

Rating Advisory

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Advisory as on June 09, 2022

This rating advisory is provided in relation to the rating of Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Limited

CRISIL Ratings vide its publication dated May 16, 2022 highlighted the aspect of non-co-operation by Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Limited

Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Limited has now shared the information requested and is cooperative.

You may access the Rating Rationale as appended below.

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Rating Rationale

April 19, 2021 | Mumbai

Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Limited

Ratings Reaffirmed at 'CRISIL A-/Stable/CRISIL A2+'

Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs.41.5 Crore
Long Term Rating	CRISIL A-/Stable (Reaffirmed)
Short Term Rating	CRISIL A2+ (Reaffirmed)

1 crore = 10 million

Refer to Annexure for Details of Instruments & Bank Facilities

Detailed rationale

CRISIL Ratings has reaffirmed its 'CRISIL A-/Stable/CRISIL A2+' ratings on the bank facilities of Family Health Plan Insurance TPA Limited (FHPL; part of Apollo Hospitals group).

The company is a service provider for insurance companies, and its operations have not been impacted significantly by the nation-wide lockdown imposed to control the spread of Covid-19.

FHPL's operating performance in fiscal 2020 remained comfortable with yearly growth of 12% and earnings before interest tax depreciation and amortisation margin of 20.9%. Further, Apollo Hospitals group's decision to sell Apollo Munich Health Insurance (AMHL) to HDFC Ergo had limited impact on company's operations. Despite the loss of business from AMHL, which contributed Rs 34.8 crore accounting for almost 25% of total revenue in fiscal 2020, the topline of FHPL is estimated to remain in line with expectations at Rs 130 crore in fiscal 2021. Going forward, management is focusing on adding business from existing clients and government sponsored healthcare schemes.

Financial risk profile remains healthy supported by a robust capital structure and gearing of 0.12 time as on March 31, 2020. Gearing is expected to remain below 0.10 time in fiscal 2021. Liquidity is supported by largely unutilised bank lines and healthy accruals.

The ratings continue to reflect the benefits that FHPL derives from being a part of the Apollo Hospitals group, its healthy financial risk profile, and the robust growth prospects for the health insurance industry. These strengths are partially offset by susceptibility to regulatory changes regarding third-party administrator (TPA) services.

Analytical approach

CRISIL Ratings' has applied its parent notch-up framework to factor in strong managerial and financial support provided by the parent, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd (AHEL; rated 'CRISIL AA//FAA+/Stable/CRISIL A1+').

Key rating drivers & detailed description

Strengths:

* Benefits from being part of the Apollo Hospitals group:

FHPL derives managerial and financial support from the Apollo Hospitals group. AHEL is the key stakeholder in the company with 49% shareholding, and the balance is held by family members and other entities of the group. Additionally, Upasana Kamineni, Vice Chairperson Apollo Foundation (CSR), has been appointed as managing director of FHPL in the current year.

* Healthy financial risk profile:

Networth was large at Rs 62.7 crore and gearing healthy at 0.12 time as on March 31, 2020. Debt protection metrics are robust as reflected in adjusted interest coverage and net cash accrual to total debt ratios of 8.15 and 3.37 times, respectively, in fiscal 2020. In the absence of significant debt exposure, financial risk profile is expected to remain healthy in the medium term.

* Robust growth prospects for the health insurance industry:

FHPL will continue to benefit from the healthy growth prospects in the TPA industry and from the financial strength of counterparties.

Weakness:

*** Susceptibility to intense competition and regulatory changes:**

Although the TPA industry is regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, it has low entry barriers. This has led to high fragmentation, with players having a marginal market share of about 2%, hence limiting pricing flexibility.

Liquidity: Adequate

In the absence of major capital expenditure, net cash accrual, expected at Rs 20-25 crore per annum over the medium term, should comfortably cover yearly debt obligation of Rs 0.10 crore and the surplus will support liquidity. Also, fund-based limits of Rs 17 crore were utilised at a mere 11% on average in the 12 months through March 2021.

Outlook: Stable

CRISIL Ratings believes FHPL will continue to benefit from the support it receives from the Apollo Hospitals group and moderate operating capability.

Rating sensitivity factors

Upward Factors

- Increase in revenue (of 30%) and sustenance of operating margin, leading to significant increase in cash accrual
- Improvement in the credit risk profile of the parent

Downward Factors

- Stretch in working capital cycle on account of stretched receivables leading to gross current assets of over 200 days
- Deterioration in the credit risk profile of the parent.

About the company

Incorporated in 1995 and owned by the Apollo Hospitals group through its various entities, FHPL offers TPA services. The company is based in Hyderabad and has branches in Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Odisha, Gujarat, and Meghalaya

Key financial indicators

As on/for the period ended March 31	Units	2020	2019
Operating income	Rs.Crore	138.4	123.16
Reported profit after tax (PAT)	Rs.Crore	12.55	7.94
PAT margin	%	9.10	6.45
Adjusted debt/adjusted networkth	Times	0.12	0.37
Interest coverage	Times	7.53	8.32

Any other information: Not applicable

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Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)

ISIN	Name of instrument	Date of allotment	Coupon rate (%)	Maturity date	Issue size (Rs.Crore)	Complexity level	Rating assigned with outlook
NA	Cash Credit	NA	NA	NA	17.00	NA	CRISIL A-/Stable
NA	Proposed Working Capital Facility	NA	NA	NA	9.50	NA	CRISIL A-/Stable

NA	Bank Guarantee	NA	NA	NA	15.00	NA	CRISIL A2+
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Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years

Instrument	Type	Current		2021 (History)		2020		2019		2018		Start of 2018
		Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
Fund Based Facilities	LT	26.5	CRISIL A-/Stable		--	30-01-20	CRISIL A-/Stable		--	31-12-18	CRISIL A-/Stable	CRISIL A-/Stable
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Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST	15.0	CRISIL A2+		--	30-01-20	CRISIL A2+		--	31-12-18	CRISIL A2+	CRISIL A2+

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

Annexure - Details of Bank Lenders & Facilities

Facility	Amount (Rs.Crore)	Name of Lender	Rating
Bank Guarantee	5	Axis Bank Limited	CRISIL A2+
Bank Guarantee	5	ICICI Bank Limited	CRISIL A2+
Bank Guarantee	5	Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	CRISIL A2+
Cash Credit	4.5	Axis Bank Limited	CRISIL A-/Stable
Cash Credit	2.5	ICICI Bank Limited	CRISIL A-/Stable
Cash Credit	10	Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	CRISIL A-/Stable
Proposed Working Capital Facility	9.5	Not Applicable	CRISIL A-/Stable

This Annexure has been updated on 16-Dec-2021 in line with the lender-wise facility details as on 11-Dec-2021 received from the rated entity.

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