

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
November 15, 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 Plan Design Committee of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 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.

Commissioners:

Andrea Spalla, Co-Chair
Michael Zaynor, Co-Chair
John Megariotis
Tariq Shabazz
Kimberly Holmes
Patrick Nowlan
Justin Zimmerman
Kevin Lyons
Steve Tully
Jim McAsey
David Krueger

Also Present:

Kelly Fields, Secretary, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits
Nicole Ludwig, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits
Joyce Malerba, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits
Debra Pelto, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits
Alison Keating, Deputy Attorney General
Melanie Butler, Truveris
Joseph Thomas, Truveris
Jake Powers, Truveris

Absent:

Kim Walker

Jim McAsey made a motion to approve the July 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Tariq Shabazz seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

John Megariotis made a motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates. Jim McAsey seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Truveris Presentation:

Truveris presented about trends and insights specifically related to therapeutic class, high-cost drugs, weight-loss trends and insights for the State of New Jersey. Nicole Ludwig stated that all the drugs mentioned by Truveris are based solely off the PBM spend, not the medical pharmacy spend through the TPA. Kevin Lyons questioned if someone's BMI goes down do they no longer qualify for drugs. Nicole Ludwig stated she will follow up with Optum to get the PA reaffirmation amounts. Patrick Nowlan asked if Optum could get a subset of utilizers on antidiabetic drugs for six months and compare their medical records to see if there has been a downtick in trend for medical based off the utilization of GLP-1s. Andrea Spalla stated the division would take that back to Optum.

Point Solutions Update:

Debra Peltó stated Health benefits policy planning is working to update and complete assessments of the current point solutions- Amino, Hinge Health, Livongo by Teladoc Health, and Wonder Health. Michael Zanyor asked how many point solutions are part of the plan in total. Joyce Malerba stated she would get back to him with that answer.

Reference Based Pricing Centers of Excellent Update:

Andrea Spalla stated that there are no specifics to report at this time. Kelly Fields is working to get a subgroup meeting scheduled on this topic.

Super conciliation Update:

Michael Zanyor stated the two big topics outstanding are reference-based pricing for Centers of Excellence and the specialty med program. The focus is on the RBP COE concept. The specialty immediate concept is on hold.

Kevin Lyons made a motion to adjourn. John Megariotis seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design Committee