



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



Group Benefits Estimating Conference Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
9:00 AM – Via Video Conference

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

David Dillon Present	Connie Nelson Present
Manfredo Dix Present	Chas Nichols Present
Bill Guerra Present	Mei Su Present

II. Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum

III. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2020 Meeting

1. Motion to approve minutes made by Chas Nichols. David Dillon seconded the motion. Minutes from July 20, 2020 meeting are approved.

IV. Public Comments

1. David Phelps, Larry Roedel – Counsel for MedImpact: Our firm represents MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc., the incumbent provider of Pharmacy Benefit Manager services to OGB. The purpose of this comment is to address Item Number V on the agenda for this meeting: Recommendation for Award of Emergency Pharmacy Benefits Manager Contract. We imagine you are aware that there have been two protests filed related to the award of the new PBM contract. In your consideration of the benefits associated with the emergency contract before you today, we would like to point out to you that MedImpact's contract provides for a one-year extension of its contract. MedImpact, which was only recently made aware of the existence of these emergency contract negotiations, has formally offered OGB to extend the current contract on the *exact same cost terms* before you in the emergency contract. As such, any benefits you determine could be gained from the emergency conference would also be gained by extending the MedImpact contract. OGB staff is in possession of MedImpact's offer but has not yet responded to MedImpact. Thank you for your consideration of these facts.
2. A.J. Herbert III – Counsel for CVS Caremark: On behalf of CVS Health/Caremark, I request the opportunity to make a statement at both the OGB (1) Estimating Conference meeting today and (2) Policy and Planning Board meeting today.

V. Recommendation for Award of Emergency Pharmacy Benefit Manager Contract

1. Renita Ward Williams gave a historical perspective of the need for the emergency PBM contract.

2. Tameika Henry reviewed the details of the emergency PBM contract.
- VI. Recommendation for Award of Medicare Broker Contract
 1. Tameika Henry reviewed the details of the contract award.
 - VII. Recommendation for Contract Amendments
 1. Tameika Henry reviewed the details of each of the contract amendments.
 - i. Peoples Health Medicare Advantage Amendment
 - ii. Vantage Health Plan, Inc., Medicare Advantage Amendment
 - iii. HMO Louisiana, Inc. Medicare Advantage Amendment
 - iv. Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana Medicare Advantage Amendment
 - v. Vantage Health Plan, Inc., MHHP Amendment
 - VIII. New Business
 1. Manfredo Dix made motion to recommend the information to the Policy and Planning Board. Chas Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. Mr. Tommy Teague requested a personal privilege to announce his retirement. All members of the conference thanked him for his many years of service to the State of Louisiana and the Office of Group Benefits.
 - IX. Adjournment
 1. Connie Nelson made motion to adjourn. Manfredo Dix seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approved by Conference: CONNIE NELSON

Date Approved: 10/13/20