risk adjusted premiums are not properly supported by medical record data. The Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS-OIG") also is auditing the CVS Health Group's risk adjustment-related data and that of other companies. The CVS Health Group expects CMS and the OIG to continue these types of audits.

In 2012, CMS revised its audit methodology for RADV audits to determine refunds payable by Medicare Advantage plans for contract year 2011 and forward. Under the revised methodology, among other things, CMS will extrapolate the error rate identified in the audit sample of approximately 200 members to all risk adjusted premium payments made under the contract being audited. For contract years prior to 2011, CMS did not extrapolate sample error rates to the entire contract. As a result, the revised methodology may increase the CVS Health Group's, including the Company's, exposure to premium refunds to CMS based on incomplete medical records maintained by providers. Since 2013, CMS has selected certain of the CVS Health Group's Medicare Advantage contracts for various contract years for RADV audit, and the number of RADV audits continues to increase. The CVS Health Group is currently unable to predict which of its Medicare Advantage contracts will be selected for future audit, the amounts of any retroactive refunds of, or prospective adjustments to, Medicare Advantage premium payments made to the CVS Health Group, or the Company, the effect of any such refunds or adjustments on the actuarial soundness of the CVS Health Group's, including the Company's, Medicare Advantage bids, or whether any RADV audit findings would require the CVS Health Group, including the Company, to change its method of estimating future premium revenue in future bid submissions to CMS or compromise premium assumptions made in the CVS Health Group's, including the Company's, bids for prior contract years, the current contract year or future contract years. Any premium or fee refunds or adjustments resulting from regulatory audits, whether as a result of RADV, Public Exchange related or other audits by CMS, the HHS-OIG or otherwise, including audits of the CVS Health Group's medical loss ratio rebates, methodology and/or reports, could be material and could adversely affect the CVS Health Group's, including the Company's, results of operations, financial condition and/or cash flows.

Medicare CIDs

The CVS Health Group has received Civil Investigative Demands ("CIDs") from the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (the "DOJ") in connection with a current investigation of Aetna Inc. and its subsidiaries patient chart review processes in connection with risk adjustment data submissions under Part C of the Medicare program. The CVS Health Group has been cooperating with the government and providing documents and information in response to these CIDs.

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Medicaid

The Company's Medicaid products also are heavily regulated by CMS and state Medicaid agencies, which have the right to audit the Company's performance to determine compliance with CMS contracts and regulations. The Company's Medicaid products also are subject to complex federal and state regulations and oversight by state Medicaid agencies regarding the services the Company provides to Medicaid enrollees, payment for those services, network requirements (including mandatory inclusion of specified high-cost providers), and other aspects of these programs, and by external review organizations that audit Medicaid plans on behalf of the state Medicaid agencies. The laws, regulations and contractual requirements applicable to the Company and other participants in Medicaid programs, including requirements that the Company submit encounter data to the applicable state agency, are extensive, complex and subject to change. The Company has invested significant resources to comply with these standards, and its Medicaid program compliance efforts will continue to require significant resources. CMS and/or state Medicaid agencies may fine the Company, withhold payments to the Company, seek premium and other refunds, terminate the Company's existing contracts, elect not to award the Company new contracts or not to renew the Company's existing contracts, prohibit the Company from continuing to market and/or enroll members in or refuse to automatically assign members to one or more of the Company's Medicaid products, exclude the Company from participating in one or more Medicaid programs and/or institute other sanctions and/or civil monetary penalties against the Company if it fails to comply with CMS or state regulations or the Company's contractual requirements. The Company cannot predict whether pending or future federal or state legislation or court proceedings will change various aspects of the Medicaid program, nor can it predict the impact those changes will have on its business operations or financial results, but the effects could be materially adverse.

Other Legal and Regulatory Proceedings

The CVS Health Group is also a party to other legal proceedings and is subject to government investigations, inquiries and audits and has received and is cooperating with the government in response to CIDs, subpoenas or similar process from various governmental agencies requesting information. These other legal proceedings and government actions include claims of or relating to bad faith, medical or professional malpractice, claims processing, dispensing of medications, non-compliance with state and federal regulatory regimes, marketing misconduct, failure to timely or appropriately pay or administer claims and benefits, provider network structure (including the use of performance-based networks and termination of provider contracts), rescission of insurance coverage, improper disclosure or use of personal information, anticompetitive practices, general contractual matters, product liability, intellectual property litigation and employment litigation. Some of these other legal proceedings are or are purported to be class actions or derivative claims. The CVS Health Group is defending itself against the claims brought in these matters.

Awards to the Company and others of certain government contracts, particularly Medicaid contracts and other contracts with government customers in the Company's health care and related benefits businesses, frequently are subject to protests by unsuccessful bidders. These protests may result in awards to the Company being reversed, delayed or modified. The loss or delay in implementation of any government contract could adversely affect the Company's results of operations. The Company will continue to defend contract awards it receives.

There also continues to be a heightened level of review and/or audit by regulatory authorities and legislators of, and increased litigation regarding, the Company's and the rest of the health care and related benefits industry's business and reporting practices, including premium rate increases, utilization management, development and application of medical policies, complaint, grievance and appeal processing, information privacy, provider network structure (including provider network adequacy, the use of performance-based networks and termination of provider contracts), provider directory accuracy, calculation of minimum medical loss ratios and/or payment of related rebates, delegated arrangements, rescission of insurance coverage, limited benefit health products, student health products, pharmacy benefit management practices (including manufacturers' rebates, pricing, the use of narrow networks and the placement of drugs in formulary tiers), sales practices, customer service practices, vendor oversight and claim payment practices (including payments to out-of-network providers).

As a leading national health care company, the CVS Health Group regularly is the subject of government actions of the types described above. These government actions may prevent or delay the Company from implementing

planned premium rate increases and may result, and have resulted, in restrictions on the Company's businesses, changes to or clarifications of the Company's business practices, retroactive adjustments to premiums, refunds or other payments to members, beneficiaries, states or the federal government, withholding of premium payments to the Company by government agencies, assessments of damages, civil or criminal fines or penalties, or other sanctions, including the possible suspension or loss of licensure and/or suspension or exclusion from participation in government programs.

The Company can give no assurance that its businesses, financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows will not be materially adversely affected, or that the Company will not be required to materially change its business practices, based on: (i) future enactment of new health care or other laws or regulations; (ii) the interpretation or application of existing laws or regulations as they may relate to one or more of the Company's businesses, one or more of the industries in which the Company competes and/or the health care industry generally; (iii) pending or future federal or state government investigations of one or more of the CVS Health Group's and/or the Company's businesses, one or more of the industries in which the CVS Health Group and/or the Company competes and/or the health care industry generally; (iv) pending or future government audits, investigations or enforcement actions against the CVS Health Group and/or the Company; (v) adverse developments in any pending *qui tam* lawsuit that may be filed against the CVS Health Group and/or the Company; or (vi) adverse developments in pending or future legal proceedings against the CVS Health Group and/or the Company; or affecting one or more of the industries in which the CVS Health Group and/or the Company.

Litigation Insurance Coverage

The Company maintains insurance coverage for certain litigation exposures in an amount it believes is reasonable.

Health Care Reform

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (collectively, the "ACA"), made broad-based changes to the United States health care system. The United States Supreme Court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the ACA by June 2021. If the ACA is deemed unconstitutional, there will likely be significant changes to the laws and rules that govern the Company's business. If the ACA is deemed constitutional, there may nevertheless be continued efforts to invalidate, modify, repeal or replace it or portions of it, and the Company expects aspects of the ACA to continue to significantly impact its business operations and operating results, including pricing, medical benefit ratios ("MBRs") and the geographies in which the Company's products are available.

While most of the significant aspects of the ACA became effective during or prior to 2014, parts of the ACA continue to evolve through the promulgation of executive orders, legislation, regulations and guidance as well as ongoing litigation. Additional changes to the ACA and those regulations and guidance at the federal and/or state level are likely, and those changes are likely to be significant. Growing federal and state budgetary pressures make it more likely that any changes, including changes at the state level in response to changes to, or invalidation, repeal or replacement of, the ACA and/or changes in the funding levels and/or payment mechanisms of federally supported benefit programs, will be adverse to the Company. For example, if any elements of the ACA are invalidated or repealed at the federal level, the Company expects that some states would seek to enact similar requirements, such as prohibiting pre-existing condition exclusions, prohibiting rescission of insurance coverage, requiring coverage for dependents up to age 26, requiring guaranteed renewability of insurance coverage and prohibiting lifetime limits on insurance coverage.

Potential repeal of the ACA, ongoing legislative, regulatory and administrative policy changes to the ACA, the results of federal and state level elections, pending litigation challenging the constitutionality of the ACA or funding for the law and federal budget negotiations continue to create uncertainty about the ultimate impact of the ACA. Given the inherent difficulty of foreseeing the nature and scope of future changes to the ACA and how states, businesses and individuals will respond to those changes, the Company cannot predict the impact on it of future changes to the ACA. It is reasonably possible that invalidation, repeal or replacement of or other changes to the

ACA and/or states' responses to such changes, in the aggregate, could have a significant adverse effect on the Company's businesses, results of operations and cash flows.

11. <u>Business concentrations</u>

As further discussed in Note 14, the Company provides health benefits to CHIP and Medicaid members through its contract with the State of Louisiana. Such premium revenue, as a percentage of total premium revenue, was 97.4% and 98.9% December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. CHIP and Medicaid premium receivable, as a percentage of total premiums receivable, was 98.8% and 99.5% at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

12. <u>Contractual arrangements with providers</u>

The Company generally compensates primary care physicians through prospective compensation arrangements which incorporate quality assessment standards, comprehensiveness of care, utilization and office status components. These components are used to adjust the capitation payments to individual physician offices and to determine the amount of additional periodic payments. The Company has prospective compensation arrangements for mental health, substance abuse, diagnostic laboratory, radiology and diagnostic imaging services, podiatric treatment, physical therapy and prescription drug dispensing. The Company has contracts that provide for all-inclusive per diem and per case hospitalization rates and fixed rates for ambulatory surgery, emergency room services and specialist services. The Company has also entered into quality based compensation arrangements with certain hospitals, as well as agreements with certain integrated health delivery systems under which the systems are compensated on a substantially fixed prospective basis for medical services, including primary, specialist and hospital care. The arrangements described above cover the majority of medical expenses.

13. <u>Minimum capital and surplus</u>

Pursuant to the laws of the states in which the Company is licensed to do business, the Company is required to maintain a minimum surplus and capital stock as defined by the statutes and regulations of those states. At both December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company was in compliance with the minimum surplus and capital stock requirements of the states in which it is licensed to do business.

The NAIC utilizes risk-based capital ("RBC") standards for health organizations, including HMOs, that are designed to identify weakly capitalized companies by comparing each company's adjusted capital and surplus to its required capital and surplus (the "RBC Ratio"). The RBC Ratio is designed to reflect the risk profile of a company. Within certain ratio ranges, regulators have increasing authority to take action as the RBC Ratio decreases. There are four levels of regulatory action, ranging from requiring insurers to submit a comprehensive plan to the state insurance commissioner to requiring the state insurance commissioner to place the insurer under regulatory control. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had capital and surplus that exceeded the highest threshold specified by the RBC rules.

14. <u>Retrospectively rated contracts and contracts subject to redetermination</u>

Retrospectively rated contracts

Through annual contracts with CMS, the Company offers insurance plans for Medicare-eligible individuals through the Medicare Advantage program. Members typically receive enhanced benefits over standard Medicare fee-forservice coverage, including reduced cost-sharing for preventative care, vision and other non-Medicare services. Members also typically receive coverage for certain prescription drugs, usually subject to a deductible, co-insurance and/or co-payment. The revenues ultimately received by the Company for each member are based on that member's health status and demographic characteristics, as determined via the CMS risk adjustment process, under which the Company regularly submits risk adjustment data to CMS. As such, at December 31, 2020 the Company records a receivable for future revenues that it expects to receive from CMS in the third quarter of 2021, after the final reconciliation of risk adjustment data for contract year 2020 is complete. The Company estimates this receivable by taking into account risk adjustment data for contract year 2020 submitted to CMS prior to December 31, 2020, as

well as its estimate of the impact of risk adjustment data for contract year 2020 that will be submitted prior to the appropriate regulatory deadline in early 2021. These amounts are recognized in 2020 as premium income. In addition, the Company's Medicare Advantage contracts are subject to retrospective rating provisions under which the Company and CMS share in amounts above and below agreed-upon target medical benefit ratios. These accrued retrospective premiums, if any, are recorded through premiums and are estimated based on calculations that compare the Company's expected financial results for the contract against the appropriate medical benefit ratio target.

The Company's Medicare Advantage products are regulated by CMS. The regulations and contractual requirements applicable to the Company and other private participants in Medicare programs are complex, expensive to comply with and subject to change. For example, in the second quarter of 2014, CMS issued a final rule implementing the ACA requirements that Medicare Advantage plans report and refund to CMS overpayments that those plans receive from CMS. The precise interpretation, impact and legality of this rule are not clear and are subject to pending litigation. Payments the Company receives from CMS for its Medicare Advantage businesses also are subject to risk adjustment based on the health status of the individuals enrolled. Elements of that risk adjustment mechanism continue to be challenged by the U.S. Department of Justice, the OIG and CMS itself. Substantial changes in the risk adjustment mechanism, including changes that result from enforcement or audit actions, could materially affect the amount of the Company's Medicare reimbursement, require the Company to raise prices or reduce the benefits offered to Medicare beneficiaries, and potentially limit the Company's (and the industry's) participation in the Medicare program.

The Company has invested significant resources to comply with Medicare standards, and its Medicare compliance efforts will continue to require significant resources. CMS may seek premium and other refunds, prohibit the Company from continuing to market and/or enroll members in or refuse to passively enroll members in one or more of the Company's Medicare or Medicare-Medicaid demonstration (historically known as "dual eligible") plans, exclude the Company from participating in one or more Medicare, dual eligible or dual eligible special needs plan programs and/or institute other sanctions and/or civil monetary penalties against the Company if it fails to comply with CMS regulations or its Medicare contractual requirements.

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Company had reinsurance receivables, low-income subsidy (cost sharing portion), and CMS coverage gap discount receivables of \$2,970 thousand and \$1,673 thousand, respectively, from CMS, which are accounted for as amounts receivable relating to uninsured plans on the Balance Sheets, as per SSAP No. 47 - *Uninsured Plans*. These items relate to the Company's Medicare product offerings. The Company had no liabilities related to these CMS subsidies as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Company is required to make premium rebate payments to the State of Louisiana under a Medicaid Risk Corridor program. The Company's results for full-year 2020 included an estimate of \$13,393 thousand of Medicaid risk corridor rebates, which were included in aggregate health policy reserves in the Balance Sheets. There were no amounts due related to the Medicaid Risk Corridor program in 2019.

Accrued retrospective premiums are recorded as an adjustment to earned premiums and are estimated based on calculations that compare the Company's expected financial results for the contract against the appropriate medical benefit ratio target.

The total net premiums written by the Company in 2020 and 2019 that were subject to retrospective rating features were \$867,957 thousand and \$715,366 thousand, respectively, representing 100% in 2020 and 100% in 2019 of the total net premiums written, respectively.

15. <u>Unusual or infrequent items</u>

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic continues to evolve. The Company believes COVID-19's impact on the Company's businesses, operating results, cash flows and/or financial condition primarily will be driven by the geographies impacted and the severity and duration of the pandemic; the pandemic's impact on the U.S. and global economies and consumer behavior and health care utilization patterns; and the timing, scope and impact of stimulus legislation as well as other federal, state and local governmental responses to the pandemic. Those primary drivers are beyond the Company's knowledge and control. As a result, the impact COVID-19 will

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have on the Company's businesses, operating results, cash flows and/or financial condition is uncertain, but the impact could be adverse and material. COVID-19 also may result in legal and regulatory proceedings, investigations and claims against the Company.

16. <u>Subsequent events</u>

Type I - Recognized subsequent events

Subsequent events have been considered through May 27, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. The Company had no known reportable recognized subsequent events.

Type II - Nonrecognized subsequent events

Subsequent events have been considered through May 27, 2021., the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. The Company had no known reportable non-recognized subsequent events.