

**State Health Benefits Program**  
**Plan Design Committee**  
**Open Session Minutes: September 24, 2020 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, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 26, 2019. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting was sent to the Star Ledger and Trenton Times on August 26, 2020.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Program Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, September 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held telephonically.

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:**

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

**Dini Ajmani**, Assistant Treasurer

**Michael Zanyor**, NJSTFA

**Kevin Lyons**, NJ State PBA

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

**Kimberly Holmes**, COS and Assistant Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs

**David Kreuger**, NJ FMBA

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

**Robert Little**, AFSCME Department of Research

**Patrick Nowlan**, AAUP – AFT (Co-Chair)

**Hetty Rosenstein**, New Jersey Area Director, CWA/District 1

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

**Also Present:**

**Christopher Meyer**, Deputy Attorney General

**Christin Deacon** Division of Pensions and Benefits  
**Nicole Ludwig**, Division of Pensions and Benefits  
**Andrew Lawson** Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig led the PDC in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DIVISION REPORT**

Christin Deacon the Assistant Director for the Division of Pensions & Benefits provided an update on COVID-19 testing for the active population. Stating that to date there have been over 191,789 COVID tests, 25,849 antibody test with a total of 2,276 positive results.

Mrs. Deacon stated that in regards to Telemedicine there have been approximately 412,000 total claims for telemedicine, total spend is approximately \$50,000.00.

Mrs. Deacon provided an overview of the Medicare population, stating the claims are across all plans, including the School Employees Health Benefits Plan. She stated the total COVID claims paid to date is \$34 million. There have been over 58,800 COVID tests. The total cost in telemedicine is about \$240,000. She stated that the utilization for telemedicine is still showing a strong trend in the Medicare population.

**DISCUSSIN: WAIVER OF COST SHARE FOR COVID TESTING AND TREATMENT**

Mrs. Deacon of the Division stated that the mandate to provide COVID testing at no cost to the member. This mandate was done by the federal government as well as an executive order from the Governor. However, the cost share wavier on treatment related to COVID was given at the States discretion. She stated that Horizon has asked the Division if the intent is to continue to waive cost share.

Co-Chair Nowlan asked if the testing is fully reimbursed by the Federal Government. Mrs. Deacon sad it is not fully reimbursed. Co-Chair Nowlan asked what the plan is being billed? Mrs. Deacon said that if the lab is an in-network plan, there is insight into the rate. However, if the lab is out-of-network they are allowed by federal law to charge a publicly available rate. She stated that for in-network testing the molecular test is around \$100 and the antibody test is around \$23.

Committee member Lyons asked how long the testing under the Cares Act is. Mrs. Deacon stated it is open ended and tied to the declaration of emergency.

Committee Member Lyons made a motion that COVID-19 related treatment for COVID related issues continue to co-pay waver though calendar year 2020. Committee Member Rosenstein seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

### DCPMH SANITAS PRESENTATION

Binsy Francis, of Horizon introduced Dr. Andrew Granus from Sanitas, who provided a background of Sanitas. Dr. Granus stated that there are three locations in New Jersey: Union City, Belleville and Elizabeth. He stated that there are approximately 40,000 members close to the three locations, and out of the 40,000 members 71% of these members have not had wellness visits in the past 12 months.

Dr. Granus stated that two of the locations are in hospitals. He stated that Sanitas is not an Emergency Room, but is capable of performing services found in an ER, for example IV fluids for a child. He stated that the benefit of being located in a hospital is that a patient can easily be transferred into the hospital if necessary.

Co-Chair Nowlan asked the relationship with Horizon in regards to the SHBP PDC resolution which was passed. Mrs. Francis stated that Horizon wanted to introduce Sanitas as a potential expansion to the DCPMH plan. Co-Chair Maloney asked if Horizon and Sanitas are asking to be added to the existing DCPMH population. Mrs. Deacon stated that the Resolution passed in 2016 was not specific to vendors, rather was specific to the program. The Resolution stated that Horizon conducted the RFP which resulted in the existing Pilot Providers, Paladina and R-Health. This presentation is an opportunity to see what other Providers are in the DCPMH filed, and can be revisited at some time in the future.

### Adjournment

Having no further actions to discuss, Committee Member Rosenstein made a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Little seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The meeting concluded at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Ludwig  
Acting Secretary SHBP PDC