

Quincy Public Schools Benefits Committee – November 7, 2017

Members present: Valeria Paden, Stu Musgrove, Randy Stark, Julie Stratman, Rhonda Brinkman, Ryan Whicker, Michael Troup, Teresa Kemp, Andy Hoskins, Jen Drew, Carol Nichols, Darla Rardon, and Cheryl Dreasler.

Guests present: Katie Schelp, and Nikki Hoyt.

We had a conference call with Jim Baxter from TICO (Teacher's Healthcare Coalition). He talked about the progress being made to develop a program and partnership with both Blessing and QMG where they can provide QPS employees with discounts for medical services. Our goal is to reduce medical costs for QPS employees. If we can do this, it will benefit QPS employees in the future with the premiums that we pay for our insurance. He talked about how we need to create motivation to care and be loyal in order to receive better pricing for our local medical costs. This will not affect our ability to seek specialized medical services outside of our local area. Jim stated that we will be developing and building this program as we go over the next couple of years. More information will be coming as this program develops.

Our current claims are being held in order to reflect this new pricing and discounts as provided through QMG and Blessing.

Jim also talked about clinical studies that may be available to members who qualify. Julie Stratman will get that information out to us as it becomes available.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5th at 4:15 pm. We set the dates for future meetings: Jan. 16, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 8. We will meet at BOE at 4:15 pm.

The Board of Directors at Egyptian Trust are scheduled to meet Dec. 16, Jan, 23, Feb. 28, March 21, April 10, and April 24. Ryan or Julie will continue to attend these meetings to represent QPS.

Teresa Kemp will check on when we can get the updated formulary list for prescriptions that may be changing on January 1st.

Chairperson Darla Rardon brought up the fact that Union members are interested in rebidding our Insurance next spring/summer. Ryan Whicker and Mike Troup both agreed that other insurance companies would be more expensive. Egyptian Trust has had the best prices and lowest increases. If we would leave Egyptian Trust, they would not take us back in the future. Also, the discounts that Jim Baxter is working on with QMG and Blessing would go away.

We need to continue to educate our members to help them understand that our current insurance is good and cheaper than we can probably find anywhere else. We will continue to explore ways to keep our members informed and educated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Brinkman

Secretary of Benefits Committee