

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)
November 18, 2020

Members participating: Herb Ames; Robert Benkert (United); Natalie Bernardi (Cigna); Gary Cupo; Philip Gennace (DOBI); Laura Gunn; Margaret Koller; Taylor Kopelan (Horizon); Rich Loconte (Oscar); Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Managing Financial Officer; Jeffrey 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.

E. DeRosa noted that, pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 2, as a result of the state of emergency and public health emergency declared by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order 103, as subsequently extended,¹ due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SEH Board’s regularly scheduled meeting is being held entirely telephonically rather than at the Board’s offices in Trenton. She stated that, in accordance with P.L. 2020 c. 11, electronic notice of the change in the meeting and the means by which the public could attend the meeting telephonically was posted on the Board’s website, and issued electronically to all known interested parties.

Members of the public were asked to identify themselves, and are listed at the end of these minutes.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Review of Minutes of October 21, 2020

N. Bernardi made a motion, seconded by L. Gunn, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2020, without amendment. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

IV. Update on Rule Proposal and Bulletin (*Pregnancy Triggering Event/Special Enrollment Period; Electronic Billing*)

Pregnancy Triggering Event (DOBI Bulletin 20-35)

E. DeRosa noted that several Board members had inquired prior to the meeting about the status of the Board’s proposed rulemaking action, which includes proposed amendments approved by the

¹ Executive Order 103 (Murphy) has been continuously extended multiple times since originally issued, the most recent extension occurring on October 24, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order 191 (Murphy).

Board at its October meeting (as well as earlier approved actions). She explained that necessary revisions had been made and the revised documents had been provided to individuals at the Department who submit them for Governor's Office review.

Electronic Billing

E. DeRosa explained that the requested amendments to the SEH Employer Application form had also been drafted, allowing for electronic billing, as had a bulletin providing the information about the changes. She noted that these had been submitted for review.

V. Ethics Training

E. DeRosa reminded Board members that an Ethics training session was scheduled for 11:00 A.M., and that based on the most recent information she had, about 10 members of the combined IHC and SEH Boards were expected to attend. She noted that anyone unable to attend today's meeting must participate in the meeting scheduled on December 8, after the IHC Board meeting.

VI. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

VII. Close of Meeting

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

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

Public known to be in attendance:

- Suzanne Fitzgerald, Savoy Associates
- Allison Johnson, Martin Insurance