



Unified Insurance Program

Minutes of the Special Meeting of
CWPU Unified Insurance Program UIP
March 9, 2020

A special meeting of the CWPU UIP was held via conference call on March 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to proper notice thereof.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Conover at 1:30 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Table with 3 columns: Trustees, Alternate Trustees, and Public Utility District. Lists names of attendees under each category.

Others in attendance:

Table listing attendees from various organizations like Franklin PUD, CWPU UIP Benefits Program Administrator, Alliant, and IBEW Local 77.

Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC) Emergency Order No. 20-01 regarding response to Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in Washington State

Ms. Hubbard explained that the OIC issued Emergency Order No. 20-01 regarding response to COVID-19 outbreak in Washington State, ordering fully insured health plans to

- Waive any cost-shares related to health care provider visits and coronavirus testing, providing that the patients meet the CDC criteria for testing.
Allow patients to obtain a one-time refill prior expiration of the waiting period between refills.
Suspend prior authorization requirements for diagnostic testing and treatment of coronavirus disease.
Pay as in-network if insufficient number or type of in-network providers exist that treat coronavirus disease.

The order took effect on March 5, 2020 and will remain in effect through May 4, 2020, with the option to extend for additional 30 days if circumstances warrant an extension. As a self-insured plan, the UIP is not required to follow the OIC's order but may elect to do so. Premera is defaulting their self-funded clients into complying with the provisions of Emergency Order No. 20-01 and fees to change the plan documents outside of renewal are waived.

Ms. Chawes added that the cost of the COVID-19 testing is unknown at this time as the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been paying for testing performed. As such, the financial impact to the Trust is unknown. Discussion ensued about the availability of test kits, cost-shares relating to office visits not resulting in testing for COVID-19, Premera's adjustment of their "refill too soon" policy, and COVID-19 related quarantine.

Alliant is recommending their self-insured clients to follow the OIC's emergency order.

Motion was made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Parker to opt-in and follow the provisions of the OIC's Emergency Order No. 20-01. Motion passed unanimously.

Outcome/Further Action

- Ms. Chawes will follow up regarding cost shares related to office visits that do not result in testing for COVID-19.
- Ms. Chawes will follow up with Premera to determine how soon prescriptions can be filled under the OIC's order.
- Ms. Chawes will follow up with Symetra regarding COVID-19 related quarantine.

With no additional items to discuss, Chair Conover adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Approved by Trustees on March 12, 2020.

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Melina Conover, CWPU UIP Chair