

**School Employees' Health Benefits Program**  
**Plan Design Committee**  
**Open Session Minutes: August 19, 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, August 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at 50 West State St, 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 Nicole Ludwig took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

**Roll Call**

**Committee Members:**

**David Pointer**, Deputy Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Julie Giordano Plotkin**, NJEA

**Kevin Kelleher**, NJEA

**Donna Chiera**, AFT/AFL-CIO (Appearing Telephonically)

**David Ridolfino**, Director Office of Management and Budget

Absent:

**Jennifer Keyes-Maloney**, Assistant Treasurer

**Also Present:**

**Christin Deacon**, Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Nicole Ludwig**, Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Christopher Meyer**, Deputy Attorney General

## **OptumRx Presentation: Mail Service Member Select (MSMS)**

Steve White, and Paul Eberle from OptumRx gave a presentation on the Mail Service Member Select program (MSMS). This program, is scheduled to be implemented on September 1, 2019. Mr. White explained the intent of this program is to help improve engagement across the SHBP and the SEHBP. The program requires the members to choose how they would like to receive their medications, either at the pharmacy level, or through mail order. The member is required to contact OptumRx, either by phone, or online to state their preference. Mr. White explained the election can be entered by the pharmacist while they are at the pharmacy. The goal of the program is to increase adherence, which could result in a decrease in medical spend.

Chairperson Kelleher asked if this was a mandatory program, or an opt-in program. Mr. White stated it was an opt-in and it is not a mandatory mail order program. Chairperson Kelleher requested that if there are changes like this in the future, the Division notify the PDC in advance so they can be prepared to discuss with their members. DPB representative Deacon agreed.

Committee Member Ridolfino asked how it was determined what medications would be eligible for the MSMS program. Mr. White said that OptumRx is using MediSpan to identify medications used for chronic conditions. Chairperson Kelleher asked for a list of all medications that were identified in the MSMS program.

Chairperson Kelleher asked if the program was for SEHBP only. Mr. White stated it was for both the SHBP and the SEHBP populations.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further matters to discuss, Committee Member Pointer made a motion to adjourn, Committee Member Chiera seconded the motion, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Ludwig  
Acting Secretary SEHBP PDC