

**Idaho Immunization Assessment Board
Board Meeting, July 15, 2024, 3:00 PM MST
Idaho Department of Insurance, Conference Room A, 700 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702
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Board Members Present:

- Norm Varin, Chair – PacificSource Health Plans
- Chase Ropelato, Vice Chair – Idaho Power
- Susan Fudge, Secretary – Idaho Associated General Contractors
- Christine Hahn, M.D. – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Dr. Perry Brown – Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
- Jayson Ronk – Blue Cross of Idaho
- Adrean Cavener - Regence BlueShield of Idaho
- Dean Cameron – Director, Idaho Department of Insurance

Board Members Absent:

- Representative Dori Healey – Idaho House of Representatives
- Senate – position vacant
- Business Representative - position vacant

Others Present:

- Wes Trexler – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Shannon Hohl – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Tamarie Olson – Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- Matt Steen – Office of the Attorney General
- Lisa Mcintosh – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Jayashree Vinayagamoorthy – Idaho Department of Insurance
- Morgan Calderon – American Specialty Health
- Elizabeth Horton – American Specialty Health
- Adrie Blanksma – St. Luke’s Health Plans
- Melissa Kizilos – Blue Cross of Idaho
- William Coon – Idaho Department of Insurance

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm by the Chair, Mr. Varin. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2024, meeting:

Review of minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2024, No changes made.

Motion to approve the minutes by Dr. Hahn; seconded by Mr. Ronk. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: as of 06/30/2024 – Wes Trexler:

Mr. Trexler reviewed the financial report as of 06/30/2024 for Assessment Year 2023 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Total assessment amount collected for CY2023/SFY2024 is \$19,905,480.
- Refunds totaled \$26,655.00 for the fiscal year.
- The IDHW fund balance was \$15,222,452.

Mr. Trexler also reviewed the financial report for Assessment Year 2024 and State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025. Highlights from the report include.

- For the months of April, May and June a total of \$12,324,130.00 was collected.
- Amounts owed to be collected on a quarterly basis are \$6,454,665.00.
- As of 6/30/2024 the amount owed not including the quarterly payments was \$2,458,925.00.

Motion to approve financial report by Ms. Cavener, seconded by Mr. Ronk; passed unanimously.

Status of SFY 2025 Assessment Payments – William Coon:

Mr. Coon provided an update of assessment payments received. At the time of the meeting there were five entities that had not paid the assessment. It was noted that all have been in communication with the Idaho Department of Insurance (Department) and there is no dispute over the amount owed. These five do not include four requests that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Adjustments Approved by the Director – William Coon:

Mr. Coon reviewed the error that was made in reporting by Trustmark Insurance Company. This error was under the 250 lives threshold and could be approved by the Director as described in the Plan of Operation. The Director approved the adjustment of 57 lives before payment was received so no refund was needed.

Requests for Adjustments – William Coon:

- American Specialty Health –
 - Mr. Coon presented the request as outlined in a letter from American Specialty Health (ASH) to the Board. ASH indicated in the letter that a clerical error had resulted in 2,143 lives being reported incorrectly. This number should have been 0 according to ASH.
 - Director Cameron questioned how these numbers were calculated and whether they were being reported elsewhere. Ms. Horton affirmed that ASH does not have any covered lives and that their business model does not work with immunization.

- Mr. Trexler questioned whether there could be carriers that ASH is working with that may have policies issued in other states and would have lives in Idaho.
- Mr. Cameron asked Ms. Horton if other carriers that ASH works with would be reporting these lives. Mr. Varin emphasized the goal of the program to count all lives.
- Mr. Cameron addressed Ms. Horton asking if she would be able to provide information on other carriers that ASH does business with who have lives in Idaho, for the Department to confirm that these lives have been accounted for.

Motion made by Mr. Ronk to adjust ASH assessed lives to 0 lives contingent on the company submitting data to the Department and the Department confirming the data. Dr. Hahn seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

- Health Net Federal Services
 - Mr. Coon reviewed the letter from Health Net Federal Services asking for an adjustment -2,467 lives due to a data entry error. There was a brief discussion of past experience with this carrier.

Motion made by Ms. Cavener to accept the adjustment and accept the payment received as payment in full. Mr. Ronk second the motion and motioned passed unanimously.

- Fairview Pharmacy dba ClearScript
 - Mr. Coon reviewed the request from ClearScript and explained that the Department had reached out to ClearScript asking to identify who the TPAs they believe should pay the assessment are. At the time of the meeting the Department had not received an answer from ClearScript.

No action was action was taken on the matter. Once ClearScript has responded and the Department has reviewed the response the matter could be brought to the board. It was affirmed that since no action was taken, ClearScript would need to pay the assessment, if at a future time the board considers the request and overturns the assessment a refund could be issued.

- St. Luke's Health Plans
 - Mr. Coon reviewed the letter requesting the adjustment. The letter signed by both the health plan and the TPA stating that the assessment was paid by the TPA and the report from the health plan was a duplicate report. The request was to change the reported lives for St. Luke's Health Plans from 1,853 to 0.

Motion by Ms. Cavener to reduce the assessment by the amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Ropelato. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Review and discussion of possible additional immunizations
 - Maternal RSV – Mr. Varin reviewed that this would be for pregnant females under the age of 19.
 - Dr. Hahn clarified that Maternal RSV does meet the definition of a vaccine. Due to who the vaccine is for it would be a very small number and low cost to the program.

Dr. Hahn made a motion to include Maternal RSV to be covered by the program. Ms. Cavener seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Review of Novavax - Dr. Hahn identified that Novavax meets the definition of a vaccine for the program however it is not approved by the FDA at this time. Based on this there was not a consideration as it would not meet the requirement of FDA approval.
- Election of Officers
 - Norm Varin – Chair
 - Chase Ropelato – Vice Chair
 - Susan Fudge – Secretary

Motion by Dr. Hahn to retain current officers, second by Ms. Cavener. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting date was set for Monday, October 7th, 2024, to begin at 2:00pm MST at the Idaho Department of Insurance

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm MST.