

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NEW JERSEY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD  
HELD TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 (MURPHY)  
June 20, 2023**

**Directors participating:** Sandi Kelly (Horizon); Robert Morrow (Oxford); Colleen Picklo; Lindsey Wolfe (Aetna); Adam Young (AmeriHealth), Phil Gennace (DOBI).

**Others participating:** Eleanor Heck, Deputy Attorney General.

**I. Call to Order**

S. Kelly called the meeting of the IHC Board to order at 10:18 A.M. due to a technical difficulty with the host phone line. She announced that notice of the meeting had been posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, at the Office of the Secretary of State, submitted to the State House Press Corps, and published in two newspapers of general circulation in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

S. Kelly stated that the means by which the public could attend the meeting telephonically was posted on the Board’s website and issued electronically to all known interested parties.

S. Kelly determined a quorum was present. She stated that voting would be by roll call.

Members of the public were asked to identify themselves; public attendees, if any, are identified at the end of these minutes.

**II. Reinsurance Parameters for 2024**

P. Gennace presented the recommended parameters for 2024 noting that the only change was an increase in the reinsurance cap from \$245,000 in 2023 to \$270,000. The parameters are as follows:

Attachment point	\$35,000
Coinsurance Percent	50%
Reinsurance Cap	\$270,000

P. Gennace noted that the recommendation balances the objectives:

- Desired rate impact with a 15% reduction
- Predictability to the state
- Least amount of volatility in payments to carriers
- Consistent rate impact across all carriers
- Consistency with prior years

P. Gennace indicated that the Department is working through the extension process and working with CMS on the waiver. He noted that they will be posting the waiver application on the DOBI website and it contains actuarial data regarding funding, the 5 year projections and the state’s costs. DOBI has a dedicated page on the 1332 waiver and the data will be posted there.

P. Gennace commented that pass thru funding covers 70% of the costs of the program and the state picks up the balance. There are no concerns about shortfalls in funding.

**L. Wolfe made a motion, seconded by R. Morrow, to recommend approval of the 2024 payment parameters presented in the Oliver Wyman report. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

S. Kelly, as the Board chair, will send this recommendation to the Commissioner.

P. Gennace also noted that there is a public hearing scheduled for June 21, 2023 and there will be another one in June. The waiver application is expected to be approved before rates are finalized. P. Gennace said that the Department actuaries will be reaching out to carriers about potential adjustments to rate filings.

## **II. Other Board Discussion**

A. Young asked for an update on the recently issued CMS guidance on Medicare and IHC claim payments. P. Gennace provided an update and noted that the Department intends to enforce the CMS guidance but is working with CMS to understand the impacts of the change. Board members discussed concerns around implementation of such a change. P. Gennace indicated that carriers could send him questions and comments for consideration and await further guidance addressing implementation of the change.

## **III. Close of Meeting**

**P. Gennace made a motion, seconded by C. Picklo, to adjourn the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion unanimously carried.**

*[The meeting ended at 10:38 A.M.]*

## **Identified Public Attendees:**

- Robert Axelrod, Oscar Garden State Health Ins. Corp.<sup>1</sup>
- Brendan Peppard, WellCare of New Jersey
- Sheri Ferguson, WellCare of New Jersey

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<sup>1</sup> Oscar is a member of the Small Employer Health Benefits Program Board of Directors, as are several of the Directors on the IHC Board; however, there was not a quorum of the SEH Board present, and all discussions and actions at the meeting concerned the specific public business of the IHC Board.