



Pension & Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Summary

November 15, 2023

This is intended as a guide for the Committee Chair. Other than the motions, this need not be read verbatim. The Chair may add context/comment as appropriate.

The Pension & Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met on November 14, 2023.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AND I MOVE, the Board approve the following:

- AGENDA ITEM 5a
 1. Approve the release of a Long-Term Care (LTC) Program Third-Party Administrator (TPA) solicitation.
 2. Approve extension of the current LTC TPA contract with illumifin Corporation (“illumifin”) for up to 24 months to provide sufficient time for the TPA solicitation process.
- AGENDA ITEM 5b

Approve the following health plan service area expansions for 2025:

 1. Blue Shield of California Trio service area expansion into 2 counties
 2. Health Net Salud y Mas service area expansion into 1 county
 3. Kaiser Permanente Basic service area expansion into 1 county
 4. UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Harmony service area expansion into 3 counties
 5. Western Health Advantage Basic service area expansion into 3 counties

Approve the following benefit design changes for 2025:

 1. Doula benefit for all pregnant and postpartum members
 2. Travel benefit for medically necessary care

The Committee received reports on the following topics:

- The Committee received the 2022 CalPERS Health Benefits Program Annual Report, and an overview of the Health Policy Forum.
- The Committee received public comment regarding ACO Reach, support for dental and vision to be administered by CalPERS, and an appreciation for access to warrants for retirees.

The Chair directed staff to:

- Provide the Board a link to instructions on the CalPERS website for retirees to get warrant information.

- For the Health Policy Forum, include other public purchaser partners where appropriate, and add the following topics for discussion:
 - Address racial disparities in health care,
 - Examine methods to address health misinformation being given to members, and
 - Research options to address market consolidation.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the March PHBC meeting:

- The Committee will approve the PHBC delegation, review the Health Open Enrollment Results, and receive a report on Retired Members Cost of Living.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for March 19, 2024, in Sacramento, California.