

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes: May 26, 2021 1:00 p.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 on December 29, 2020, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 23, 2020. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting was sent to the Star Ledger and posted to the Division's website on April 5, 2021.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held via Microsoft TEAMS.

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 led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Secretary Ludwig then took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

Committee Members:

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, Assistant Treasurer (Co-Chair)

Michael Zanyor, NJSTFA (Co-Chair)

Dini Ajmani, Assistant Treasurer

Lynn Azarchi, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Kevin Lyons, NJ State PBA

Justin Zimmerman, Chief of Staff, Department of Banking and Insurance

Kimberly Holmes Assistant Commissioner /Chief of Staff, Department of Community Affairs

Patrick Nowlan, AAUP – AFT

Jenelle Blackman, CWA

Robert Little, AFSCME Department of Research

Absent:

Tennille McCoy, Assistant Commissioner of Human Capital Strategies, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

David Krueger, NJ FMBA

Also Present:

Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General

Amy Chung, Deputy Attorney General

Christin Deacon Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Andrew Lawson Division of Pensions and Benefits

Theresa Williams, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Debra Pelto, Division of Pensions and Benefits

DIVISION REPORT

Assistant Director Deacon Gave a Division Report stating that Vaccines are now covered under both health as well as prescription. OptumRx is actually seeing a little higher utilization than horizon.

Mrs. Deacon said that COVID telemedicine claims have dropped to about 9.8 million claims since the onset of the pandemic. Non-covid related claims are at about 990,000 total claims.

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig stated the dental subgroup has met once and the Rx subgroup will be meeting for a third time in the next few weeks.

Committee Member Lyons asked if there was a way to see how many telehealth claims were paid for mental health. Mrs. Deacon said that she would have to follow up on that.

Commissioner Lyons asked that both Horizon as well as Aetna to come up with a streamline process for submitting OON mental health claims.

Co-Chair Zanyor asked for an update on the current the waivers. Mrs. Deacon said the current waivers are in regards to testing and treatment of COVID-19. The other waiver is for telehealth which is in place for the duration of the public health emergency plus 90 days later. If the telehealth waiver is exhausted after the public health emergency the plan would go back to the plan design prior to the public health crisis.

The other waiver was the waiver of waiting period for new hires of sixty days. Again, this waiver will be in effect until 90 days after the end of the public health crisis.

DISCUSSION: HORIZON CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Co-chair Michael Zanyor asked about the class action settlement. Mrs. Deacon said that the Division has received several requests regarding the class action settlement. After review internally the class action settlement does not apply to the SHBP/SEHBP as they are a state entity.

Committee member Lyons made a motion to refer the Class Action Settlement to the Attorney General's Office for review and advise if this is something that affects the SHBP members; if so is this something that we need to refer to the investigative side to determine if this is something we should be included in. Committee Member Nowlan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Resolution of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee excluding the public from a Public Meeting

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig read Resolution of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee excluding the public from a Public Meeting.

Michael Zanyor made a motion to approve the resolution. Committee member Holmes seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Committee Member Lyons asked if this topic was covered under the executive session resolution. Co-Chair Keyes-Maloney stated the topic is currently in litigation, therefore falls under this resolution.

Committee member Zanyor made a motion to go into closed session; Committee Member Homes seconded the motion.

Upon return from executive session Committee Member Nowlan made a motion to exit out of Closed Session. Committee Member Homes seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Adjournment

Having no further action to discuss, Committee Member Homes made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Nowlan seconded; all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Ludwig
Acting Secretary SHBP PDC