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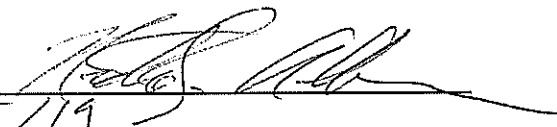


Group Benefits Estimating Conference Minutes
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
10:00 AM
1201 North Third Street,
Thomas Jefferson Room C (1-136 C)
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- a. Roll Call
- PRESENT:**
Nick Albares
Manfredo Dix
Bill Guerra
Travis McIlwain
Chas Nichols
- ABSENT:**
David Dillon
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2019 Meeting
- a. Motion to approve minutes made by Chas Nichols. Motion seconded by Travis McIlwain. Minute approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Financial Projections
- a. Mr. Teague and Mr. Tomczyk updated the conference members on the current financial projections.
- V. 2020 Health Insurance Rates
- a. Mr. Teague updated the conference members on the 5% rate increase for Plan year 2020.
 - i. Travis McIlwain: How did OGB calculate the rates?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: OGB's actuary took the current rates and bumped them by 5%.
 - ii. Travis McIlwain: How much is the rate increase in revenue?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: Around \$65M
 - iii. Travis McIlwain: Will you have an annualization for FY20 and FY21?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: yes.
- VI. Discussion of Life Insurance Contract
- a. Mr. Teague updated the conference members on the life insurance contract award to Prudential, the current carrier, with an effective date of 1/1/2020.
 - i. Chas Nichols: Do you have enrollment figures, for example what demographic does it impact?
 - ii. Travis McIlwain: This is information JLCB members will asking of OGB at the next meeting.
 - 1. Bill Guerra: We have that information, just not handy. OGB will be prepared to present that information at the next JLCB meeting.
 - 2. Tommy Teague: It's still a very attractive rate for members.

- VII. Discussion of BCBS Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated the conference members on the amendment to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana contract. OGB will be exercising the option to extend for the final year.
 - i. Travis McIlwain: The PMPM is not changing, right? It's currently \$27.24.
 - 1. Bill Guerra/Tameika Henry: Correct. There is no change to the PMPM.
- VIII. Discussion of MedImpact Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the MedImpact amendment, exercising a one year extension. OGB will be submitting and RFP for 2021, forgoing the final extension year.
 - i. Travis McIlwain: Was \$40M built into Buck's numbers?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: No. The amendment wasn't signed.
 - ii. Bill Guerra: So that could mitigate some of the 5% increase in 2021, 2022 and 2023?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: Yes. OGB still has a few savings initiatives out there that we hope to come to fruition soon.
- IX. Discussion of Vantage Health Plan, Inc. MHHP Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated the conference on the Vantage Medical Home HMO contract amendment. Vantage is also initiating a 5% increase, but that does not have to go in front of JLCB.
- X. Discussion of Fully-Insured Medicare Advantage Contract Amendments
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the fully-insured Medicare Advantage contracts. There are no changes.
 - i. Peoples Health, Inc.
 - ii. Vantage Health Plan, Inc.
 - iii. HMO Louisiana, Inc.
 - iv. Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana
- XI. Discussion of Buck Global, LLC Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the Buck Global, LLC contract amendment.
- XII. Discussion of HMO Louisiana, Inc., Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated members on the HMO Louisiana, Inc. contract amendment.
- XIII. Discussion of Access Health, Inc. Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the Access Health, Inc. contract amendment. It is a change on deliverables.
 - i. Travis McIlwain: Explain the frequency of submission.
 - 1. Tommy Teague: The amendment updates when the weekly reports are due.
- XIV. Discussion of Discovery Benefits, Inc. Contract Amendment
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on a technical amendment to the Discovery Benefits, Inc. contract.
- XV. Discussion of Pennington Biomedical Research Center Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the cooperative endeavor agreement with Pennington Biomedical Research Center.
 - i. Chas Nichols: During the recent legislative session, several members tried to gauge OGB's interested in covering obesity treatments.
 - 1. Tommy Teague: Senator Boudreaux passed a senate resolution to have OGB conduct an obesity study that is due in February. Buck will assist in writing the report. OGB has reached out to PBRC, LDH and BCBS about what programs they have to assist Buck in writing this report. In our initial meeting with Senator Boudreaux, we made it clear that OGB does not have the money to pay for obesity treatments. Senator Boudreaux stressed that the report should set forth facts that he can bring in front of the legislature to see about getting funds set aside to pay for obesity treatments.

- ii. Nick Alvarez: How did OGB select participants in the Heads Up study?
 - 1. Tommy Teague: PBRC set certain criteria. Physicians went over the criteria and selected the members they felt were the best candidates for the bypass surgery.
 - 2. Bill Guerra: Participants were selected by lottery. OGB had more people that wanted to participate that what OGB could pay for.
- XVI. ITB for Medicare Market Exchange with HRA issued on 8/9/2019
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on the issuance of an ITB for an Independent Medicare Market Exchange with an HRA. Contract is currently held by Via Benefits.
- XVII. Preparations Underway to Develop RFP for Administrative Services Only for Self-Funded Health Plans (ASO) Contract to be Effective 1/1/2021
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on OGB's plans to put the ASO contract out to bid in 2020 for the 2021 Plan year.
- XVIII. Preparations Underway to Develop RFP for Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) Contract to be Effective 1/1/2021
 - a. Mr. Teague updated conference members on OGB's plans to put the Pharmacy Benefits Manager contract out to bid in 2020 for the 2021 Plan year.
- XIX. New Business
 - a. MR. Teague updated conference members on CMS' proposed plan to remove rebates for EGWP programs. (Discussed at last meeting.) CMS has abandoned that effort and will not go forward with that regulation.
 - b. Travis McIlwain made a motion to accept information presented as official information to present to the Policy and Planning Board. Chas Nichols seconded that motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- XX. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Travis McIlwain. Seconded by Mandfredo Dix. Motion approved unanimously.

Approved by Conference: 

Date Approved: 9/25/19