



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION  
**OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS**



**OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 13, 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 Present
    - Chas Nichols Present
    - Mei Su Present
- II. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2021 Meeting
  - a. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Chas Nichols and seconded by Mei Su. The Minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comment
  - a. There were no public comments.
- IV. Financial Update
  - a. Colonel David Couvillon, Chief Executive Officer of OGB, provided the financial update for fiscal year 2021 which included: OGB Accrual Fund Balance by Month, Year-to-Date OGB Expenditures by Type, Self-Funded Health Plan Medical Loss Ratio by Month, State Sponsored Health Insurance Membership by Plan and Member Type, and financial projections for FY 2022 – FY 2025.
- V. Premium Rates for 2022
  - a. Colonel Couvillon discussed the premium rates for 2022 and will provide more definite information at the next meeting.
    - i. Several committee members asked if there is the anticipation of increased premiums for 2022.
      - 1. Col. Couvillon replied that there is.

VI. Procurement Update

- a. Tameika Henry, Director of OGB Contracts Department, provided solicitation updates for the FSA-COBRA Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Emergency Solicitation for Offers (SFO).
  - i. Ms. Henry stated that an RFP was issued for FSA and COBRA services for a contract period of 3 years with a 2-year option to extend. The evaluation process is ongoing and is currently in the blackout period.
  - ii. Ms. Henry added that an SFO for PBM services was issued for an Emergency Contract for 2022. It is also currently in the blackout period.

VII. Contract Amendments

- a. Cara Delee, Administrator of OGB Medical and Pharmacy Department, provided updates on amendments to the following contracts: Access Health Amendment #2, MedImpact Amendment #2, and Discovery Benefits (WEX) Amendment #3.
- b. The contract amendments have been approved by the Office of State Procurement.

VIII. OGB Bariatric Surgery Update

- a. Colonel Couvillon informed the Estimating Conference that OGB will be offering Bariatric Surgery to state employees and retirees who have been enrolled in an OGB self-insured health plan for at least one year in accordance with the recently enacted law. He outlined the eligibility requirements and the related financials for plan members.
- b. The surgeries are limited to 300 each year on a first come, first serve basis. The surgeries must be performed in a BCBSLA Network Provider facility that holds the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) accreditation by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

IX. 2021 Legislative Update

- a. Bill Guerra, Group Benefits Director, provided a list of Senate and House bills that were tracked by OGB during the 2021 Legislative Session.
- b. Mr. Guerra stated that only a few of the bills could potentially impact OGB. Particularly, Senate Bill 84, Act 43, requires health coverage plans to include coverage for genetic or molecular cancer testing. OGB was specifically included in the legislation's definition of a health coverage plan. Additionally, SB 150, Act 388, requires OGB to cover bariatric surgery for the treatment of severe obesity.

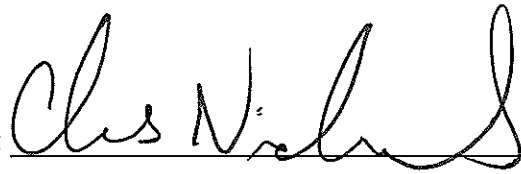
X. New Business

- a. Colonel Couvillon requested a Motion to provide the information discussed in the meeting to the Policy and Planning Board. Manfredo Dix made the motion that the Estimating Committee forward the information discussed in the meeting to the Policy and Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nichols and approved unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Dix. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Approved by Estimating Conference Committee:

  
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Date Approved: 8/27/2021