

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
June 20, 2018

Members participating: Natalie Bernardi (Cigna); Gary Cupo; Philip Gennace (DOBI); Margaret Koller; Ulysses Lee (Oxford); Jennifer Macauley (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Christine Machnowsky, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Managing Financial Officer; Jeff Posta, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. She announced that notice of the meeting was provided to three newspapers of general circulation and the State House Press Corps, and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, and at the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Following a roll call, she determined there was a quorum present, and stated that all votes would be by roll call because some of the Board members were participating by phone.

II. Public Comments

There was no public present.

III. Minutes of May 16, 2018

T. Pownall made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting without amendments. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Staff Report – *Expense report; rule adoption amending the policy forms*

R. Lenox reported that expenses totaled \$6,684.94 for June, for legal services by the Division of Law, for publication of legal notices in newspapers, and for audit costs related to the administrative audit of FY2017 activities by WithumSmith+Brown. She noted that the Board would need to transfer \$6,700 from its Wells Fargo Money Market to its checking account if the Board agreed to pay the June expenses.

G. Cupo made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to transfer \$6,700 from the Board’s Money Market account to its checking account for the purpose of paying the expenses on the June 2018 expense report. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

Adoption of proposed amendments to policy forms (newborn coverage, donated human breast milk, contraceptive coverage, 3D mammography, and optional text for a tiered high deductible health plan)

E. DeRosa reported that no public attended the hearing on the rule proposal on May 16, 2018, and further, no written comment to the proposal was received either; consequently, the Board may adopt the proposal without change, as set forth in the draft Notice of Adoption distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

G. Cupo made a motion, seconded by T. Taliaferro, to approve the adoption of amendments to the policy forms without change from the amendments as proposed. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

The Board then discussed the process for implementation of the adopted amendments. It was agreed that E. DeRosa would draft a Compliance & Variability (C&V) Rider to incorporate the adopted changes, and that carriers would be permitted to use the C&V Rider for new and renewed plans starting no later than 90 days from the first of the month immediately following filing of the adoption with the Office of Administrative Law. Board members further agreed that carriers should be administering the policies consistent with the effective dates of each of the separate statutes upon which amendments are based, regardless of when the carrier actually issues updated policy and certificate forms.

V. Public Comment

There was no public present.

VI. Close of Meeting

P. Gennace made a motion, seconded by M. Koller, to close the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.]