

Health Insurance Reform Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 15, 2006

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Room E

350 Winter Street NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Ed Nieuburt, Dean Kortge, Lisa Trussel, Nancy Nevins, Kim Wirtz, Lori Long, and Rocky King.

Members Absent: Steve Tagmyer, Steve Doty, Dan Field, Angela Kimball, Lynn-Marie Crider, Ellen Pinney, LoriAnn Sheridan, Rick Rebel, and Laura Cooper.

Insurance Division Staff Present: Joel Ario, Shelley Bain, Gary Holliday, Cindy Jones, Gayle Woods, David Ball, Linnea Saris, Lewis Littlehales, and Elizabeth McMahon.

Others Present: Grace Flux, Tina Kennedy, Shawn Miller, Jeff Dean, Jon Niedermeyer, Gwen Dayton, Betsy Earls, Tom Jovick, Muriel Dittler, Ellen Landolf, Brenda Etzel, Elise Brown, Jim Gravette, and Diane Lund.

CALL TO ORDER

Oregon Insurance Division Administrator Joel Ario called the HIRAC meeting to order at 1:35.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 18, 2006 HIRAC Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Dean Kortge moved to adopt the minutes; Lori Long seconded Mr. Kortge's motion. The January HIRAC Meeting Minutes were approved and adopted.

DISCUSSION

Discussion Items

Small Employer Association Health Plans

Joel gave overview of NAIC and Enzi bill regarding Small Employer associations. A discussion followed.

2003 Regulatory Reforms

The Division is currently collecting data to review these bills and report to the Legislature on the affect of the bills.

Legislative Concepts

The following proposed Legislative Concepts we discussed:

- Medical Discount Cards
- Transparency/UCR

UPDATE ON FILED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following rules were discussed:

Proposed rules relating to the use of exclusions and preexisting conditions in health insurance policies in connection with mandated pregnancy and childbirth costs benefits

Proposed rules filed: November 15, 2005

Last day for public comment: January 26, 2006

Proposed rules relating to reporting requirements of SB 501

Proposed rules filed: February 15, 2006

Public Hearing: March 15, 2006

Last day for public comment: April 5, 2006

Draft Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity Rules (No rule language at this time)

Draft Coordination of Benefit rules

NEXT MEETING

The next HIRAC meeting will be May 17, 2006 from 10 AM until noon in Room B.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 by Joel Ario.