

State Health Benefits Program
Plan Design Committee
Open Session Minutes
February 28, 2024

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 2024 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 29, 2023. Updates regarding the telephonic meeting were sent to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023.

The meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. The meeting took place at the Department 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.

Committee Members:

Andrea Spalla, Chair
John Megariotis
Justin Zimmerman
Kim Walker
Kimberly Holmes
Tariq Shabazz
Michael Zaynor
Kevin Lyons
Steve Tully
Jim MCCasey
David Krueger
Kelly Fields, Secretary

Also Present:

Joyce Malerba
Kate Miller
William Buckwich

Absent:

Patrick Nowlan

Kim Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 24, 2023. Jim MCCasey second the motion; all voted in favor.

John Megariotis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 23, 2023. Andrea Spalla seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Michael Zanyor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 27, 2023. Kim Walker seconded the motion. Kevin Lyons abstained. All voted in favor.

Kim Walker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 21, 2023. Andrea Spalla seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Optum Formulary Update:

Kate Miller provided a brief overview of the January 2024 formulary updates. These updates have already gone into place and were effective January 1st. John Megariotis questioned what the cost trend is on insulin. Kate Miller stated cost for insulin is trending down. Jim MCCasey questioned how much savings the formulary changes will generate. Kate Miller stated that Optum will prepare that information for the Committee.

Dental Subgroup Update:

Andrea Spalla stated that the subgroup met and are waiting for more information.

Special Open Enrollment Update:

Joyce Malerba presented the Special Open Enrollment Update. Ms. Malerba stated that the calendars which include webinars, will be updated as new webinars are added. The communication is being finalized. If a member takes no action during Special Open Enrollment, then their healthcare stays as is.

Reference Based Pricing/Centers of Excellent Pilot Program Update:

Michael Zanyor presented this update. Mr. Zanyor stated that we are waiting for data points to help assess the cost and benefit of initiating centers of excellence.

Super Conciliation Update:

Andrea Spalla stated that there are no further updates from the prior months.

Division Update:

Joyce Malerba presented this update. Ms. Malerba stated that there is an RFP being worked on for the first responder's medical home provider contract. The resolution for the first responder medical home expires in 2026.

John Megariotis made a motion to adjourn. David Kreuger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Fields".

Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
State Health Benefits Plan Design
Committee