



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
HEALTHCARE POLICY & BENEFIT SERVICES DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 11, 2022

Meeting Called to Order by Joshua Wojcik:

Attendance:

Labor	State Comptroller Administrative Staff
Carl Chisem – CEUI	Joshua Wojcik
Dan Livingston – SEBAC	Thomas Woodruff
Dave Glidden – CSEA	
	Presenters
Management	Bernie Slowik – OSC
Gregory Messner	Rae-Ellen Roy – OSC
	Betsy Nosal – OSC
	Consultants
Dept. of Insurance	Terry DeMattie, Segal
Paul Lombardo	

Public Comment:

No public comment

Financials:

Rae-Ellen Roy: Financial report is based on claims data through March 15, 2022. Active employee appropriation expected to end the year at estimated \$27.8 million. The FAD balances for medical and pharmacy combined total sits at \$150 million and includes the build-up of reserves. The retiree appropriation is expected to end the year at estimated \$3.4 million. The appropriation will be monitored closely as we see a shift in members from the active plan to the retiree plan with the retirement surge. The retiree medical and pharmacy FAD has combined healthy balance of \$195 million.

Partnership:

Bernie Slowik: Partnership 2.0: As of 4/1/22 we have 154 groups enrolled totaling over 26,000 employees and almost 64,000 members.

As of 4/1/22, we had 106 groups who have completed their 3-year contract commitment under Partnership and had the option of leaving the plan without an early termination penalty. To date, no group has left Partnership 2.0.

We have a confirmed partial group joining on 7/1. We also received 3 - 7/1/22 applications for who are waiting to join pending the rate release.

Partnership 1.0: As of 4/1/22 we still have 5 groups remaining totaling approximately 2,400 employees and just under 3,400 members.

Communications Update:

Betsy Nosal: Provided an overview of the upcoming annual Open Enrollment member communications, including new items this year that include, a retiree mailer broken into six groups by rates using less paper, a Care Compass chatbot to help members locate benefit information easier, a medical plan decision tool to help members compare coverages and premiums and a letter to DOC employees (only) to test effectiveness of this additional mailer for a non-office population.

The impact of Google ads and all-user emails over the last three months driving employees to Care Compass website for benefit information. CareCompass Facebook page followers continues grow, reaching over 30K people with over 600K impressions each month. The page provides information on State of Connecticut benefit Live Events, benefit updates and programs and CDC preventive care information

Joshua Wojcik: Noted that the State's Transparency site, Open Connecticut has been updated to include calendar year 2021 utilization and enrollment information for the State Health Plan and Partnership.