

RISE Delaware Update for October 3rd

RISE Delaware Update: Thank you!

Dear RISE Delaware:

Thank you, thank you, thank you! You answered the call yesterday to attend the SEBC meeting! There were 78 members of the public in the room and another 15 people outside the conference room watching on a big screen television in the lobby! As usual, because the SEBC does not allow us to see the numbers of people online, we don't know how many other people were listening in on the virtual platform or by phone! But we know that we had a huge RISE presence at the meeting! We so appreciate your support and it paid off!

A big thanks to Lt. Bethany Hall-Long (also an SEBC member) and Rep. Paul Baumbach for attending the meeting in person and presenting the findings of the RHBAS. Many thanks to the two other SEBC members present in the room: Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro and the representative from the State Troopers Association, Mr. Thomas Brackin. Other SEBC members were present via the virtual platform.

Following the RHBAS report, Shaun O'Brien, the national AFSCME representative serving on the SEBC, offered the following motion that was seconded by Insurance Commissioner Navarro and approved unanimously by those SEBC members attending the meeting:

"It is the SEBC's intention to solicit bids for medical third-party administration services for one self-funded employer-sponsored Medicare Supplement plan that duplicates the current plan design without deviation. All Medicare-eligible pensioners will have the same plan for the duration of the contract awarded in this RFP. Bids for any other arrangement are not being solicited and will not be considered by the SEBC."

This is an important win after so much effort on the part of everybody who has been paying attention to this issue! We could not have gotten here without your support. We recognize that we have more work to do—specifically working with legislators to reform the SEBC structure and other legislative fixes that will help prevent another healthcare debacle like the one we faced over the past year. So, celebrate how far we have come! Thank you again for all of your support and presence at these important meetings!

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