



# CARRIER NOTICE

●●●● Updates affecting your benefit coverage ●●●●

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## **Aetna requires response to survey link**

*Plan sponsor data needed by March 31*

Aetna recently emailed employer groups that had Aetna coverage for any period in 2025, requesting data needed to comply with Prescription Drug Data Collection (RxDC) reporting. The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) requires insurance companies and employer-based plans to submit information regarding prescription and health care spending to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by June 1 of each year.

The majority of the data required is maintained by Aetna, but plan sponsors must provide four data elements:

- issuer legal entity name (select Aetna Life Insurance Company from the dropdown options),
- funding arrangement (options include fully insured, self-funded, split-funded),
- total premium by employer (total employer-paid Aetna premiums for 2025), and
- total premium paid by members (total member-paid Aetna premiums for 2025).

CMS [instructions](#) state the following should be included in the member-paid premium calculation:

- premium paid by members for medical and pharmacy coverage,
- member payments for COBRA coverage, including the 2% administrative fee, and
- spousal and tobacco surcharges, if applicable.

Aetna's completion deadline is March 31. Failure to meet this deadline may require an employer to submit information on its own to CMS directly. Employers remiss in meeting RxDC reporting requirements by June 1, 2026, may be subject to a CMS penalty of \$100 per day per affected individual.

**If you haven't received the Aetna email notification, contact your Bukaty benefits consultant at 913.345.0440.**