

HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND  
Minutes of the Benefits Committee Meeting  
August 26, 2019

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Ms. Linda Currivan Musto, Chairperson	Mr. Christian Fern
Ms. Laurel Johnston, Vice Chairperson	Ms. Audrey Hidano (excused 11:09 am)
Mr. Roderick Becker (excused 11:14 am)	Mr. Gordon Murakami
Mr. Damien Elefante	Mr. Clifford Uwaine (arrived 9:03 am)

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

ATTORNEY

Mr. Michael Chambrella, Deputy Attorney General

EUTF STAFF

Mr. Derek Mizuno, Administrator	Mr. Tom Morrison, Benefits Consultant
Ms. Donna Tonaki, Assistant Administrator	Ms. Linda Green
Ms. Maria Quartero	Ms. Lara Nitta
Ms. Amy Cheung	Ms. Bonny Kahalewai

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Stacia Baek, HMSA	Ms. Vanelle Hirayasu, HMA
Ms. Irene Bayudan, VSP	Ms. Angela Kohls, Kaiser
Ms. Sandra Benevides, CVS Health	Mr. Christopher Letoto, HMSA
Mr. Ty Bowers, CVS Health	Ms. Denise Mercil, Securian
Ms. Jane Lee Choe, Livongo	Mr. Kurt Neuenfeld, CVS Health
Ms. Elaine Fujiwara, HDS	Mr. Troy Tomita, Kaiser

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Benefits Committee was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Trustee Linda Currivan Musto, Chairperson, in the EUTF Board Room, City Financial Tower, 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1700, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Monday, August 26, 2019.

II. MINUTES – July 29, 2019

The Benefits Committee reviewed the draft minutes of July 29, 2019.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 29, 2019 as circulated. (Becker/Murakami) The motion passed. (Employer Trustees-3 YES-Becker, Elefante, Johnston, 1 ABSTAIN-Hidano/ Employee-Beneficiary Trustees-3 YES-Currivan Musto, Fern, Murakami)

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made and seconded to move into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. (Elefante/Becker) The motion passed unanimously. (Employer Trustees-4/Employee-Beneficiary Trustees-3)

The regular meeting recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened from Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.

Chairperson Currivan Musto reported that during Executive Session the Committee approved the Executive Session minutes of July 29, 2019 as circulated.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. CVS Education: Biosimilars and Generics

There being no objections by the Trustees, this item was deferred.

#### B. CVS Transplant Extended-Release Medications

Ms. Sandra Benevides and Mr. Kurt Neuenfeld of CVS discussed their recommendation to grandfather 16 EUTF active employees and non-Medicare retirees who filled extended release transplant medication, Astagraf XL and Envarsus XR (Extended Release Drugs) prior to July 1, 2019. These two Extended Release Drugs were excluded as part of the previously Board approved Advanced Control Specialty Formulary (ACSF) effective July 1, 2019. Under ACSF, the Board had delegated management of the specialty formulary to CVS for the EUTF active employee and non-Medicare retiree plans including the exclusion of specialty drugs and prior authorization requirements.

Mr. Neuenfeld had placed overrides on ACSF so these 16 members could continue the Extended Release Drugs because of concerns due to disruption of the current therapy program, the seriousness of the condition and the different states of the Extended Release Drug and generic alternatives (Cyclosporine and Tacrolimus) in the bloodstream. In addition, Ms. Benevides informed the Committee that 9 of the 16 have tried the generic alternatives since July 1, 2019. Excluding the 9 members, the annual impact is less than \$40,000. Trustee Celeste Nip asked how long it takes CVS to respond to prior authorization requests. Mr. Neuenfeld responded that those on the phone were addressed immediately while faxes took longer. Chair Currivan Musto expressed her concern about interfering with the physician's decision in prescribing medication.

MOTION was made and seconded to recommend to the Board approval to grandfather EUTF actives and non-Medicare retirees that filled once a day products Astagraf XL and Envarsus XR prior to July 1, 2019. (Johnston/Fern) The motion passed unanimously. (Employer Trustees-2/Employee-Beneficiary Trustees-4)

### V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled Benefits Committee meeting is on Monday, September 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – Active Plan Changes.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made and seconded for the Board to adjourn meeting at 11:46 a.m. (Johnston/Murakami) The motion passed unanimously. (Employer Trustees-2/Employee-Beneficiary Trustees-4)

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Currivan Musto, Chairperson

APPROVED on September 23, 2019.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

1. Draft Benefits Committee Minutes of 7/29/19. (3 pages)
2. Biosimilars and Generics by CVS Health dated 8/26/19. (17 pages)
3. Transplant Extended-Release Medications by CVS Health dated 8/26/19. (5 pages)