

Attachment D

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
REGARDING EMERGENCY ROOM COVERAGE**

WHEREAS, the SHBP PDC seeks to make the cost of emergency room co-pays consistent and reasonable across all plans;

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED that effective for Plan Year 2016 the SHBP PDC shall increase emergency room co-pays for all plans by \$25 where the co-pay is currently less than \$100.

The increase does not apply to physician referrals or pediatric (under age 19) visits to the emergency room; and if the member is admitted within 24 hours, the copayment is waived.

After the co-pays have increased for 5 months, emergency room utilization per thousand under the new co-pays will be compared with ER utilization for the same period in the prior plan year. If non-admitted ER utilization has not dropped by at least 35%, the co-pays for all plans under \$100 will increase by \$25 again in the next plan year.