

ADJUSTMENT OF THE RATING METHODOLOGY FOR GUARANTEES AND EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT / REVIEW OF THE SUPPORT ASSESSMENT FOR REGIONAL HOSPITALS

fedafin is adjusting the methodology for the assessment of explicit guarantees and extraordinary support. To date, a fixed down-notching from the anchor rating of the support provider is applied in the top-down approach for a specific assessment of the support profile. Depending on the strength of the support, the down-notching is between 0 and 4 notches (see Figure 1). Going forward, a range is defined for the down-notching for each possible assessment of the support profile. If the support profile is assessed as “excellent”, the issuer credit profile will, as before, correspond to the anchor rating. In the case of a weaker support profile, the deduction may range between one and seven notches (see Figure 2). Within the range of a given support profile, the effective down-notching depends on the difference between the issuer’s stand-alone profile and the anchor rating of the support providers. The assessment under the bottom-up approach is not affected by the model adjustment and will continue to be conducted as before.

The adjustment primarily affects issuers with low stand-alone profiles and/or weaker support profiles. The maximum adjustment amounts to one notch. Implementation is expected to take place for all issuers on 27 January 2026. The updated Guarantee & Extraordinary Support Methodology is available [here](#).

Figure 1: Top-down support previous approach

SUPPORT RISK PROFILE					
	excellent	strong	fair	limited	weak
Notches subtracted from anchor	0	1	2	3	4

Figure 2: Top-down support new approach

SUPPORT RISK PROFILE					
	excellent	strong	fair	limited	weak
Notches subtracted from anchor	0	1 to 2	2 to 4	3 to 5	4 to 7

In light of current developments and challenges, particularly for regional hospitals, fedafin is reviewing the assessment of extraordinary support in the hospital sector. Any adjustments are also expected to take effect on 27 January 2026.

Interested market participants are invited to send their comments or questions to ratingmethodik@fedafin.ch until 23 January 2026.