

Health Care Program Committee

March 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting start time: 3:07pm

Members present:

Heidi Chamberlain (KPESA)
Patty Sirois (KPESA)
Emily Mechtenberg (KPESA)
Vaugh Dosko (KPAA)
Laurie Olson (Supt. Selection)
Clayton Holland (Supt. Selection)
Matt Fischer (KPEA, HCPC Secretary)
Bruce Rife (KPEA)
Terri Zopf-Schoessler (KPEA)
Joel Burns (KPEA)
David Jones (Supt. Selection)

Quorum Present

Administration and Consultants present:

Joann Riener (Plan Administrator)
Stacy Gorder (Employee Benefits Manager)
Colleen Savoie (Parker-Smith-Fee Consultant)

There were no guests.

The agenda was approved with changes.

Meeting minutes from October 17, 2013 were approved.

Election of chairperson:

Matt Fischer, unanimous

Election of secretary:

Terri Zopf-Schoessler - 5
Laurie Olson – 4

Administration and Consultant Reports

Joann Riener, Plan Administrator – no report

Stacey Gorder, Health Benefits Manager – will report in new business items. She will email all members stop-loss information when she receives it from our provider.

Laurie Olson, Finance Director – asked the group if they had any questions on the spreadsheet. The request was made to better define the reserve account figures. She will incorporate that on the March spreadsheet.

Colleen Savoie, Parker-Smith-Feek Consultant – she reported that she attended a coalition meeting with Stacey Gorder and Dave Jones. Pre-certification for specialty pharmaceuticals was explained. More information will be provided on this topic at our next meeting. Medical inflation in Alaska is 7-9% which is a decline from 10-12%. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are now considered regulations under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). New ACA releases are coming out through FAQs. What is coming out now may change in the future. There may be new regulations on out-of-pocket expenses and how they are calculated.

Unfinished Business

Hay Group Report – tabled

Opt-out recommendation – tabled

PT/OT Limitations – Dave Jones made the motion “Limit PT/OT visits to 20 per year before subject to Medical Review”, Clayton Holland seconded. Dave Jones amended the motion “Limit PT/OT visits to 20 per year before subject to Medical Review effective July 1, 2014”, Laurie Olson seconded. Yes vote: Vaughn Dosko, Laurie Olson, Clayton Holland, Bruce Rife, Terri Zopf-Schoessler, Joel Burns, Dave Jones, Heidi Chamberlain. No vote: Patty Sirois, Matt Fischer

NOTE: During the meeting it was incorrectly stated that this amended motion passed. By-laws state that an 80% vote of the total voting committee members is required to pass a change to the plan. 80% of 11 members would be 9. This motion failed.

Plan Language Change – Stacey Gorder suggested language change in our plan to discontinue coverage when a patient goes against medical advice. Example: Leaving an inpatient treatment for chemical dependency, treatment prescribed for 30 days and patient leaves before the end date of treatment. Colleen Savoie stated that it is not a typical plan provision.

Scope and Purpose of Committee – Dave Jones stated that the committee can have discussions on saving the plan money and the committee should not start bringing in negotiations and making this committee political. Matt Fischer stated that the scope of this committee was decided during the last round of negotiations.

Options for Travel Incentive – Matt Fischer will send clarification language to Stacey Gorder for travel language in our plan. The language will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be on April 16, 2014 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Adjourn