

**SHBP PDC RESOLUTION #2019-9**

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM PLAN DESIGN COMMITTEE TO REDUCE THE RETIREE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYMENT FOR MAIL ORDER PREFERRED BRAND COPAYS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.29 et seq. the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) provides health coverage to qualified employees and retirees of the State and participating local employers; and

WHEREAS, the SHBP was enacted in 1961 for the purpose of providing affordable health care coverage for public employees on a cost effective basis; and

WHEREAS, the SHBP Plan Design Committee finds that incenting retirees to use cost effective preferred medications through mail service by reducing the copayment for retiree prescription drug copayments for mail order preferred brand copayments in the PPO 10 and 15 plans is in the best interest of the State, local employers, and retirees;

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2017, the SHBP Plan Design Committee, adopted Resolution 2017-03 (attached), which reduced the retiree copayments in the Retiree Prescription Drug Plan associated with the PPO 10 and 15 medical plans from \$33 per 90-day prescription to \$28 per 90-day prescription for Plan Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the SHBP Plan Design Committee continues to find that incenting retirees to use cost effective preferred medications through mail service by reducing the copayment for retiree prescription drug copayments for mail order preferred brand copayments in the PPO 10 and 15 plans is in the best interest of the State, local employers, and retirees;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The retiree copayments in the Retiree Prescription Drug Plan associated with the PPO 10 and 15 medical plans shall continue to be set at \$28 per 90-day prescription for Plan Year 2019
2. This provision shall only be continued beyond Plan Year 2019 upon an affirmative vote of the SHBP Plan Design Committee.

DATED: June 26, 2019