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The U.S. equity market closed on a mixed note on Thursday, October 17, 2013. The S&P 500 and the NASDAQ Composite gained 0.67% and 0.62%, respectively, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended marginally lower by 0.01%. Shares in the health care plans industry ended mostly lower, even as the broader market finished on a mixed note. The major movers in the industry included Express Scripts Holding Company (NASDAQ:
ESRX
), Cigna Corporation (NYSE:
CI
), Health Net Inc. (NYSE:
HNT
), and Molina Healthcare Inc. (NYSE: MOH). AAAResearchReports.com initiated preliminary technical research on ESRX, CI, HNT, and MOH. These free reports are accessible by signing today at:

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Express Scripts Holding Co.'s stock gained 0.38% on Thursday, extending the gains from the previous trading session. The company's shares vacillated between $63.65 and $64.23 before ending the day at
$64.18

. A total of 3.65 million shares were traded, which is below the daily average volume of 4.47 million. The company's shares have advanced 1.76% in the previous three trading sessions, outperforming the S&P 500 which has advanced 1.35% during the same period. Further, Express Scripts Holding Co.'s stock is trading above its 50-day and 200-day moving averages of $63.88 and $60.57, respectively. The free technical analysis on ESRX is available by signing up at:

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Cigna Corp.'s stock plummeted on Thursday, reversing all the gains from the previous trading session. The company's shares closed the day at $77.48, down 3.72%, after oscillating between $77.46 and $79.56 during the trading session. A total of 3.15 million shares were traded, which is above the daily average volume of 1.44 million. The company's shares have gained 2.64% in the previous three months, compared to a gain of 3.11% in the S&P 500 during the same period. Additionally, Cigna Corp.'s stock is trading above its 200-day moving average of $69.00. Register now to download free research on CI at:

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On Thursday, Health Net Inc.'s stock ended the session 1.51% lower than the previous day's price of $31.80. The company's shares oscillated between $31.16 and $31.57 before closing the day at $31.32. A total of 0.93 million shares were traded, which is above the daily average volume of 0.78 million. The company's shares have lost 2.76% in the previous three months, underperforming the S&P 500 which has gained 3.11% during the same period. Moreover, Health Net Inc.'s stock is trading above its 200-day moving average of $29.78. A free report on HNT can be accessed by registering at:

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Molina Healthcare Inc.'s stock declined 0.28% on Thursday, even as the broader market fluctuated between gains and losses. The company's shares ended the day at an intra-day high of $35.89 after vacillating between $35.17 and $35.89. A total of 0.45 million shares were traded, which is below the daily average volume of 0.59 million. The company's shares have declined 1.40% in the previous three trading sessions, underperforming the S&P 500 which has advanced 1.35% during the same period. Further, Molina Healthcare Inc.'s stock is trading above its 50-day and 200-day moving averages of $35.78 and $34.41, respectively. Register with AAAResearchReports.com and download research on MOH for free at:

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