

Minutes

State Insurance Committee
December 6, 2019
9:00 am (central)

The State Insurance Committee met on December 6, 2019 at 9:00 am (central) in The Nashville Room, 3rd Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, Nashville, TN.

State Insurance Committee members attending:

Eugene Neubert, representing Stuart McWhorter, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Rachel Buckley, representing Justin Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury
Bill Huddleston, representing Carter Lawrence, Commissioner, Commerce and Insurance
Juan Williams, Commissioner, Human Resources
Randy Stamps, Tennessee State Employees Association
Vicki Burton, state employee representative (by teleconference)
Michelle Consiglio-Young, state employee representative (by teleconference)
Rob Chance, representing Higher Education (by teleconference)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am (central). A roll call attendance noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #1 – Weight Management Incentive Payments

Paige Turner, Population Health Director, Benefits Administration (BA), presented a staff recommendation to change the structure of the incentive payments for participation in Weight Management. The recommendation would pay \$50 for attendance at the first class, \$50 for completion of the 8th class and \$100 for completion of the 16th class. Currently, less than half of members attend through the 8th class and even fewer complete the 16th class. This change was recommended to promote sustained engagement in the program as members who make it to the 8th class and continue see better outcomes and report losing weight.

Mr. Stamps made a motion to approve the recommended changes to the wellness incentive payment for Weight Management. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Dubray	yes
Buckley	yes	Huddleston	yes
Williams	yes	Stamps	yes
Burton	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Chance	yes		

Agenda Item #2 – Virta Diabetes Reversal Pilot

Laurie Lee, Executive Director, BA, spoke about the prevalence of diabetes in Tennessee and specifically in members enrolled in the state health insurance coverage. Ms. Turner made a presentation on the Virta Diabetes Reversal Pilot where participants could not only manage their conditions but also eliminate the diagnosis and need for medication. Members viewed a video about the pilot program which, if approved, would last for 12 months at no cost to the State. Invitations to participate in the program will be sent to a random sample of 15,000 adult members. The first 50 to respond, who are eligible, and willing to commit to the program will be enrolled. The anticipated start date would be in the first quarter of 2020. BA committed to report to the Committee quarterly on the pilot progress and would look at options available to the Committee should they wish to pursue a similar procurement at the end of the pilot. In response to member inquiry, Ms. Turner noted that under any scenario, patient transition and communications with the patient’s primary care physician and/or endocrinologist would be paramount at the end of the pilot. In response to member inquiry, Ms. Turner noted that Virta recommended the random sample size based on the state’s enrollment and diabetes prevalence. Should the enrollment following the initial invitation to participate in the pilot not reach the 50 member limit, an additional invitation would be extended.

Mr. Stamps made a motion to approve participation in the Virta Diabetes Reversal pilot. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Dubray	yes
Buckley	yes	Huddleston	yes
Williams	yes	Stamps	yes
Burton	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Chance	yes		

Agenda Item #3 – Shared Savings Incentive Programs

Ms. Lee advised members that Public Chapter 407 requires the State Insurance Committee to publish a report regarding examples of shared savings incentive programs in other states no later than January 1, 2020. The legislation also requires the report to be provided to the house and senate government operations committees. As staff to the Committee, BA conducted research with eleven state public sector plan administrators as well as literature review of relevant published articles and case studies. BA is seeking approval to publish the report on behalf of the Committee. Ms. Lee noted that staff would present the report at a joint Committee meeting in 2020 and would prepare an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of such a program for the Committees.

Mr. Stamps made a motion to approve publication of the Shared Savings Incentive Report. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Dubray	yes
Buckley	yes	Huddleston	yes
Williams	yes	Stamps	yes
Burton	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Chance	yes		

Ms. Consiglio-Young advised that higher education members had contacted her about difficulty enrolling in the incentive program and requested that staff consider sending out additional reminders and/or links to assist with member engagement. Ms. Turner noted that BA will send a mailer mid-December with the link to earn incentives and will work with Active Health Management regarding reminder emails.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Sincerely,



Laurie S. Lee
Executive Director