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Attendance:

Deborah Breslin, Dept. of Insurance
Don Bryan, Dept. of Insurance
Marc Buro, Dept. of Insurance
Patrick Carmody, Mutual of Omaha
Serena Collado, CIGNA HealthCare
Arthur Herrmann, Prudential
Bob King, Dept. of Insurance
Pat Lightsey, Dept. of Insurance
Mike Malloy, Dept. of Insurance
Chanell McDevitt, Dept. of Insurance
Hank Meisner, BC/BS-NJ
Leon Moskowitz, Dept. of Insurance
Kara Navarro, Bankers Life & Casualty
Victor Shulman, Bergen Co. Div. on Aging-C.H.I.M.E.
Cosette R. Simon, Health Ins. Assoc. of America (HIAA)
Tom Smith, Dept. of Insurance
Peter Thexton, Dept. of Insurance
Martina Varnado (for Pamela Miller), BC/BS-NJ
Bob Vehec, Dept. of Insurance

Leon Moskowitz chaired the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Meeting Summary for ~~2/27/96~~ ^{2/8/96}. No changes or corrections were made.

According to Don Bryan, the Under 50 Plan proposed regulations are tentatively scheduled to go to OAL on 3/22/96 with projected publication in the New Jersey Register on 4/16/96. Regulations will be effective upon publication, at which time the Under 50 Plan Steering Committee may be officially appointed to the Governing Board.

Bob Kelly of BC/BS-NJ and Greg Mills of Prudential were designated as representatives to the Actuarial Subcommittee. Serena Collado will provide Bob Vehec with the name of an actuary to represent HMOs on the Actuarial Subcommittee.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the DRAFT Plan of Operation. Anyone wishing to make further comments, changes, etc. should submit them to Pat Carmody by March 1 for review at the next meeting.

In addition to minor editing (e.g. addition or deletion of single words or phrases) below are some highlights of suggested changes/considerations for the Plan of Operation:

*Should Plan of Operation state that coverage by the Under 50 Plan will terminate at age 65?

*Article I and throughout, the program will be referred to as the "Under 50 Plan".

*Article V - Lengthy discussion of the Plan's authority to perform functions A-I. The Department of Insurance needs to make a determination of the Plan's status as a State agency. It is not the Commissioner's intent for the Plan to be a State Agency.

*Article VII - A.2. Language will be amended for terms of Board members; D. Will be amended to read, "The Board, by a majority vote, shall determine how to conduct its meetings."; E.6. Leon suggests an initial set-up budget be determined now. The Plan of Operation can state that the set-up costs for the carrier can be assessed; K. The Board will designate a Secretary and will spell out the Secretary's duties.

*Article VIII - A. Bob Vehec will coordinate Actuarial Committee; B. Operations Committee should have at least 3 members: Chair, Vice-Chair and a public member. The Carrier should be represented on the Operations Committee. Added to missions of Operations Committee should be 5. Questions and complaints and 6. Recommendations to the Commissioner; D. Should this be a separate committee?

*Article XI - F. Replace with "The Board may adopt a DeMinimis rule."

*Article XIII - need to separate Contracting Carrier and Board's accounting procedures.

The next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 18, 1996, at 1:00, and Wednesday, April 24, 1996 at 10:00, at the New Jersey Department of Insurance.