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Question:

Healthcare. Refer to the response to OCC-380.

a. Provide supporting documentation (quotes, invoices, contracts) and calculations for the medical, dental and vision escalation rates.
b. Provide the working rates for each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and the rate year.

Response:

a. The 2027 medical, dental, and vision escalation rates shown in table 13 of Exhibit CLP-EMPLOYEE-1 were estimates as the actual escalation rates were not available at the time the Company filed its rate case. The Company is now providing actual 2027 escalation rates and supporting calculations in OCC-698, Attachment 1, and the Company will update the benefits expense and other affected costs as part of its next cost of service update.

b. Please refer to OCC-698, Attachment 2, for the medical, dental and vision net working rates for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2027.