

CIGNA CORP
Form 8-K
October 12, 2016

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 12, 2016

Cigna Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

108323

(Commission File Number)

061059331

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

900 Cottage Grove Road

Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(860) 226-6000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 12, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") announced 2017 Medicare Stars Quality Ratings ("Stars") for Medicare Advantage plans. While Stars ratings are based on a number of plan performance measures that are evaluated each year, the projected Stars ratings for plans offered by certain subsidiaries of Cigna Corporation ("Cigna") included certain reductions which are primarily attributable to our previously announced CMS audit.

Under the Stars ratings posted by CMS today, approximately 20% of our Medicare Advantage customers would be in a 4 Stars or greater plan. There is no financial impact in 2016 or 2017 because these ratings apply to plans for the 2018 payment year.

We do not believe that these Stars ratings reflect the quality offerings Cigna HealthSpring provides to beneficiaries. We will work fully with CMS through their process to ensure that they have the information and analysis needed to calculate final Stars ratings that more accurately reflect our performance. Cigna continues to achieve high quality health outcomes, providing significant benefit to our Medicare Advantage customers.

We remain committed to our partnership with CMS and to delivering quality products and services to seniors, while working to mitigate the impact these Stars ratings could have on our offerings in 2018.

This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act whether made before or after the date of this report, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This Current Report, and oral statements made with respect to information contained in this report, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements, including those related to the anticipated number of Medicare Advantage customers in 4 Stars or greater plans, our work in support of the calculation of the final Stars ratings and our ability to mitigate the impact of the Star ratings on our offerings in 2018, are based on Cigna's current expectations and projections about future trends, events and uncertainties. You may identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "may," "should," "will" or other words or expressions of similar meaning, although not all forward-looking statements contain such terms.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: our ability to achieve our financial, strategic and operational plans or initiatives; our ability to predict and manage medical costs and price effectively and develop and maintain good relationships with physicians, hospitals and other health care providers; the impact of modifications to our operations and processes, including those in our disability business; our ability to identify potential strategic acquisitions or transactions and realize the expected benefits of such transactions; the substantial level of government regulation over our business and the potential effects of new laws or regulations, or changes in existing laws or regulations; the outcome of litigation, regulatory audits, including the CMS review and sanctions, investigations and actions and/or guaranty fund assessments; uncertainties surrounding participation in government-sponsored programs such as Medicare; the effectiveness and security of our information technology and other business systems; and unfavorable industry, economic or political conditions, including foreign currency movements; the timing and likelihood of completion of the proposed merger, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals for the proposed merger that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the transaction; the possibility that the expected synergies and value creation from the proposed merger will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; the risk that the businesses of Cigna and Anthem will not be integrated successfully; disruption from the proposed merger making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships; the risk that unexpected costs will be incurred; the possibility that the proposed merger does not close, including due to the failure to satisfy the closing conditions; the risk that financing for the proposed merger may not be available on favorable terms, as well as more specific risks and uncertainties discussed in our most recent report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K available on the Investor Relations section of www.cigna.com as well as Anthem's most recent report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K available on the Investor Relations section of www.antheminc.com. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made, are not guarantees of future performance or results, and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict or quantify. Cigna undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Cigna Corporation

Date: October 12, 2016 By: /s/ Thomas A. McCarthy
Thomas A. McCarthy
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
