



Agenda Item 8

February 20, 2013

ITEM NAME: Health Benefit Purchasing and Data Availability Resolution

PROGRAM: Health Benefits

ITEM TYPE: Action

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the proposed Health Benefit Purchasing and Data Availability Resolution

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposed resolution reflects CalPERS commitment to a multi-payer all-claims database to provide access to data and information. The proposed resolution also reflects CalPERS commitment to continue collaboration with California's health care stakeholders.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This agenda item supports Strategic Plan Goal A: Improve long-term pension and health benefit sustainability by supporting the strategic initiative to expand member and employer access to information regarding the cost and quality of health care and ways to impact those trends.

BACKGROUND

At the December 2012, Pension & Health Benefits Committee Meeting the Committee directed staff to develop a proposed resolution for their consideration. Staff developed this resolution based on stakeholder comments during the public comment period and subsequent collaboration.

ANALYSIS

Staff have attached the proposed draft resolution for the Board's review and adoption.

BENEFITS/RISKS

Even prior to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, CalPERS has been a strong advocate for health care reform and efforts to promote health care savings, improve quality, and ensure access. This resolution underscores our commitment to data reliability and transparency, and to continued stakeholder collaboration in our mutual efforts that all Californians have access to quality and affordable health care.

There are no known risks associated with this resolution.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1- Health Benefit Purchasing and Data Availability Resolution

DOUG P. McKEEVER, Chief
Health Policy Research Division

ANN BOYNTON
Deputy Executive Officer
Benefit Programs Policy and Planning