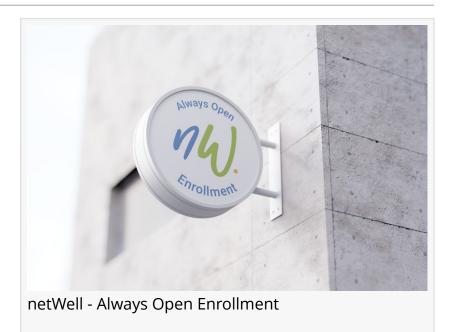


# ACA Premiums Set to Spike—Health Sharing Offers a Smarter Solution

Health-Sharing Emerges as a Smarter Choice in the Wake of ACA Cost Spikes

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, July 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A <u>new</u> <u>analysis</u> reveals that Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace insurers are planning the largest premium hikes since 2017, with increases potentially exceeding 30% in some states. As consumers brace for rising healthcare costs and the possible expiration of enhanced federal subsidies, Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSM), such as netWell<sup>™</sup>, are providing a flexible alternative to traditional insurance.



What's Driving the Surge in Health Costs?

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### What's behind the spike?

- Rising medical costs, including hospital care, outpatient services, and high-cost treatments
- Increased use of care as more people return to preventive and elective services post-COVID
- Soaring prescription and gene therapy prices, especially in specialty care
- Uncertainty around federal subsidies, which could significantly impact middle-income households
- Without an act of Congress, millions of middle-class

Americans are poised to see their monthly premiums jump by 75% in 2026. Even those with

employer-compensated plans will feel the sting, as businesses pass this cost along in the form of higher deductibles, lower salary increases, and higher prices on goods and services.

#### A Smarter Solution

Health-Sharing services like netWell<sup>™</sup> offer a proactive alternative when families and individuals need relief. Faith-based HCSMs facilitate member-to-member sharing of medical expenses while sidestepping the volatility of ACA-regulated premiums. Costs are kept lower at HCSMs through reduced incentives for medical-fraud that larger Insurance Corporations spend time and resources fighting as job 1. For an HCSM, their first priority is a commitment to service of their community, creating better outcomes at lower costs per member.

#### Why an HCSM?

As an example of what families could experience with an alternative to ACA-based insurance, look at the now mature offering from netWell<sup>™</sup>. Their premiums have risen less than a 1/3rd of the cost of ACA plans over the past half decade. Primary takeaways:

- Stability Amid Chaos: netWell<sup>™</sup>'s Elite+ membership begins at just \$269/month, with <u>fixed</u> <u>Member Commitment Portions</u> (MCPs) as low as \$2,500, ensuring predictable out-of-pocket costs, even as ACA rates fluctuate.

- All-Inclusive Membership: Elite+ includes hospitalization, emergency room care, mental health visits, labs, preventative screenings, telemedicine, maternity, and more—all in one streamlined, community-driven membership.

- No Network Restrictions: Members choose their own providers without being penalized for outof-network care.

- Exempt from ACA Mandates: As a recognized HCSM under federal law, netWell<sup>™</sup> members remain exempt from the ACA's individual mandates that can potentially change with each election cycle.

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### About netWell™

netWell<sup>™</sup> is a federally recognized nonprofit 501(c)(3) healthcare sharing ministry (HCSM) committed to helping members navigate healthcare costs through a transparent, faith-based, and community-driven approach. netWell<sup>™</sup> offers diverse membership options that enable members to share in each other's medical burdens while receiving care tailored to their unique needs.

With a focus on affordability, flexibility, and faith, netWell™ provides an alternative to traditional healthcare coverage that protects individuals and families at reasonable rates.

To learn more about netWell<sup>™</sup>, please visit <u>our website</u>.

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