

School Employees' Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: January 28, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Committee filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. A meeting notice was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2018.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Thomas Edison State College, in Trenton NJ.

The text of Resolution B (Executive Session) – was read in its entirety in the event that the Committee desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into closed session.

Acting Secretary Ludwig took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Julie Giordano Plotkin, NJEA (Appearing Telephonically)

Kevin Kelleher, NJEA

David Pointer, Deputy Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Assistant Treasurer

Jean Pierce, AFT/AFL-CIO (Appearing Telephonically)

Also Present:

Mark Cipriano, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Amy Chung, Deputy Attorney General

Absent:

David Ridolfino- Director Office of Management and Budget

Presentation by Horizon regarding Out-of-Network Lab Services

Dave Perry of Horizon gave a presentation on proposed changes to Out-of-Network Lab Services, which were used by approximately 50,000 NJ DIRECT members in 2018. The proposal would consider all lab services (except for those that require medical policy intervention, such as genetic testing and facility labs testing for substance abuse disorder) routine, so that out-of-network claims would be denied. Horizon anticipates that the proposed changes will result in cost savings, expand network choice, and reduce out-of-network usage in regards to routine lab services. Horizon could implement the proposed changes by July 1, 2019. Mr. Perry also discussed a communication strategy plan to minimize member disruption upon implementation of the proposed changes.

Committee member Pointer indicated they would like to include Aetna if the PDC moves forward with the proposed changes.

Committee member Keyes-Maloney requested Horizon and Aetna to provide information regarding the New Jersey market share of the current in-network lab service providers (LabCorp, Quest, and Bio-Reference), out-of-network usage, and the number of affected members.

The PDC would like to have a decision for the Rate Renewal meetings in July.

Meeting Minutes

Committee member Kelleher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 19, 2018. Committee member Keyes-Maloney seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Follow up items:

Committee member Kelleher requested information from Horizon and Aetna regarding how the SHBP Active coverage changes have affected the usage of Chiropractic, Acupuncture, and Physical Therapy services and to have the issue put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Committee member Keyes-Maloney requested information regarding reference-based pricing and to have the issue put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Committee member Kelleher made a motion to adjourn, Committee member Keyes-Maloney seconded the motion, all voted in favor. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am.