

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
October 8, 2004**

Members participating by teleconference from remote locations: Sandy Bolomo (Horizon); Gary Cupo; Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth); Joseph Tricarico, Jr. (DOHSS); Dutch Vanderhoof.

Members participating by teleconference from Trenton: Darrel Farkus (United Healthcare); Vicki Mangiaracina (DOBI); Jim Stenger.

Others participating by teleconference: Ellen DeRosa, Deputy Executive Director; Division of Law; DAG Karyn Gordon, Division of Law; Wardell Sanders, Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

J. Stenger called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. W. Sanders announced that notice of the meeting had been published in two newspapers and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), the DOBI website, and the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. By roll call, W. Sanders determined that a quorum was participating on the call.

Since Board members were participating by teleconference, W. Sanders asked everyone to identify himself or herself when speaking.

II. Optional Benefit Rider Filings

AmeriHealth

E. DeRosa described the two riders AmeriHealth submitted, one amending HMO plans, and the other amending HMO-POS plans, to waive the hospital confinement copayment. She recommended that the Board find the filing complete.

D. Vanderhoof offered a motion to find the AmeriHealth filing complete. J. Stenger seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion with T. Taliaferro abstaining.

United Healthcare Insurance Company

E. DeRosa described the urgent care rider that would amend PPO and POS plans. She recommended that the Board find the filing complete.

United Healthcare of New Jersey, Inc.

E. DeRosa described the four riders. One provides open access, a second provides for a specific urgent care copayment, another waives the hospital confinement copayment and the last adds \$25 and \$35 copayment options. She recommended that the Board find the filing complete.

G. Cupo offered a motion to find the United Healthcare filings complete. J. Stenger seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted in favor of the motion with D. Farkus abstaining.

III. Close of Meeting

J. Stenger offered a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. D. Vanderhoof seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

[The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.]