

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 24, 1994

Directors present: Maureen Lopes, Chair (NJBIA); Bill Caldwell (DOH); Linda Ilkowitz (Guardian); Amy Mansue (HIP/Rutgers); Channel McDevitt (DOI).

Directors present via conference call: Jim Donellan (Prudential); Charlotte Furman (Home Life); Charles Oliver (BCBSNJ); Edward Tobin (NY Life); David Turner (Aetna).

Others present: Kevin O'Leary, Executive Director; Susan Church, IHC Program Assistant Director; DAG Valerie Bollheimer, Jim Brown (*Aetna), Legal Committee Chair, via conference call.

I. Call to Order

The Executive Director called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and announced that notice of the meeting had been published in three newspapers and posted at the Department of Insurance and the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. A quorum was present.

II. Report of the Legal Committee

The Executive Director reported that the Legal Committee had received and reviewed comments on the rule proposal amending N.J.A.C. 11:21-1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 7.1-3, 7.5-9, 7.12, 7.13 and Exhibits N, O, Q, R, S and T. He suggested that the Board review each draft comment prior to voting on the rule adoption.

*A. Mansue made a motion to adopt the above-cited rule proposal, C. McDevitt seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the rule.

J. Brown discussed the need for clarification from the Board on changes to the non-member certification rule. The Executive Director requested that the Board send comments to J. Brown, and the Board agreed to delay discussion of changes to the rule until its September 20, 1994 meeting.

The Executive Director reported that the Board had received informational rider filings pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:21-3.2(d). First, he reported on a filing from HIP Rutgers and recommended that the Rider for Preventative Care Coverage and the Rider for Hospital Coverage be found to be complete and in substantial compliance, and the Rider for Lab and X-Ray Coverage and for Mail Order and Card be found to be incomplete and not in substantial compliance for failure to include the required certification.

* M. Lopes made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director regarding the HIP/Rutgers informational rider filing, C. Furman seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve this motion with A. Mansue abstaining from the vote.

The Executive Director recommended that the informational rider filing submitted by Mutual of Omaha be deemed incomplete and not in substantial compliance for failure to include in the filing a certification and other materials.

* M. Lopes made a motion to find the Mutual of Omaha informational rider filing incomplete and not in substantial compliance, and A. Mansue seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

The Executive Director recommended that the informational rider filing submitted by The Mutual Group be found to be incomplete and not in substantial compliance for failure to include the required information.

* M. Lopes made a motion to find the The Mutual Group informational rider filing incomplete and not in substantial compliance, and J. Donellan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

III. Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director submitted an expense report to the Board which included an invoice from the NJBIA for \$8,393.75 for one and a half years of accumulated expenses. He noted that support for the expenses was submitted.

* A. Mansue made a motion to approve payment of the items in the expense report, and J. Donellan seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion with M. Lopes abstaining.

IV. Report of the Chair

*J. Donellan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 1994 meeting as amended, and C. Furman seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the minutes with M. Lopes abstaining.

M. Lopes reported that P. Wolcott wrote a question and answer column for six area professional associations to include in their trade journals for insurance agents.

M. Lopes also stated that a letter explaining recent amendments to the new small employer health insurance law and a survey would be mailed next week to 750 area professional associations.

M. Lopes reported that a bill was introduced by Assemblyman Cohen mandating coverage for bone marrow transplants. DAG Bollheimer stated that she would review the bill.

*M. Lopes made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of receiving, discussing, and seeking legal advice from counsel regarding a rule proposal to amend N.J.A.C. 11:21-7.4, and A. Mansue seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

V. Close of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.