

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
September 27, 2023

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 2023 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 20, 2022, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2022. Updates regarding the telephonic meeting were sent to the Secretary of State on December 1, 2022.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm. The meeting took place at the Division of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton.

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.

Board Members:

Michael Zaynor, Chair

Kelly Fields, Secretary

Andrea Spalla

Kim Walker

John Megariotis

Justin Zimmerman

Tariq Shabazz

Kevin Lyons

Patrick Nowlan

Jim MCCasey

Steve Tully

David Kruger

Kimberly Holmes

Also Present:

Kimberly Ward, Account Director, Aetna

Ian Carucci, Aetna Albany Service Center

Mary Carr, Aetna

Board member Megariotis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 28, 2023. Board member Spalla seconded, all voted in favor.

Aetna Presentation:

Kim Ward and Ian Carucci presented the Aetna Dental 2024 CDT Codes. Mr. Carucci stated there are two new procedures; one to help the provider in a situation where they couldn't restore a tooth after getting deeper into it and another for 3D surface scans. These shouldn't affect the dental plans. There were no deletions this year.

Kimberly Holmes joined the meeting via telephone at this time.

Mr. Shabazz made a motion to accept the new dental codes. All voted in favor.

Resolution 2023-13:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. SHBP PDC Resolution 2019-02 is hereby modified to clarify and expand the employee titles which are eligible to participate in the First Responders Primary Medical Home (FRPMH) Pilot Program.
2. Members eligible for the Pilot Program as “First Responders” are those for the purposes of this Resolution are defined as the SHBP members, as well as their eligible dependents, who a) respond to emergencies or b) regularly are required by their job descriptions to engage with clients or patients who are experiencing trauma. For illustration purposes, the following are examples of members eligible for the Pilot Program in addition to those members set forth in Resolution 2019-2: employees of police and fire departments, emergency medical service personnel, dispatchers, park rangers, state and local correctional facility personnel, medical examiners, Office of the Attorney General investigators and county prosecutor’s office investigators, certain prison personnel, certain Department of Children and Families personnel such as child protection & permanency investigators and Institution Abuse Investigation Unit personnel and investigators and support staff who fit the definition above.), Department of Environmental Protection personnel (such as State Forest Firefighters and Emergency Response Specialists and support staff who fit the definition above) both paid and volunteer; Office of the Law Guardian Investigators and support personnel who fit the definition above; Department of Human Services personnel who fit the definition above (such as the Office of Program Integrity and Accountability personnel), and local developmental center facility personnel and local psychiatric facility personnel who fit the definition above.
3. The SHBP Plan Design Committee requests the Division of Pensions and Benefits work with the vendor(s) operating the Pilot Program, as well as any other vendor involved in the Pilot Program’s operation or implementation, to develop processes and requirements for the determination of any SHBP member’s eligibility for the Pilot Program.
4. The SHBP Plan Design Committee requests the Division of Pensions and Benefits obtain all documents and information it deems necessary and advisable for purposes of ensuring the Pilot Program’s consistency and compliance with this and all other applicable Resolutions, laws, regulations, and SHBP requirements.
5. The SHBP Plan Design Committee requests the Division of Pensions and Benefits develop processes for obtaining on a regular and frequent basis from the Pilot Program vendor all information, including but not limited to participating members’ claims data, that the Division deems necessary and advisable for purposes of measuring and assessing Pilot Program qualitative results, savings or costs to the SHBP, clinical performance, health outcomes, and other aspects of the Pilot Program’s operations that the Division may deem relevant to and consistent with the SHBP Plan Design Committee’s objectives.

6. In addition to the members deemed eligible for the Pilot Program pursuant to Resolution 2019-2, members in the following titles are eligible-for the Pilot Program.

Department of Children and Families

Child Protection & Permanency Investigators
Family Service Specialist Trainee
Family Service Specialist 1
Family Service Specialist 2
Supervising Family Service Specialist 1
Supervising Family Service Specialist 2
Supervisor of Investigations Child Protection
Asst Fmly Svc Wkr 1
Asst Fmly Svc Wkr 2
Asst Fmly Svc Wkr 3

Department of Human Services

Institution Abuse Investigation Unit
Investigator 1 Child Protection
Investigator 2 Child Protection
Investigator 3 Child Protection

Office of Program Integrity and Accountability, specifically the Incident Verification Unit and the Office of Investigation

Quality Assurance Coordinator (55955 & 55971)

Quality Assurance Specialist Health Services (55954 & 55954C)

Department of Environmental Protection

Section Forest Fire warden
Regional Forester
Assistant Regional Forester
Other DEP Divisions
Forest Fire Observer

Forest Fire Control Technician

Section Forest Firewarden

Forest Fire Pilot

Assistant Division Forest Firewarden

Supervising Forest Firewarden

Communications Operator Trainee (EP)

Communications Operator 1 (EP)

Communications Operator 2 (EP)

Communications Operator 3 (EP)

Communications Officer

Office of the Law Guardian Investigators

Investigator Apprentice (33350 & 33350C)

Investigator 1 (33453 & 33453C)

Investigator 2 (33454 & 33454C)

Investigator 3 (33455)

Institutional Titles

Psychiatrist

Psychologist

Charge Nurses

Supervisor of Nurses

Assistant Director of Nursing Services 1 (03855F & 03855G)

Advanced Practice Nurse

Social Worker 1

Social Worker 2

Assistant Social Worker Supervisor

Social Worker Supervisor

Nursing Services Clerk

Admitting Officer

Behavior Support Technician

Substance Abuse Counselor 2, 1

Cottage Training Supervisor

Residential Living Specialist

Emergency Medical Services Technician

Human Services Assistant

Human Services Technician

Institutional Trade Instructor 1

Institutional Trade Instructor 2

Medical Security Officer Recruit

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Physical Therapy Assistant

Practical Nurse

Principal Social Services Aide

Recreation Aide

Recreation Assistant

Senior Medical Security Officer

Senior Social Service Aide

Senior Therapy Program Assist

Senior Youth Worker

Social Service Aide

Sr Cott Trng Techn

Sr Hmn Svcs Techn

Sr Practl Nrs

Substance Abuse Assistant

Therapy Aide

Therapy Program Assistant

Training Assistant

X Ray Technician

Youth Worker

Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee
Public Safety Telecommunicator
Senior Public Safety Telecommunicator
Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator
Chief Public Safety Telecommunicator
County Emergency Management Coordinator

Justin Zimmerman discussed the first responder's resolution 2023-13. Mr. Shabazz made a motion to approve this resolution. Mr. Nowlan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Reference Based Pricing Update:

Michael Zanyor stated we would like to table the vote on RBP pilot program that was discussed in resolution 2023-9 until the October 2023 PDC.

Patrick Nowlan made a motion to table the vote on RBP pilot program until the October 2023 PDC. Andrea Spalla seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Super Conciliation Update:

John Megariotis touched base on the specialty medical concept, stating that the division will be focusing on the RBP concept that has just been tabled before diving into the specialty medical concept.

Board member Patrick Nowlan made a motion to adjourn. Andrea Spalla seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee