# 2019 Health & Pharmacy Program Changes

#### **GIB** Item 5A



# ETF staff recommends the Board approve the following:

- Changes to the Health Program Agreement, Uniform Benefits, and pharmacy benefits for 2019
- Pilot programs for further development and implementation in 2018 and 2019
- Changes to the 2018 program agreement to remove self-funded program requirements



## Background



### **2019 Change Process to Date**

February 2018

 Initial proposed changes brought to Board March 2018

 Changes reviewed with stakeholder groups

 Analysis by health plans & pharmacy benefit manager April 2018 \*Pricing by

Segal

 Final list of proposed changes compiled May 2018

 Final proposed changes for Board review



### **Cost savings requirements**

• No additional changes needed due to cost savings requirements



### **Recent Legislative Changes**

- WI Act 191: abortion services
  - Staff recommends updating language to include statute requirements
- WI Act 305: prescription eye drops
  - Staff recommends no change to Uniform Benefits language
- Additional analysis in GIB Item 10 I.



## Health Program Agreement Changes



### **Agreement Changes**

- Staff recommends pursuing all agreement changes proposed in February
- Complete list of changes is in Attachment A to GIB Item 4A
- Additional changes recommended following review



#### **Security Updates & Paper Reduction**

Password security requirements

Updated following Medicare Advantage Negotiations

#### Approved by ETF Security Team

Reduce paper submissions

Currently new proposers submit 15 hard copies

#### Reduces number to 5



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#### **New Department Initiative**

- Monitoring Potentially Low-Value Services
  - Based on University of Michigan Value Based Insurance Design (VBID) Center work
  - Plans would monitor a list of 4-6 services considered "low value"
  - Report annually on service utilization, cost, and potential clinical impact of changing coverage
- Any changes to benefits derived from this item would be brought to the Board through the annual review process.



#### Fraud Monitoring & Onboarding

#### Fraud and abuse monitoring

Plans attest to fraud and abuse plans

Required to report any material findings

Must provide plans on request

#### Annual onboarding process

Replacement for SOC-1, Type 2 reporting

Staff will develop a process to verify claims system setup annually

Staff will also develop a process to validate provider credentialing



### **Double Coverage Limitations**

- Correction to allow staff to assign coverage
  - Current contract does not allow double enrollment
  - Does not specify staff remedy for members found to have double enrollment
  - Correction would allow staff to assign coverage after 30 days
  - Staff would develop a policy and procedure for selecting plans.



### Health Benefit Changes



### **Net Cost Impact of Changes**

Benefit Change	Cost (Savings)
Telehealth	\$0
Contact lenses for keratoconus	\$200,000
Home sleep studies	(\$400,000 - \$800,000)
Returning Local retiree eligibility	\$0
Removal of skin tags	(\$50,000 - \$150,000)
Foot orthotics	\$0
Removal of erupted teeth	\$0
Transplants	\$0
Total	(\$250,000 - \$450,000)





### **Proposed Benefit Changes**

- Reviewed by plans, stakeholders, and Segal
- List of recommendations narrowed from February memo
- Goal of changes is to align with industry, modernize where possible
- Full description of changes available in Attachment B



#### Additions

#### Add telehealth benefit category

- \$0 copay for non-HDHP
- Full cost until deductible met for HDHP/Local Deductible/Local HDHP
  - Fiscal Impact: none
  - Member impact: unavailable, but currently covered by plans

#### Contact lenses for keratoconus

- Allows one (1) set of hard lenses under medical benefit
  - Fiscal Impact: minimal cost, <\$200,000
  - Member Impact: 83 members w/ diagnosis known

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#### Additions

#### Add coverage of home sleep studies

- Can be less expensive and more effective than lab studies in some cases
  - Fiscal Impact: minimal savings, \$400,000 \$800,000
  - Member Impact: estimated 1,350 members could be diverted to home



#### Additions

#### Returning local retiree eligibility

- Allows local employers to mirror state health program
- Local program retirees could return after leaving program
  - Fiscal Impact: none (employers/retirees assume cost)
  - Member Impact: Estimated 254 local retirees eligible to return in a year



#### **Modifications**

#### Exclude removal of skin tags

- Nearly always cosmetic, but lack of language causes administrative challenges
  - Fiscal Impact: minimal savings, \$50,000 \$150,000
  - Member Impact: 850 claims paid in the last year

#### Annual limit for foot orthotics

- One pair per member per year as authorized
  - Fiscal Impact: expected minimal
  - Member Impact: unavailable

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#### Modifications

# Move extraction of erupted teeth to dental benefit

- Follows industry standard of coverage
  - Fiscal Impact: none, assumed by Uniform Dental
  - Member Impact: unavailable

#### Modifications

#### Transplant coverage language revision

- Removes clinically-specific language from Uniform Benefits
- Removes prior authorization for cochlear implants
- Removes per member, per organ, per plan limit
- Goal: rely on health plan medical expertise, support care continuity, align with industry
  - Fiscal Impact: None
  - Member Impact: Unavailable, but not expected to impact utilization



### **Changes Not Recommended**

- List included in Attachment B
- Review by plans and Segal indicated high cost and/or member impact



## Pharmacy Benefit Changes



### **Non-Substantive Changes**

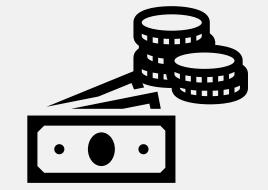


- Carve out Uniform Pharmacy Benefit language
  - Mirrors how program has been administered for 15+ years
  - Simplifies contract maintenance
  - Clarifies coverage responsibility between vendors
  - No impact to benefits received



### **Cost Sharing Change**

- Level 3 "DAW-1" drugs
  - Dispense As Written, Code 1 (DAW-1)
  - Physician indicates that brand name must be dispensed
  - Current cost sharing = 40% up to \$150



• Recommendation: change cost sharing to include the difference between the cost of the generic and the brand name drug

#### **Member Cost Share = Coinsurance + Differential**



### **Cost Sharing Change: Example**

• Non-Preferred Brand cost = \$3,000

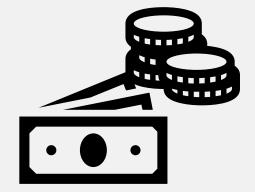
Level 3 Drug on Formulary with 40% Coinsurance (\$150 maximum)

- Preferred Generic alternative cost = \$500
- Member cost share:
  - 40% COINSURANCE x \$3,000 BRAND COST = \$1,200, reduced to \$150 Maximum
  - \$3,000 BRAND COST \$500 GENERIC COST = <u>\$2,500 Differential</u>
  - Total Cost to Member = \$150 + \$2,500 = <u>\$2,650 Member Cost</u>



### **Cost Sharing Change**

- \$1.6M in savings estimated over a six-month period
- The cost to the member will never exceed the total cost of the non-preferred brand drug



 Members who need non-preferred brand drugs for medically necessary reasons can have their doctor submit a FDA MedWatch form to Navitus to have cost sharing lowered to just the coinsurance



### Value-Based Plan Design

Initially focus on members with diabetes

Collaboration between StayWell & Navitus

Members participate in programs to reduce copays

Confer with other states to compare implementation, outcomes and best practices



# Health Plan Pilot Programs



#### **Pilot Program Proposals**

2018: Kiio / Mobile Back Program

Offered by Quartz and WEA Trust

Self-guided exercise program through mobile app

Goal: mitigate low back pain

#### 2019: Livongo for Diabetes

Offered by WEA Trust

Smart diabetes meter, strips, and diabetes coaching

Goal: management assistance for diabetic members



## 2018 Agreement Changes



### **Recommended Changes**

#### • Remove:

- Non-discrimination testing
- Quarterly out-of-network claims report
- Hospital bill audit
- SOC I, Type 2 reporting



# Questions?

# Thank you







