

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
December 10, 2019

Directors participating: Joseph Camargo; Philip Gennace (DOBI); Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Robert Morrow (United); Colleen Picklo; Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Eleanor Heck, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting of the IHC Board to order at 10:00 A.M. She announced that notice of the meeting had been posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, at the Office of the Secretary of State, submitted to the State House Press Corps, and published in three newspapers of general circulation in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. A quorum was present. She stated that voting would be by roll call because some directors were participating by phone.

II. Review of Minutes – November 12, 2019

C. Picklo made a motion, seconded by S. Kelly, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2019, with amendment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

III. Report of Staff – *Expense Report; Draft Amendments to the Standard Plans*

Expense Report

E. DeRosa presented the expense report for December 2019 with expenses totaling \$21,707.46 for the Board’s share of staff salaries, Division of Law costs, and a newspaper notice regarding the Board’s scheduled CY2020 meeting dates. She stated that a transfer of \$21,700.00 from the IHC Board’s Wells Fargo Money Market account to its checking account would be necessary to pay the expenses.

J. Camargo made a motion, seconded by T. Pownall, to approve payment of the expenses reported, and the transfer of \$21,700 from the Board’s Wells Fargo Money Market account to its checking account to do so. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Policy Form Amendments

E. DeRosa stated that some of the administrative approvals needed to file the proposal were still pending. She noted that, because it is unlikely the proposal will occur prior to January 1, it is important to remember that many of the amendments to the forms are already in effect (for example, with respect to the mental health parity requirements), and carriers should be complying with the requirements administratively now, pursuant to the Compliance with Law provision of the IHC policy forms. She noted that some amendments will not be in effect until the Board

ultimately votes to adopt the amendments – for example, the option to cover immunizations under either the medical benefit or the pharmacy benefit, and removal of the 96-hour prescription drug requirement – and so carriers will need to continue to administer the policy forms as is until such time as those amended provisions can be made operative.

IV. Close of Meeting

S. Kelly made a motion, seconded by C. Picklo, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting ended at 10:10 A.M.]