



STATE of LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE MINUTES

Friday, August 27, 2021

10:00 AM

**1201 North Third Street
Louisiana Purchase Room
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

- I. Call to Order –the meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM
 - a. Roll Call

Manfredo Dix	Present
Bill Guerra	Present
Connie Nelson	Absent
Chas Nichols	Present
Mei Su	Present
- II. Oaths of Office
 - a. The Estimating Conference Committee members present completed their Oaths of Office.
- III. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021 Meeting
 - a. A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Manfredo Dix and seconded by Mei Su. The Minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment
 - a. There were no public comments.
- V. Financial Projections
 - a. Colonel David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer of OGB, provided the financial projections for FY 2022 – FY 2025. The projections included all health plans with the following underlying assumptions considered:
 - i. Annual Expenditure Trends,
 - ii. Self-funded Medical and Rx Drug Administrative Fees,
 - iii. January 1, 2022 Rebate Levels Based on the Original RFP Award,
 - iv. New Access Health Agreement,
 - v. The Impact of COVID-19 on Self-funded Health Plan Expenditures,
 - vi. Federal Surprise Billing Mandate, and
 - vii. Act 388 Bariatric Surgery Benefits.

VI. 2022 Premium Rates

- a. Colonel Couvillon discussed the premium rates for Plan Year 2022.
 - i. Colonel Couvillon indicated that there will be a 5% premium rate increase for OGB's self-funded plans effective January 1, 2022.
 - ii. Colonel Couvillon also advised that there will be a 10% premium rate increase for the Fully Insured Vantage Medical Home HMO Plan (MHHP) to become effective January 1, 2022.

VII. Procurement Update

- a. Tameika Henry, Group Benefits Director, provided updates for the FSA-COBRA Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Emergency Solicitation for Offers (SFO). The FSA-COBRA RFP was awarded to Data Path Administrative Services. The PBM SFO is currently in the blackout period.

VIII. Contract Amendments

- a. Ms. Henry provided an update for the following contract amendments:
 - i. Vantage MHHP (Commercial Plan),
 - ii. Vantage MAPD (Medicare Advantage Plans),
 - iii. Humana Health Benefits Plan, and
 - iv. Peoples Health.
- b. Ms. Henry stated that OGB is exercising the one-time option to extend each of these contracts for a 24-month period. Additionally, the amendments provide premium rates updates for calendar year 2022, increase maximum payable amount of the contracts, and update provisions of the contracts.
- c. Ms. Su and Chas Nichols asked that OGB coordinate with Pam Rice, Assistant Director – Professional Contracts, at the Office of State Procurement, regarding the guidelines for contracts and contract amendments.

IX. Annual Enrollment Plans

- a. Colonel Couvillon provided an overview of the upcoming OGB Annual Enrollment period. Plan information for 2022 will be available to OGB members via the Annual Enrollment Guide, the annual enrollment website, and OGB's YouTube Channel as well as virtual and in-person meetings
- b. Wendy Landry, Public Information Director for OGB, added that the timeline for Annual Enrollment is October 1, 2021 – November 15, 2021. She reiterated that virtual and in-person meetings will be provided during this year's Annual Enrollment period.

X. New Business

- a. Colonel Couvillon requested a Motion for the Estimating Conference to forward the information discussed in the meeting to the Policy and Planning Board. Mr. Dix made the Motion to forward the information discussed in the meeting to the Policy and Planning Board. The Motion was seconded by Bill Guerra and approved unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

- a. A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Su and seconded by Mr. Dix. The Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Approved by Estimating Conference Committee: CS Nelson

Date Approved: 10/16/21