

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD  
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN  
MONTHLY MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.  
PERSONNEL CABINET, 501 HIGH STREET, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601  
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held on December 14, 2021, the following members were present via video teleconference: Reina Diaz-Dempsey as proxy for Gerina Whethers (Chair), Jason McGinnis as proxy for Laurie Dudgeon, Tommy Loving, Jonathan Grate as proxy for Mike Harmon, Tiffany Yeast as proxy for Jason Glass, Jill Mitchell as proxy for Sharon Clark, Elizabeth Cunningham as proxy for Holly Johnson, Antonia Lindauer as proxy for Brent McKim, Janet Allen, Jerry Powell, Adrienne Carter, and Steve Gillespie. Staff members present were Sharron Burton, Jessie Drury, Allison Lile, Donna Marcum, Jennifer Thompson, Paula Chisholm, Christie Burkhead, and Chris Chamness. Also present were Carl Felix, Kyle Smith, Barbara Turkovich, Sarah Coppola, Angele D'Amico, Larry Totten, Leah Locknane, Eric Poston, Will Hancock, and Monte McCreary.

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Before Vice Chairperson Tommy Loving's arrival, Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey called the virtual meeting to order.

Mr. Jessie Drury called roll.

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Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey asked for a motion to accept the November 16, 2021, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Ms. Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey introduced agenda item *KEHP Update*. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey informed the Board that Secretary Whethers sends her regrets – she wanted to be here but was not able to with all the activities going on around the State's response to the tragic storms in Western KY. Commissioner Diaz-Dempsey gave an update on COVID-19 claims expenditures as of 12/7/2021 and KEHP member vaccination statistics (fully and partially) as of 12/5/2021. She then shared the following ways that KEHP and some of its vendor partners are providing emergency assistance to members that were victims of the recent severe weather outbreak.

CVS – Put in place some guidelines/Steps

- Customer Care will approve one-time emergency refills of a 10-day supply of medication for affected members in these areas.
- Impacted members within the emergency area taking specialty medications will be contacted

to discuss alternate delivery arrangements if needed.

- If an override is needed for a Specialty medication, Specialty operations will contact account management for approval.
- Members who have questions about a medication delivery should call Customer Care at the toll-free number on their prescription ID card; i.e. customer care at 1-866-601-6934. However, proactive outreach was to occur starting last night to members CVS determines are impacted.
- CVS confirmed they will be providing a \$100k donation to the Relief Fund initiated by the Governor.

#### ANTHEM

- Allowing members affected by the tornados to request replacement of durable medical equipment and supplies.
- Anthem will waive the notification time limit of medical necessity reviews for members affected by the tornado.
- Members can access out-of-network providers if an in-network provider is unavailable due to the state of emergency or if the member is out of the area due to displacement.
- This is through January 9, 2022 (unless extended) for affected members living in Kentucky.

Other KEHP Vendors have offered their assistance and are contributing to the Western Kentucky Relief Fund. Questions and discussion followed.

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Following his arrival, Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Transform Diabetes Care (TDC) & Prudent Rx Program Overviews*. Kyle Smith, CVS Strategic Account Executive, and Barb Turkovich, CVS Clinical Director, presented plan changes for 2022 relating to TDC and Prudent Rx. Their presentation included process overviews, targeted clinical impact areas, member cost shares, implementation, and marketing plans. Questions and discussion followed.

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Mr. Loving introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. There being no further business, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

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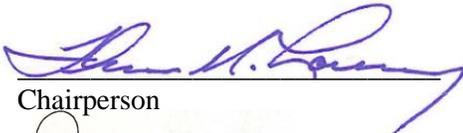
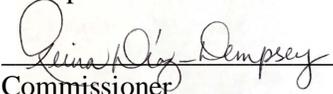
Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held December 14, 2021.

**CERTIFICATION**

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Board on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 and the meeting protocols for boards and commissions during the COVID-19 State of Emergency as outlined in the March 16, 2020, memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet were met in conjunction with this meeting.

  
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Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and Commissioner of the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on December 14, 2021 were approved on January 25, 2022.

  
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Chairperson  
  
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Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the December 14, 2021, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.

  
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