

U.S., et al. v. Anthem, Inc. and Cigna Corp. Plaintiffs' Opening Statement

Anthem recognizes national accounts as a separate market



National Accounts National Accounts are generally multi-state employer groups primarily headquartered in an Anthem, Inc. service area with 5,000 or more eligible employees, of which at least 5% are located outside of the headquarter state.

National Insurers: 4-to-3



National Accounts: Two Relevant Geographic Markets



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U.S. Market Market Share (5,000 or more employees)



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Blue Cross plans are a single competitor



Bills dep. 230:25-231:12 (3/24/16).

BlueCard or "Host" Fees



How Anthem views other Blue plans



Anthem and Cigna: Head-to-Head Competition

PX0077, at 2 (3/26/15).

Opening Report of Ronald Quintero, Figure 1, at 6 (10/7/16).





National Best Efforts Rule

Two-thirds of Anthem's revenue must come from Blue-branded business



Anthem will rebrand Cigna lives as "Blue"



Rebranding: Not Merger Specific



Large-Group Employer Case: 35 Relevant Markets



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What creates innovation?

Competition creates innovation

BY MS. HANE:

Q Do you have an understanding of the size of Cigna's membership in California compared to Anthem?

A Anthem dwarfs them. I couldn't quote you numbers either way, but Anthem's the largest provider next to Kaiser.

Q So in your experience, Anthem's size in California has not given it an advantage in terms of innovating in wellness?

MR. LANCASTER: Objection; form.

BY MS. HANE:

Q Why is that?

MR. LANCASTER: Objection; form.

THE WITNESS: To quote Arnold Schwarzenegger,

"When you want the food, it's there."

When you're on the top of the hill, there's not quite the incentive to innovate.

[C]ompetition creates innovation. And if you are the wolf at the top of the hill, [...]
you don't necessarily need to be the first out of the gate for innovation. 99

> -Bryce Eddy Broker, Tolman & Wiker Insurance Services Ventura, California