

Prepaid Health Care Advisory Council Meeting

State of Hawaii  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 209  
Hearing room #3  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Also via Microsoft Teams

June 18, 2024  
1:16 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Council members present

Ms. Bonnie Pang, Chair  
Mr. Wayne Graves  
Mr. Mike Hogan  
Dr. John McDonnell  
Ms. Lauren Yee  
Mr. Derek Kanehira  
Ms. Winona White

DLIR/DC Staff present

JoAnn Vidinhar, DCD Administrator  
Jodie Murakami  
Stacey Hiranaka  
Misty Sumida  
Adam Rosenberg, Deputy Attorney General

The Council members in attendance identified themselves. With a quorum present, Ms. Pang called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Ms. Pang asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the circulated minutes of the May 28, 2024 meeting. There were no changes. A motion was made by Dr. McDonnell to approve the May 28, 2024 meeting minutes as circulated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and carried by unanimous vote.

Review of plans

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA)

Preferred Provider Plan-B

HMSA was represented by Austin Bunag.

HMSA informed the department of benefit and language changes made to the plan. Changes would be effective January 1, 2025. HMSA requested continued approval of the plan under Section 393-7(b).

Mr. Bunag explained the plan changes were the addition of cardiac rehabilitation benefits, the clarification of “subscriber” and “member,” the addition of required language under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, and the modification of the maximum for orthodontic care for orofacial anomalies from \$6900 to \$6930.

There were no questions. Chair Pang repeated the changes and called for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kanehira to recommend continued approval of the plan under Section 393-7(b). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried by unanimous vote.

#### CompMED-B

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A motion was made by Ms. Yee to recommend continued approval of the plan under Section 393-7(b). The motion was seconded by Dr. McDonnell and carried by unanimous vote.

#### Health Plan Hawaii-B

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Ms. Yee suggested the plan should match the prevalent HMO plan benefits by removing the exclusion of speech therapy due to developmental delay, removing the limits on physical therapy and occupational therapy, and removing the limit on postpartum visits. Mr. Graves commented that the recommendation made sense. Chair Pang summarized that the prevalent plan sets the benchmark and plans should be meeting that benchmark, then called for comments. There were no comments.

Chair Pang repeated the changes and called for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Kanehira to recommend continued approval of the plan under Section 393-7(b) provided:

1. Postpartum visit limit is removed;
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed; and
3. Physical and Occupational Therapy limits are removed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried by unanimous vote.

#### Executive Session

Chair Pang stated the executive session would be deferred to the next meeting on July 23, 2024.

Ms. Yee asked HMSA for information about the hospital benefits and the listing of regular and special diets and general nursing services. Mr. Bunag stated HMSA would respond in its written communication.

Dr. McDonnell asked if recommendations on the reviewed plans reviewed should be made contingent upon HMSA's response.

Chair Pang noted that for the plans reviewed in the meeting, the Council's recommendation for only the Health Plan Hawaii-B plan was contingent upon HMSA making additional changes and those changes were not related to the update from HMSA. She called for a motion to assure it was accurate.

#### Health Plans Hawaii-B

A motion was made by Dr. McDonnell to recommend continued approval of the plan under Section 393-7(b) provided:

1. Postpartum visit limit is removed;
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed; and
3. Physical and Occupational Therapy limits are removed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and carried by unanimous vote.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2024.