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### **Anthem-Cigna Combination FAQs**

#### **1. What is the strategic rationale for this combination?**

This transaction combines two companies with complementary consumer solutions and a differentiated mix of products and services that will enhance our combined ability to lead change in the healthcare experience as a trusted partner for consumers.

Complementary platforms will be combined in a way that uniquely benefits customers while also driving meaningful shareholder value.

Customers will benefit from the best of the strong local focus and the deep commercial, specialty and government experience we have and a broader suite of available solutions. Together we will be positioned to address the needs of customers across diverse health and life stages as well as across a variety of buying segments from individual to government and employers of all sizes.

Our combination will result in an organization that is a leading provider of health and protection solutions and services, drawing upon the strength of each company.

#### **2. When do you expect the deal to close? What are the steps that need to happen in order for the deal to close?**

We expect the transaction to be completed in the second half of 2016. There are a number of steps to be completed in order for the deal to close, including:

Expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act

Approvals from relevant state insurance regulators

Approval of Anthem shareholders

Approval of Cigna stockholders

Other customary closing conditions

We cannot provide a detailed timeline, but are focused on obtaining these approvals and targeting a close in the second half of 2016.

**3. What are the final financial terms of the deal?**

The primary financial terms of the agreement follow:

Consideration will be approximately 55% cash equating to \$103.40 per share, with the remaining approximately 45% of the price paid with Anthem stock.

Cigna shareholders will receive 0.5152 shares of Anthem stock per share of Cigna stock.

The final per share consideration will not be known until the transaction closes due to the fixed exchange ratio and changes in Anthem's stock price between now and closing.

Anthem shareholders will own approximately 67% and Cigna shareholders will own approximately 33% of the combined company.

**4. Are there deal termination fees in the agreement and what are the terms?**

The transaction includes a customary termination fee of \$1.85 billion payable under certain circumstances by Anthem or Cigna, as applicable.

The transaction includes an expense fee of \$600 million payable under certain circumstances, including because the required shareholder approval of a party was not obtained. If the expense fee is paid by a party and the termination fee later becomes payable by the same party, then the termination fee will be reduced by the expense fee.

Cigna is entitled to receive from Anthem a reverse termination fee of \$1.85 billion under certain circumstances where the conditions related to the regulatory approvals are not satisfied and the transaction has not closed by January 31, 2017 (subject to extension to April 30, 2017 under certain circumstances).

**5. How is the deal being financed? What is the initial debt-to-cap ratio and what do you expect it to be over time?**

Anthem expects to finance the cash consideration through cash on hand (approximately \$6 billion) and new debt issuance (approximately \$22 billion).

Anthem expects the combined company's pro forma debt-to-cap to be approximately 49% at closing with a plan to bring the ratio down to the low 40% range within 24 months, achievable through growth of the business.

We are committed to retaining investment grade debt ratings.

**6. How much accretion is expected in the deal and what is the timing to achieve?**

Expected adjusted earnings accretion is approaching 10% per share in year one, and then more than doubling in year two following the closing of the transaction with more expected in later years.

The adjusted earnings accretion estimates are based on identifiable and achievable annual synergies approaching \$2 billion by year two.

These synergies are based on administrative structure, operational efficiencies, network efficiencies, medical management, and other synergies, including building on Cigna's specialty capabilities and Anthem's capabilities to serve the growing dual eligible population.

PBM synergies were not included and could represent significant further upside.

One-time implementation costs are estimated to be approximately \$600 million spread over 2 years and are included in our adjusted earnings accretion estimates.

We expect to see one-time transaction and financing related costs, which Anthem will break out from adjusted EPS. The timing of those items would start prior to the close of the transaction.

**7. What positions will Anthem's CEO and Cigna's CEO have in the combined entity?**

Anthem's CEO Joe Swedish will be the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the company.

Cigna's CEO David Cordani will be the President and Chief Operating Officer of the company.

Joe Swedish will have overall responsibility for financial performance and execution, strategy and governance, while David Cordani will be responsible for the operations of the businesses. Together they will have accountability for a successful integration, the results of the company, and long-term value creation for shareholders.

**8. What will be the makeup of the combined Board of Directors?**

There will be a 14-member board with 9 seats held by current Anthem board members and 5 seats held by current Cigna board members, one of whom will be current Cigna CEO David Cordani.

The chairman of the board will be Anthem's CEO, Joe Swedish.

**9. Why do you have confidence that you will be able to obtain regulatory approval?**

We are confident in our ability to obtain regulatory approval, as our operations are highly complementary and will provide greater choice, increase access to care, and deliver better affordability to current and prospective customers and clients.

The marketplace is, and will remain, highly competitive, and customers will continue to have a wide range of competitors to choose from.

Both companies have engaged antitrust counsel and economists to provide an assessment of competitive overlap. The results of those assessments support our confidence in the transaction obtaining DOJ approval.

**10. Will the DOJ take a local approach in their review or more of a national approach?**

The DOJ has consistently used a local framework in assessing combinations in the managed care sector given that health care is accessed and provided locally. We think that is the likely framework that will be applied here.

It has been suggested however that the DOJ might potentially use a national framework, which the DOJ has used in different industries on occasion. The parties believe that even if the DOJ were to use such a framework, our businesses and the industry would be shown to be highly competitive and we are confident this transaction will receive clearance under either framework.

**11. Do you think this combination will be reviewed together with the Aetna-Humana combination? Are there any advantages to being first or second?**

We do not want to speculate on the specifics of the regulatory process, but the DOJ is aware of both transactions and has publicly suggested that it will consider the impact of both transactions at the same time.

As is typical for M&A transactions, we did not have interaction with the DOJ in advance of the announcement, but soon after announcement, we reached out to the DOJ and the regulatory review process is now underway. We look forward to working constructively with the DOJ and others during the forthcoming regulatory reviews.

The parties expect this transaction will be approved regardless of whether or not it is considered in combination with the Aetna/Humana transaction. Given the proximity of the deals, we do not think sequencing of the announcement of the transactions makes any difference in the review process.

**12. In light of the current political environment, don't you believe that some may argue that having only a few large national insurers is actually anti-competitive and not in the best interest of the consumer?**

The marketplace is, and will remain, highly competitive, and customers will continue to have a wide range of competitors to choose from.

Moreover, the parties believe that we can demonstrate to regulators that this transaction increases competition and furthers the goals and objectives of achieving a more sustainable health care system, including enhanced access, increased affordability and improved quality.

The competitive landscape continues to change as lines begin to blur between payers and providers. Providers are consolidating and, in some cases, participating directly as payers. We believe our industry has a critical role to play in aligning system incentives around lowering the cost of care and driving access and affordability.

Regarding prices, the parties believe that the transaction will lead to lower not higher prices, as the combined company will be able to operate more efficiently and improve affordability and quality. Additionally, it should be noted that the health insurance industry also has regulatory pricing safeguards in place, including MLR floors, rebates and risk corridor programs, where pricing in excess of the regulated levels is refunded to the customer.

The combination of Anthem and Cigna will increase competition and choices for consumers with our offerings sitting alongside those of numerous other competitors.



**13. Does Anthem's membership in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association impact the DOJ analysis?**

We have considered this item, and we do not think this will be an issue.

Each Blue plan is a separate and active competitor and uses branded and unbranded solutions to win business inside and outside of its license territory. Anthem and others have competed in this way for many years. Anthem will continue to compete against other Blue plans using the Cigna brand.

**14. What are the state approval requirements?**

We are confident in our ability to obtain state regulatory approvals.

We expect the states to participate in the merger review process, but do not expect the state reviews to impede the completion of the transaction. As is customary for comparable transactions in our industry, we expect the states to complete their review in coordination with the DOJ's review.

**15. Explain your comfort with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and the Blues Rules?**

There is no requirement for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association to approve the transaction, and we expect to maintain full compliance with our commitments under the Blues brand during and after integration.

There are certain requirements to participate in the Blues brand ( Blues Rules ), most notably the Best Efforts standard that currently requires 80% of local revenue and 2/3 of national revenue to be sold and serviced under the Blues brand, with a two-year grace period following the completion of a transaction to come into compliance with the Blues Rules.

We have carefully evaluated the Blues Rules requirements as part of this process and have concluded that there are ample opportunities to deploy the Blues brand for the benefit of customers and clients and remain in compliance with the applicable Blue Rules.

We have identified the practical steps we will take for implementation and will be building these into our detailed integration plan.

Overall, we view the Blues Rules requirements as very manageable.

**16. Can you provide details on your plan for BCBSA compliance?**

We will submit an action plan to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association promptly after closing that details the steps we will be taking to meet these requirements.

Multiple options are available today for our customers and we intend to offer an expanded suite of choices.

We will work with our customers and clients to minimize disruption and we expect the overall process to be manageable.

**17. How will you use the Blue Card network?**

Customers and clients will continue to enjoy access to a broad, attractive provider network either through the Blue Card program or by leveraging our combined proprietary network assets.

Blue branded customers will have access to the Blue Card network, including Anthem's network in 14 licensed states; Cigna branded customers will have access to the combined proprietary network including Anthem's in its licensed territory.

Anthem and other Blues have executed this type of strategy for a long period of time.

We will work with clients to get the best result based on their needs and circumstances.

**18. How was Cigna able to get comfort with the ability to be in compliance with the Blues Rules?**

Throughout our discussions, Anthem provided Cigna significant information regarding how we can work within the Blues Rules framework and the parties determined after extensive analysis that the Blues Rules should not act as an impediment to the transaction.

Overall, while there are clearly requirements associated with the Blues Rules, we have been able to confirm that there are adequate mechanisms to maintain compliance and continue a constructive relationship with the other participants in the Blues brand.

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*entail uncertainties associated with the mix and*

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