

Meeting Minutes
Central Washington Public Utilities
UIP (Unified Insurance Program) Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
Conference Call

1. **Roll call / introductions / additional agenda items –**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice Chair Hubbard. Those on the call were:

<u>PUD</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Alternate Trustees</u>	<u>Administrators</u>
Benton		Jody George	Jodie Moxley
Douglas		Gary Ivory	
Ferry			
Franklin		Sylvia Hubbard	
Grant	Annette Hernandez		Leah Knopp
Okanogan		Katie Pfitzer	
Pend Oreille	Lloyd Clark		

Alliant – Schulyer Briscoe, Natasha Pope
Premera – Carmen Winters

2. **Dependent Maternity** – Alliant’s Compliance Consultant, Natasha Pope, referenced section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as it relates to dependent maternity. Trustees discussed what is currently included in the plan documents regarding dependent maternity. Premera Consultant, Carmen Winters, shared that the baby’s birth is under its own deductible at the time of birth. Mother’s prenatal and maternity would be billed but not the cost of the baby. Coverage for maternity is for all enrollees, but grandchildren are not covered.

Alliant and Premera representatives also brought up the Erin Act because many groups are adopting the exclusion of dependent maternity and not including the Erin Act. The Erin Act is currently included in the plan documents for the Trust.

The Erin Act is a Washington state law - RCW 48.43.115(3)(f). It states “Coverage for the newly born child must be no less than the coverage of the child’s mother for no less than three weeks, even if there are separate hospital admissions”. After three weeks, the child is removed from the plan unless the member adds the child through their HR department. Employees are not responsible for additional premiums during this three week time period.

Vice Chair Hubbard opened discussion for a vote to remove the exclusion of dependent maternity from the plan, effective January 1, 2017.

Motion was made by Trustee Hernandez and seconded by Alternate Trustee George to remove the exclusion of dependent maternity from the plan, effective January 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

