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CC:PA:LPD:PR (Notice 2015-16)  
Room 5203  
Internal Revenue Service  
P.O. Box 7604  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044

RE: Cadillac Tax - Age Adjustments

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an insurance broker working in the Small Group (2-49) Employer Marketplace. In Small Group, Employee Level Billing is usually mandatory. It gives us clear-cut examples of how employees with identical coverage can be pushed over the proposed Cadillac tax premium limit simply because of their age. *I am gravely concerned that older workers employed at small businesses will be penalized simply because of their age and where they work.* The Cadillac Tax age adjustment needs to be generous.

I've created an example showing the premium differences between younger and older employees using a popular Small Group plan here in Maryland:

Employee age 30 premium is \$4,971.24 annually, age 62 (same exact plan) is \$12,583.56  
*Documentation of premiums and the coverage are attached.*

Please consider this information when writing the regulations for the Cadillac Tax.

Sincerely,

Donna Cameron, CLU, ChFC

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**Kelly & Associates Insurance Group, Inc.**

**Proposal System Quote Report**

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Quote #: 454428  
Proposed Effective Date: 06/01/2015 Login ID #: 436901  
County: Baltimore Quote Date: 04/07/2015  
State, Zip Code: MD 21209 Federal Employer Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier / Medical Product: CareFirst-FACETS / HealthyBlue HMO HRA Non-Integrated BlueFund Gold Plan - \$1,500  
Medical Code - 100011376

Carrier / Dental Product: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier / Vision Product: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Rate Grid**

\* Please reference this medical rate grid to calculate all subsequent enrollment and changes. If special instruction apply, they will be notated on the Carrier Disclaimer page.

| Age Band  | Non Smoker Premium | Smoker Premium | Tier             |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 0 - 17    | 231.77             | 231.77         |                  |
| 18 - 18   | 231.77             | 231.77         |                  |
| 19 - 19   | 231.77             | 231.77         |                  |
| 20 - 20   | 231.77             | 231.77         |                  |
| 21 - 21   | 365                | 365            |                  |
| 22 - 22   | 365                | 365            |                  |
| 23 - 23   | 365                | 365            |                  |
| 24 - 24   | 365                | 365            |                  |
| 25 - 25   | 366.46             | 366.46         |                  |
| 26 - 26   | 373.76             | 373.76         |                  |
| 27 - 27   | 382.52             | 382.52         |                  |
| 28 - 28   | 396.75             | 396.75         |                  |
| 29 - 29   | 408.43             | 408.43         |                  |
| ✓ 30 - 30 | 414.27             | 414.27         | x12 = \$4,971.24 |
| 31 - 31   | 423.03             | 423.03         |                  |
| 32 - 32   | 431.79             | 431.79         |                  |
| 33 - 33   | 437.27             | 437.27         |                  |
| 34 - 34   | 443.11             | 443.11         |                  |
| 35 - 35   | 446.03             | 446.03         |                  |
| 36 - 36   | 448.95             | 448.95         |                  |
| 37 - 37   | 451.87             | 451.87         |                  |
| 38 - 38   | 454.79             | 454.79         |                  |
| 39 - 39   | 460.63             | 460.63         |                  |
| 40 - 40   | 466.47             | 466.47         |                  |
| 41 - 41   | 475.23             | 475.23         |                  |
| 42 - 42   | 483.62             | 483.62         |                  |

\* When submitting final group enrollment, please include this census page with the actual enrollments for verification.

\* The attached rates are for the above effective date based on the enrollment assumptions used in this proposal. Actual rates are based on final enrollment, tobacco status if applicable and approval from the carrier which may differ from this proposal. The benefit descriptions are very brief. Actual benefits will be coordinated and paid based on the Master Contract.

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| 43 - 43   | 495.3              | 495.3          |                     |
| 44 - 44   | 509.9              | 509.9          |                     |
| 45 - 45   | 527.05             | 527.05         |                     |
| 46 - 46   | 547.49             | 547.49         |                     |
| 47 - 47   | 570.49             | 570.49         |                     |
| 48 - 48   | 596.77             | 596.77         |                     |
| 49 - 49   | 622.68             | 622.68         |                     |
| 50 - 50   | 651.88             | 651.88         |                     |
| 51 - 51   | 680.72             | 680.72         |                     |
| 52 - 52   | 712.47             | 712.47         |                     |
| 53 - 53   | 744.59             | 744.59         |                     |
| 54 - 54   | 779.27             | 779.27         |                     |
| 55 - 55   | 813.94             | 813.94         | <del>10,200</del>   |
| 56 - 56   | 851.54             | 851.54         |                     |
| 57 - 57   | 889.5              | 889.5          |                     |
| 58 - 58   | 930.01             | 930.01         |                     |
| 59 - 59   | 950.09             | 950.09         |                     |
| 60 - 60   | 990.6              | 990.6          |                     |
| 61 - 61   | 1025.64            | 1025.64        |                     |
| ✓ 62 - 62 | 1048.63            | 1048.63        | x 12 = \$ 12,583.56 |
| 63 - 63   | 1077.47            | 1077.47        |                     |
| 64 - 64   | 1094.99            | 1094.99        |                     |
| 65 - 99   | 1094.99            | 1094.99        |                     |
| 100 - 120 | 1094.99            | 1094.99        |                     |

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# HealthyBlue HMO \$1,500

## Summary of Benefits

| Services                                                                                                                                           | You Pay                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Visit <a href="http://www.carefirst.com/doctors">www.carefirst.com/doctors</a> to locate providers                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>BLUE REWARDS</b>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Visit <a href="http://www.carefirst.com/bluerewards">www.carefirst.com/bluerewards</a> for more information                                        | Blue Rewards is an innovative program where you can earn up to \$300 per adult and \$750 per family for taking an active role in getting healthy and staying healthy. |
| <b>ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE (BENEFIT PERIOD)<sup>2</sup></b>                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Individual                                                                                                                                         | \$1,500                                                                                                                                                               |
| Family                                                                                                                                             | \$3,000                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM (BENEFIT PERIOD)<sup>3</sup></b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Individual                                                                                                                                         | \$5,500                                                                                                                                                               |
| Family                                                                                                                                             | \$11,000                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>LIFETIME MAXIMUM BENEFIT</b>                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Lifetime Maximum                                                                                                                                   | None                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>PREVENTIVE SERVICES</b>                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Well-Child Care (including exams & immunizations)                                                                                                  | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Adult Physical Examination including routine GYN visit                                                                                             | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Breast Cancer Screening                                                                                                                            | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pap Test                                                                                                                                           | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Prostate Cancer Screening                                                                                                                          | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Colorectal Cancer Screening                                                                                                                        | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>OFFICE VISITS, LABS AND TESTING</b>                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Facility Charge: In addition to the physician copays/coinsurances listed below, if a service is rendered on a hospital campus, ADD facility charge | \$50 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| Office Visits for Illness <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                             | No charge* PCP/\$30 Specialist per visit                                                                                                                              |
| Convenience Care (Retail Health Clinics)                                                                                                           | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Diagnostic Services <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                                                 | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lab and Tests <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                                                       | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| X-ray <sup>4,5</sup>                                                                                                                               | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Allergy Testing & Shots <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                               | \$30 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy (limited to 30 visits per injury or illness/benefit period) <sup>4,6</sup>                               | \$30 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| Chiropractic (limited to 20 visits/condition/benefit period) <sup>4</sup>                                                                          | \$30 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| Acupuncture <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                                           | \$30 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>EMERGENCY CARE AND URGENT CARE</b>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Urgent Care Center                                                                                                                                 | \$50 per visit                                                                                                                                                        |
| Hospital Emergency Room—Facility Services                                                                                                          | \$200 per visit (waived if admitted)                                                                                                                                  |
| Emergency Room—Physician Services                                                                                                                  | No charge*                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ambulance (if medically necessary)                                                                                                                 | \$50 per service                                                                                                                                                      |

| Services                                                                                  | You Pay                                                                     |
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| <b>HOSPITALIZATION—MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLICABLE PHYSICIAN AND FACILITY FEES</b> |                                                                             |
| Outpatient Facility Surgery (Freestanding Facility)                                       | \$100 per visit                                                             |
| Outpatient Facility Surgery (Hospital Facility)                                           | Deductible, then \$500 per visit                                            |
| Outpatient Physician Services                                                             | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| Inpatient Facility Services                                                               | Deductible, then \$500 per admission                                        |
| Inpatient Physician Services                                                              | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| <b>HOSPITAL ALTERNATIVES</b>                                                              |                                                                             |
| Home Health Care                                                                          | Deductible, then \$30 per visit                                             |
| Hospice                                                                                   | Deductible, then \$30 per visit                                             |
| Skilled Nursing Facility<br>(limited to 100 days/benefit period)                          | Deductible, then \$30 per admission                                         |
| <b>MATERNITY</b>                                                                          |                                                                             |
| Preventive Prenatal and Postnatal Office Visits                                           | No charge*                                                                  |
| Delivery and Facility Services                                                            | Deductible, then \$500 per admission                                        |
| Nursery Care of Newborn                                                                   | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| Artificial Insemination <sup>7</sup>                                                      | Deductible, then \$30 per visit                                             |
| In Vitro Fertilization Procedures <sup>7</sup>                                            | Not covered                                                                 |
| <b>MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE</b>                                                  |                                                                             |
| Inpatient Facility Services                                                               | Deductible, then \$500 per admission                                        |
| Inpatient Physician Services                                                              | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| Outpatient Facility Services                                                              | No charge*                                                                  |
| Outpatient Physician Services                                                             | No charge*                                                                  |
| Office Visits                                                                             | No charge*                                                                  |
| Partial Hospitalization Facility Services                                                 | No charge*                                                                  |
| Partial Hospitalization Physician Services                                                | No charge*                                                                  |
| Medication Management                                                                     | No charge*                                                                  |
| <b>MEDICAL DEVICES AND SUPPLIES</b>                                                       |                                                                             |
| Durable Medical Equipment                                                                 | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| Hearing Aids<br>(limited to 1 hearing aid per hearing-impaired ear every 3 years)         | No charge* after deductible                                                 |
| <b>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS<sup>8</sup></b>                                                     |                                                                             |
| Prescription Drug Deductible                                                              | \$0                                                                         |
| Preventive Drugs                                                                          | No charge*                                                                  |
| Oral Chemo Drugs and Diabetic Supplies                                                    | No charge*                                                                  |
| Generic Drugs                                                                             | No charge*                                                                  |
| Preferred Brand Drugs <sup>9</sup>                                                        | 34-day supply-\$45; 90-day supply-\$90                                      |
| Non-preferred Brand Drugs <sup>10</sup>                                                   | 34-day supply-\$65; 90-day supply-\$130                                     |
| Specialty Drugs                                                                           | 50% coinsurance                                                             |
| <b>PEDIATRIC VISION (UNDER 19)</b>                                                        |                                                                             |
| Routine Exam (limited to 1 visit/benefit period)                                          | In-Network-No charge*; Out-of-Network-Total charge minus \$40 reimbursement |
| Frames and Contact Lenses—<br>Pediatric Collection Only                                   | In-Network-No charge*; Out-of-Network-Reimbursements apply                  |
| Spectacle Lenses                                                                          | In-Network-No charge*; Out-of-Network-Reimbursements apply                  |

| Services                                                                                                                                                                                                        | You Pay                                                                                                    |
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| <b>PEDIATRIC DENTAL (UNDER 19)</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |
| Dental Deductible                                                                                                                                                                                               | In-Network-\$25; Out-of-Network-\$50                                                                       |
| Class I Preventive & Diagnostic Services<br>Exams (2 per year), cleanings (2 per year),<br>fluoride treatments (2 per year), sealants,<br>bitewing X-rays (2 per year), full mouth X-ray<br>(one every 3 years) | In-Network-No charge; Out-of-Network-20% of Allowed Benefit                                                |
| Class II Basic Services<br>Fillings (amalgam or composite), simple<br>extractions, non-surgical periodontics                                                                                                    | In-Network-Deductible, then 20% of Allowed Benefit; Out-of-Network-Deductible, then 40% of Allowed Benefit |
| Class III Major Services—Surgical<br>Surgical periodontics, endodontics, oral<br>surgery                                                                                                                        | In-Network-Deductible, then 20% of Allowed Benefit; Out-of-Network-Deductible, then 40% of Allowed Benefit |
| Class IV Major Services—Restorative<br>Crowns, dentures, inlays and onlays                                                                                                                                      | In-Network-Deductible, then 50% of Allowed Benefit; Out-of-Network-Deductible, then 65% of Allowed Benefit |
| Class V Medically-Necessary<br>Orthodontic Services                                                                                                                                                             | In-Network-50% of Allowed Benefit; Out-of-Network-65% of Allowed Benefit                                   |

Note: Allowed Benefit is the fee that providers in the network have agreed to accept for a particular service. The provider cannot charge the member more than this amount for any covered service. Example: Dr. Carson charges \$100 to see a sick patient. To be part of CareFirst's network, he has agreed to accept \$50 for the visit. The member will pay their copay/coinsurance and deductible (if applicable) and CareFirst will pay the remaining amount up to \$50.

\* No copayment or coinsurance.

<sup>1</sup> When multiple services are rendered on the same day by more than one provider, Member payments are required for each provider.

<sup>2</sup> For family coverage only: The family deductible must be met before any member starts receiving benefits as indicated above. The deductible may be met by one member or any combination of members.

<sup>3</sup> For family coverage only: The family out-of-pocket maximum must be met before any member's services will be covered at 100% up to the Allowed Benefit. The out-of-pocket maximum may be met by one member or any combination of members.

<sup>4</sup> If a service is rendered on a hospital campus you could receive two bills, one from the physician and one from the facility.

<sup>5</sup> Members who reside in the CareFirst service area must use LabCorp as their Lab Test facility and freestanding facilities for Diagnostic Services and X-rays.

<sup>6</sup> There are no limits for children ages 19 and under when Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy is for treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<sup>7</sup> Members who are unable to conceive have coverage for the evaluation of infertility services performed to confirm an infertility diagnosis, and some treatment options for infertility. Preauthorization required.

<sup>8</sup> Members are only able to use non-participating Pharmacies in cases of Emergency Services or out-of-area Urgent Care and are reimbursed based on the allowed amount minus the deductible, copay/coinsurance.

<sup>9</sup> If a Generic drug becomes available for a Preferred Brand drug, the Preferred Brand drug moves to the Non-preferred Brand drug tier.

<sup>10</sup> If a provider prescribes a Non-preferred Brand drug, and the Member selects the Non-preferred Brand drug when a Generic drug is available, the Member shall pay the applicable Copayment or Coinsurance as stated in the Schedule of Benefits plus the difference between the price of the Non-preferred Brand drug and the Generic drug up to the cost of the drug. This amount will not contribute to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

Notes:

- Not all services and procedures are covered by your benefits contract. This plan summary is for comparison purposes only and does not create rights not given through the benefit plan.
- When the Allowed Benefit is less than the copay listed, the member payment will be the Allowed Benefit.
- PCPs outside the CareFirst service area in BlueCard® PPO include the following specialties: General Practice, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Geriatrics.

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