

RISE Delaware™ Update: Upcoming SEBC Meetings 3/7 and 3/21 where important info about PBMs will be discussed.

All,

Further to last night's email, the new SEBC "dream team" is actively pursuing the important agenda of reducing healthcare charges (without sacrificing quality). The higher healthcare costs are, the more incentive there is for employers, like the State and UD, to reduce or attack our healthcare benefits. Below is a post from Karen Peterson who is on the new SEBC (and the RISE board). Please note the important concerns that she is pursuing that will be discussed at the March SEBC meetings on 3/7 and 3/21 at 2-4 pm relating to PBM's (which affect Rx costs and drug plan premiums and costs, including for affiliate entities on the State plan).

These two meetings will be a good chance to learn information that is not otherwise readily available, and comment if you choose.

Mary Graham

POST FROM: Karen Peterson

This past week, I sent the below request to the SEBC for information relating to the RFP for a pharmacy benefit manager. Paul Baumbach and Bill Oberle followed up to join in the request. I received a positive response that WTW will review our current plan at the March 7th meeting — and will review alternative plans at the March 21st meeting. I hope you will come to the meetings (or join online).

Karen Peterson

My request to Brian Maxwell (chair of the SEBC)

Mr. Chairman,

The SEBC is scheduled to discuss an RFP for the State's prescription drug plan during our March meetings. It appears (from the paperwork distributed at Friday's meeting) that State intends to advertise for a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM).

As you may know, PBMs have come under intense scrutiny and criticism for their questionable practices, including spread pricing and handling of rebates, fees, alternative discounts, and other remuneration received from drug manufacturers. Given that state retirees are currently paying \$265.20 per month for prescription

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drug coverage (available on the open market for less than \$100), I believe that we should explore other options before we proceed with discussions about the RFP.

Could we have WTW prepare a presentation for the March 7th meeting explaining the provisions of our current "Silver Script" plan, along with other options such as "reverse auctions," Mark Cuban's "Cost Plus Drugs" plan, Navitus Health Solutions plan, and other comparable plans? An explanation of EGWP and the 340B drug pricing program would also be helpful (especially for us "newcomers").

Thank you for considering this request.

Karen Peterson

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