

SPWG Notes, Meeting 3, September 26, 2023

Attendance:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Organization
Palanker	Dania	Georgetown University, SPWG Chair
Jensen	Carla	Aetna
Pankow	Jennifer	Aetna
Bailey	LeeAnn	Aetna
Lake	Keith	AHIP
Hathaway	Kris	AHIP
Blake	Nikki	CareFirst
Barlow	Yulondra	CareFirst
Bream	Cory	CareFirst
Sucher	Greg	CareFirst
Ongwen	Sam	KP
Young	Theresa	KP
Mangiaracino	Allison	KP
Blecher	Keith	UHC
Raymond	Michelle	UHC
Akier	Daniel	UHC
Chandrasekaran	Dave	Voter Empowerment
Beard	Andre	HBX
Senkewicz	MaryBeth	HBX
Adomshick	Mary	Oliver Wyman
Scharl	Peter	Oliver Wyman
Feleke-Eshete	Lienna	Whitman-Walker

Discussion:

Update: Peter Sharl, FSA, MAAA (Senior Manager, Actuarial Consulting- Oliver Wyman)

Peter discussed the preliminary AV calculator results based on Massachusetts' antihypertensive medications list. This analysis was a follow-up from Peter's presentation at the last SPWG meeting. Peter said the four different add-on/scenarios had a separate impact of .01%. Further, he stated that with all 4 add-ons combined we're looking at an impact of .02%.

MaryBeth asked Peter whether we could consider Allison's suggestion from the last meeting to analyze the impact of a lower co-pay versus a zero co-pay. Specifically, she asked Peter if he thought Allison's suggestion would make an impact. Peter responded, yes.

MaryBeth stated that it seems the bronze plan seems to be the main issue. Peter said, to that point, we can try to find a bigger impact at 25% decrease in co-pay if a 50% decrease doesn't provide a bigger impact.

Allison stated that we need to be mindful that we are at the de minimis point and that the new AV calculator could have an impact. The new AV could push the silver over the edge. MaryBeth thanked

her for making that point and stated that since we are working from the present AV calculator, we should be mindful that there will be a new AV calculator for 2025.

Peter advised that, to his knowledge, the 2025 AV calculator is being tested, so he expects the calculator to be released around the same time as prior years.

Jenifer suggested that we adjust co-pays to some services to give us room to make benefits richer for others directionally, but being mindful of the AV.

MaryBeth stated that we could ask Peter to figure out what the tipping point is for the bronze.

Dania stated that she agrees with MaryBeth that we need to search for the bronze tipping point. She further stated that we can discuss suggestions and general recommendations to the Board if silver and bronze end up being above the AV calculator.