

Press release

Achmea allocates €130 million to limit increase in healthcare premiums

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Achmea limits the increase in basic healthcare premiums for next year by allocating around €130 million from reserves, charged against the 2017 result. In doing so Achmea contributes in keeping health insurance premiums affordable for customers of among others Zilveren Kruis, Interpolis, Avéro, Pro Life, OZF, FBTO and De Friesland Zorgverzekeraar.

Achmea aims to keep the right balance between offering competitive health insurance premiums for customers on the one hand and maintaining a sound financial position on the other hand. The allocation of €130 million is lower than previous year's contribution, when €430 million was allocated. This lower contribution is in line with our conviction that structurally offering premiums below cost price is not a sustainable situation.

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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 2016, 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 110 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