

New Jersey State Health Benefits Commission
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
May 22, 2024

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Commission filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The 2024 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 29, 2023. The annual meeting schedule was posted to the Division website on December 29, 2023.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton, NJ.

The text of Resolution A (Closed Session) and Resolution B (Executive Session) were read in their entirety in the event that the Commission desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into Closed or Executive session.

Kelly Fields took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Committee Members:

Andrea Spalla, Chair
John Megariotis
Justin Zimmerman
Tariq Shabazz
Michael Zanyor
Kevin Lyons
Steve Tully
Patrick Nowlan
Jim MCCasey
Kim Walker
Kia King
Kelly Fields, Secretary

Also Present:

Timothy O'Shea
Adam Demarzo
John Pipas
Paul Koech
Binsy Francis
Joyce Malerba
Kate Miller
Alison Keating

Absent:

David Krueger

Andrea Spalla made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024 open session meeting minutes. John Megariotis seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Specialty Pharmacy Horizon Update:

Binsy Francis and Tim O’Shea presented an update of the overall Medical Specialty Pharmacy for 2023, as well as a forward looking view into things that will be put in place in 2024. Horizon touched base on high level spend and trend numbers, top drugs categories, and medical injectable programs.

Optum Formulary Update:

Kate Miller, Adam Demarzo, and Monica Dalentine provided a brief overview of the July 2024 Formulary update. Optum discussed the summary of standard Formulary changes, the summary of utilization management updates, the summary of total member disruption for the July 2024 updates, and the healthcare reform update.

Review of the Annual Resolution:

Optum discussed the review of the annual resolution. Adam Demarzo stated that Optum took a look at all the RX related resolutions and then did an analysis and assessed what the potential impact to the cost of plan would be if the decision was not to reaffirm those resolution for 2025. Optum also went over the closed or premium formulary impact.

Aon Inflation Reduction Act:

Jon Pipas and Paul Koch presented the Inflation Reduction Act and its impact on the Medicare retiree prescription drug plan from a member perspective and plan cost perspective. The Inflation Reduction Act is a law that was passed that restructures the Medicare Part D program with required plan design improvements.

Recent Legislation Update:

Joyce Malerba discussed the recent legislation that is impacting the plan design. The following two legislations were discussed- PL2023C275 (hearing aids) and PL2023C258 (health insurance requirements for infertility IVF and such treatments).

Reference Based Pricing Centers of Excellence Pilot Program Update:

Michael Zanyor presented this update, stating that this is still a work in progress.

Super Conciliation Update:

Michael Zanyor stated Centers of Excellence is still a work in progress and the Specialty Medications is a complex issue. The Horizon presentation was very helpful to help understand.

Division Update:

Joyce Malerba presented this update, briefly touching base on the high deductible plans with the increase in the out of pocket.

Andrea Spalla made a motion to enter Executive Session for the committee to request and receive legal advice from counsel. Michael Zanyor seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Upon return from Executive Session, Andrea Spalla made a motion to adjourn. Michael Zanyor seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design
Committee