

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

August 14, 2024
2:01 p.m. to 2:21 p.m.

Council members present

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

Council member absent

Ms. Winona White

Staff present

JoAnn Vidinhar, DCD Administrator
Ami Aiona
Jodie Murakami
Stacey Hiranaka
Misty Sumida
Chelsea Maja, Deputy Attorney General
Dale Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

With a quorum present, Ms. Pang called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and introduced Ami Aiona, the PHC Chief.

Approval of minutes

Ms. Pang asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the circulated minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting. On page 1, Mr. Kanehira amended the capitalization of “Room #3” and “Hawaii Management Alliance Association” and inserted “to” in “A motion was made by Mr. Kanehira to approve the minutes as circulated.” Ms. Yee amended page 2, paragraph 4 to, “Ms. Yee asked about HMAA’s stated rationale that certain diabetic cost shares were changed to match the prevalent plan. However, Ms. Yee noted that the nonpar cost shares did not match the prevalent plan including those for non-preferred diabetes supplies, generic diabetic drugs, preferred diabetic drugs, preferred insulin drugs, and generic insulin drugs which had a 30% coinsurance instead of the prevalent plan’s 20% coinsurance. Mr. Kaiser confirmed that those

benefits did match the prevalent plan and had not changed; only the ones he mentioned were being changed. Ms. Yee was okay with the difference since this was a subsection b plan and the 30% was within the coinsurance range previously recommended for approval for nonpar services.” There were no additional amendments. A motion was made by Mr. Kanehira to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graves and carried by unanimous vote.

Review of plans

Hawaii Management Alliance Association (HMAA)

Option Plus One

HMAA was represented by Paul Kaiser. Also present were Kehau Wedemeyer, Tammy Vitolo, Denise Diaz, and Eleu Kane.

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

Mr. Kaiser described the changes that were made: the benefit maximum for orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies increased to \$6930 to match the prevalent plan; verbiage was added or revised throughout the document to comply with No Surprises Act (NSA) requirements; contraceptive benefits changed to match the prevalent plan for contraceptives oral preferred from 80% to 90% in-network, contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 90% to 70% in-network and from 80% to 70% out-of-network, contraceptives other methods preferred from 90% to 80% in-network, contraceptives other methods nonpreferred from 90% to 70% in-network and from 80% to 70% out-of-network, mail order contraceptives oral preferred from 90% to 80% in-network, mail order contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 90% to 70% in-network, mail order contraceptive other methods preferred from 90% to 80% in-network, mail order contraceptive other methods nonpreferred from 90% to 70% in-network; an exclusion of recreational therapy was added consistent with the prevalent plan; and the exclusion of speech therapy services due to developmental delay or developmental learning disabilities was removed.

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

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

1. Orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies limit is at least \$6,930; and
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed.

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

Option Plus Two

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

Mr. Kaiser described the changes that were made: the benefit maximum for orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies increased to \$6930; the air ambulance out-of-network benefit was increased from 70% to 80% to match the in-network benefit and meet NSA requirements; verbiage was added or revised throughout the document to comply with NSA requirements; contraceptive benefits changed for preferred oral contraceptives from 100% to 80% in-network, contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network, contraceptives other methods non-preferred from 80% to 70% in-network, mail order contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network, mail order contraceptive other methods nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network; an exclusion of recreational therapy was added consistent with the prevalent plan; and the exclusion of speech therapy services due to developmental delay or developmental learning disabilities was removed.

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(a) provided:

1. Orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies limit is at least \$6,930; and
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed.

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

Comprehensive Plus

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Mr. Kaiser described the changes that were made: the benefit maximum for orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies increased to \$6930; verbiage was added or revised throughout the document to comply with No Surprises Act (NSA) requirements; contraceptive benefits changed for contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in- and out-of-network, contraceptives other methods nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in- and out-of-network, mail order contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network, mail order contraceptives other methods nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network; an exclusion of recreational therapy was added; and the exclusion of speech therapy services due to developmental delay or developmental learning disabilities was removed.

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

1. Orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies limit is at least \$6,930; and
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed.

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

90/10 PPO Plan

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

Mr. Kaiser described the changes that were made: the benefit maximum for orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies increased to \$6930 to match the prevalent plan; the air ambulance out-of-network benefit was revised from 75% to 80% to match the in-network benefit and to assure NSA compliance; verbiage was added or revised throughout the document to comply with NSA requirements; contraceptive benefits changed for contraceptives oral nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network and 75% to 70% out-of-network, contraceptives other methods nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network and from 75% to 70% out-of-network, mail order oral contraceptives nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network, mail order contraceptives other methods nonpreferred from 80% to 70% in-network; an exclusion of recreational therapy was added consistent with the prevalent plan; and exclusion of speech therapy services due to developmental delay or developmental learning disabilities was removed.

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

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

1. Orthodontic services for orofacial anomalies limit is at least \$6,930; and
2. Exclusion of Speech Therapy due to developmental delay is removed.

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

Chair Pang requested HMAA include redlined changes in the master document to make review easier.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.