

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
LEOFF 1 DISABILITY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

December 2, 2014
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Neiman
Boardmember Wayne Bergeron
Boardmember Bryan Reil
Councilmember John Stokes

MEMBER ABSENT: Councilmember Lynne Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Dillon, Human Resources
Siona Windsor, City Attorney's Office
Member #57

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Dillon suggested that the meeting agenda be revised to include the staff report as Item IV on the meeting agenda. There was general consensus for this agenda change.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dillon explained that Member #57 has metastasis breast cancer. A PET/CT scan shows a new small lesion on the Member's liver. The Member was referred to a Radiation Oncologist to determine if Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) was an option to treat this one small lesion. It was determined that the Member was a good candidate for SBRT and this treatment was recommended by the Member's Oncologist and Radiation Oncologist. However, Premera denied the treatment stating that it was investigational/experimental. A level 1 appeal was filed on November 17 and the appeal was denied on November 19. A level 2 appeal was filed on

December 1. A decision is expected within 72 hours. If a level 3 appeal is necessary, this would be an IRO, which is third-party review of the claim.

Member #57 provided a health history, including treatment options that have been conducted thus far. The Member noted that the liver tumor is in a precarious position and doctors are unable to biopsy the tumor. Member #57 explained that although the recommended treatment has been deemed investigational/experimental other treatment options would be far more costly. In addition, the Member's recommended treatment has been used for other types of cancer. However, clinical trials have not been completed for liver cancer.

Ms. Dillon noted that the estimated cost of the SBRT treatment is \$105,115.

Member #57 stressed the urgency of her claim and the decision making process. If needed, Boardmembers will hold a Special Meeting after the Premera appeal process has been exhausted.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the August 5, 2014 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve the October 7, 2014 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the November 4, 2014 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

VI. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATOINS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

None.

B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Stokes to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

VII. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

A. Routine Claims

None.

B. Special Claims

Motion by Councilmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Special Claims as presented.

Ms. Dillon clarified that the claim for Member #44 was the first of its kind for the member (hearing aids).

Boardmembers discussed the medical necessity of Member #35's claim for vaccinations. The Group Health member is traveling to Cuba. The Centers for Disease Control recommends the following vaccinations for travel to Cuba: Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, and Rabies. There is also an ongoing Cholera outbreak in Cuba. The Member received the Hepatitis A & B vaccines, and Cholera pills from Group Health for the upcoming visit to Cuba. The claim is for the third and final series of shots. Boardmembers reiterated that vaccine claims will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In addition, a policy discussion will be added to a future meeting agenda.

Boardmembers discussed the medical necessity of Member #35's claim for pre-oral surgery mouthwash. The Member is getting dentures and needs all teeth pulled. The Member's dentist prescribed special mouthwash to be used before the oral surgery. Although charges for drugs and medicines upon a physician's prescription is a medical benefit (*see IV.b.iii.A of the City of Bellevue Disability Board Policies and Procedures manual*), Ms. Windsor clarified that a dentist is not considered a "physician." Boardmembers concluded that Member #35's claim could be classified as a prescription and therefore recommended approval of the claim.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Special Claims as presented.

VIII. PRE-APPROVED RECURRING LONG-TERM CARE CLAIMS

The pre-approved recurring long-term care claims were reviewed and included in the Board packet.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Out-of-Network Claims

Out-of-network claim discussions were postponed until the entire Board can be present for the discussion.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.