# Highmark Health Year-End/Q4 2024 Financials

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# **Highmark Health 2024 Strategic Overview**



### Quality

#### **2025 Annual Star Ratings**

- 100% of MA members are enrolled in a 4+ Star plan
- Highmark's PA HMO is one of only seven
   5 Star rated plans in the U.S.

# AHN and Highmark health plan launched one of the largest shared risk programs in the country

 ~350K WPA lives are covered under the new payment model

Allegheny General Hospital earned
Magnet designation for nursing excellence
from the American Nurses Credentialing
Center

5 AHN hospitals earned "A" Grades in **The Leapfrog Group's** national report.



### **Access and Growth**

**Expanded Highmark Health Plan into southeastern Pennsylvania**, adding >70,000 members and offering MA products

**Highmark Health Options WV**- the state's newest MCO and first BCBS branded MCO to serve West Virginians launched

**57K** new **Medicare Advantage (MA) members** (Group MA retention ~99%) and **37K** new **ACA members** (>100K increase 2022-25)

**Together Blue** most affordable and popular ACA plan in Western PA

**CivicaScript** lowered prescription costs for Highmark members by ~\$6M across our entire book of business

**\$5M commitment** to create the Mario Lemieux Center for Heart Rhythm Care at AGH

AHN announced a \$1B investment in the AGH campus as part of a 10-year development plan

Invested >\$53M in our communities, ~\$200M of uncompensated care at AHN, and \$645M of capital investments



# Operational Excellence and Living Health Progress

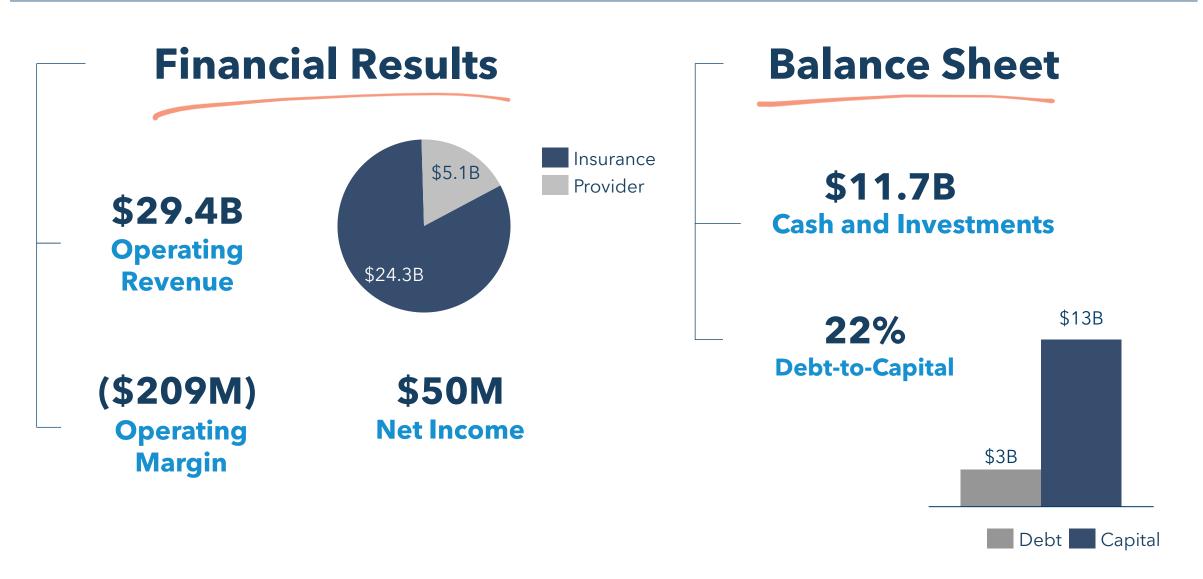
#### AHN recorded ~4M physician visits in 2024

- highest number since the network was created in 2013

#### **Increased digital/virtual health options:**

- MyHighmark digital experience -- 1.1M members activated on platform
- Virtual Joint Health powered by Sword Health -- 36K members enrolled; 92% engagement rate; \$112 PMPM cost savings
- Mental Well Being launched to 2.3M eligible Highmark Health Plan members
  - Appointments available in 5 days or less
  - Members achieved remission of depression symptoms 3x faster than national average
  - 4/5 users engaged in mental health care for first time in >1 year

### **Highmark Health Year-End 2024 Consolidated Financials**



# **Highmark Health Membership\* Strength**

Our Highmark Health Plan remains the **largest health insurer** in Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, and western New York.

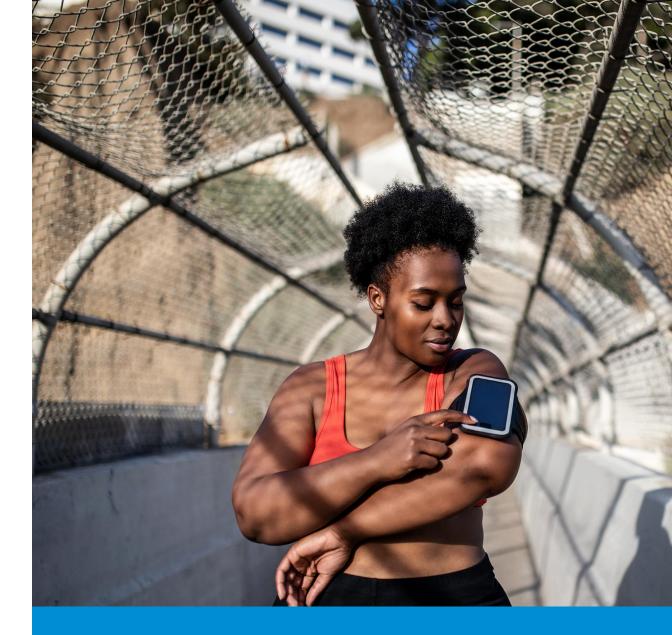
- Core Health Plan and BlueCard membership
   7.1M
- United Concordia Dental is a top 10 largest dental company in the US with >10M global members and licensed in every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
- HM Insurance Group is a top 10 largest stoploss business in the US and licensed in every state and the District of Columbia.
- enGen platform provides IT and customer support services to numerous Blues plans.

<sup>\*</sup>Membership reported as of January 2025.

# **Highmark Health Plans**

# \$22B operating revenue (\$166M) operating margin

- Challenging performance driven by industrywide headwinds in multiple categories.
- Higher pharmaceutical costs, including GLP-1 medications, contributing to medical cost trends
- Government business performance experiences challenges from utilization trends and ongoing Medicaid redeterminations impact
- 93% commercial **membership retention** in western PA
- Success in southeastern PA market entry;
   launching Medicare Advantage products in 2025
- Launched first BCBS-branded Medicaid product in West Virginia, Highmark Health Options





# **Allegheny Health Network**

### \$5.1B operating revenue \$115M EBITDA\* (\$147) operating margin

- Improvement in year-over-year revenue and margin driven by increased clinical access and investments in clinical employees.
  - Moving more nursing staff to full-time employees, reducing dependance on highcost agency staffing
  - Evolving clinical care model to ensure the right level of care for patient needs.
- Investments made in network access coupled with increased clinical staff led to ability to handle increased patient volumes.
- Increased patient volumes year-over-year: inpatient discharges and observations up 3%, outpatient registrations up 6%, physician visits up 5%, ER visits up 5% vs. 2023



### Diversified businesses strengthen Highmark Health



United **Concordia**dental<sup>™</sup>









# \$1.7B operating revenue \$105M operating margin

 Strong 6% margins are consistent with prior year and driven by record enrollment

# \$1.2B operating revenue \$56M operating margin

 Solid ~5% margins are consistent with 2023 and due to strong top-line growth and favorable risk selection

### \$1.2B operating revenue

 Financial results driven by steady platform enrollment

# **Key Takeaways**

- Highmark Health faced challenging industrywide headwinds in 2024 which will linger into 2025, particularly impacting our Highmark Health Plans.
- Overall membership and operating revenue increased, but operating margin decreased due to medical cost trends.
- Our diversified operating model and strong balance sheet put us in a good position to weather this down cycle.
- Despite this challenging environment, we continue to invest in and support our strategy and invest in our Living Health model, creating value for the members and communities we serve.

