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- An average 14% premium increase for state employees;
- An average 12% increase in premiums for retirees and non-Medicare retirees;
- A 40% increase in deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums for employees and non-Medicare retirees;
- An expected increase in the spousal surcharge from \$147 to \$350; and
- Other increases in copays, including therapy, ER, inpatient/outpatient, and pharmacy charges.

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NOVEMBER 12 Martinsburg	Holiday Inn Martinsburg 301 Foxcroft Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401
NOVEMBER 14 Wheeling	The Highlands Event Center 355 Wharton Circle, Suite 253 Triadelphia, WV 26059
NOVEMBER 18 Virtual Town Hall Join by computer or smartphone Link: meet.google.com/fxe-wtgm-peg	Join by phone: 1-413-350-0825 PIN Number: 426 346 783# No Registration Period. Hearing begins at 6:00 PM.
NOVEMBER 19 Morgantown	The Erickson Alumni Center 1 Alumni Drive Morgantown, WV 26506
NOVEMBER 21 Charleston	The Culture Center 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25305



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