



# Health Insurance Reform Advisory Committee

## Minutes

May 16, 2007

10 AM

Room B

350 Winter Street NE

Salem, Oregon

**Members Present:** Lisa Trussel, Dan Field, Dean Kortge, Ed Nieuburt, Nancy Nevins, Rick Rebel, and Kim Wirtz.

**Members Absent:** Rocky King, Steve Doty, Matt Davis, Angela Kimball, Lynn-Marie Crider, Ellen Pinney, LoriAnn Sheridan, and Laura Cooper.

**Insurance Division Staff Present:** Joel Ario, Shelley Bain, Margot Ross, Carolyn Hancock, Mike Lydon, Gary Holliday, and Elizabeth McMahan.

**Others Present:** Jim Gravette, Tiffany Harms, Theresa Neibert, Elise Brown, Mark Jungviat, Don Myron, Brenda Etzel, Jack McRae, Jim Austin, and Tom Jovick.

### CALL TO ORDER

Shelley Bain, Oregon Insurance Division Senior Policy Analyst, called the HIRAC meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 29, 2007, HIRAC Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Dean Kortge moved to adopt the minutes as revised; Rick Rebel seconded Mr. Kortge's motion. The March 29, 2006 HIRAC Meeting Minutes were approved and adopted.

### INTRODUCTION OF DIVISION'S NEW RATES AND FORMS MANAGER

Joel introduced Margot Ross, the Divisions' new Rates & Forms manager.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Shelley gave the following overview:

#### **2002/SB 587**

*Changes definition of "small employer" for purposes of health benefit plans by increasing maximum number of employees from 25 to 50. Modifies requirements placed on small employer.*

**HB 3321**

*Exempts health benefit plans issued to a small employer group through an association health plans from the statutes governing small employer group plans. The bill requires DCBS to monitor association health plan data and report the findings to the legislature, and creates a level playing field for in state and out of state association plans.*

**HB 2213**

*Requires health insurers to provide consumers with advances estimates prior to medical treatment.*

**HB 2700**

*Requires a health benefit plan or student health insurance policy to cover prescription contraceptives if the plan or policy includes prescription contraceptives.*

**RULE REVIEW DISCUSSION FOR COB AND SB 1 TWO YEAR REVIEWS**

The committee discussed a symposium with Industry and the Department of Human Services surrounding SB1 for providers and consumer groups. It was decided that industry would not be interested in such symposium; rather they would work with their own providers.

**COB**

Discussion:

- The administrative rules require a two-year review of the effects of the rules on the health insurance market. The Division is planning for this review.

**INDIVIDUAL UNDERWRITING AFTER TERMINATION**

Discussion:

- The committee discussed whether the law allows underwriting individuals coming off group plans as a means of pre-screening, for individual coverage such pre-screenings this would simplify the process for applicants because there would be no application. Carriers would use only the claims data from the past two years. The idea is to entice the best risk to take individual coverage, not portability. The committee did not feel that such underwriting was allowable under current law, but may reconsider the issue in the future.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next HIRAC meeting will be July 18, 2007, 10 AM in Room B.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM by Joel Ario.