

Press release

Achmea allocates €420 million to limit increase in healthcare premiums

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Achmea is limiting the increase in basic healthcare premiums for next year by contributing around €420 million, which will be charged against the 2016 result. Via premiums, this contribution will be returned to customers of Zilveren Kruis, Interpolis, Avéro, Pro Life, OZF, FBTO and De Friesland Zorgverzekeraar.

In the past two years, Achmea has already contributed around €800 million towards the limiting of the increase in healthcare premiums. By offering health care premiums below cost price, more than €1.2 billion from reserves has been reimbursed to customers. Structurally offering healthcare insurance below cost price is not sustainable, as healthcare insurers must maintain adequate reserves in the interests of their policyholders. Steep increases in premiums are therefore inevitable in the future.

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Achmea is the cooperative parent company of well-known Dutch insurers such as Centraal Beheer, Zilveren Kruis, Interpolis, Avéro Achmea, OZF, Inshared, De Friesland Zorgverzekeraar en FBTO. Together, these companies form the largest insurance group in the Netherlands with approximately 15,000 employees. Achmea has a cooperative background that balances the interests of customers, partners, employees and shareholders. In 2015, Achmea's customers paid approximately 20 billion euros in premiums. In the Netherlands, Achmea is market leader in non-life and health insurance. It also offers income protection and, with the Centraal Beheer General Pension Fund (APF), good retirement benefits. The asset manager, Achmea Investment Management, has over 100 billion euros in assets under management. Achmea offers mortgages via Centraal Beheer and Woonfonds, among others. In addition to its home market, the Netherlands, Achmea is also active internationally in five other countries. For more information: www.achmea.com