

# MINUTES

## METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BOARD

### MEDICAL & LIFE COMMITTEE

**February 15, 2011**

The Metropolitan Employee Benefit Board's Medical & Life Committee met on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Civil Service Conference Room, Suite 163, 222 Building, Third Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, at approximately 9:36 a.m.

Committee Members present: Chair: Clyde D. Smith; Vice-Chair: Rita Roberts-Turner; Members: B.R. Hall, Sr. Alternate: Edna J. Jones.

Members Ann Butterworth, James H. Johnson, Richard Riebeling and alternate member G. Thomas Curtis were unable to be present.

Edna J. Jones served as alternate for James H. Johnson.

Other Members present: Justin Stack, Metro Human Resources, and Ted Morrissey, Attorney, Metro Legal Department.

#### **BENEFIT BOARD ITEMS**

The Human Resources staff submitted the following for the Committee's consideration and appropriate action:

1. Self insured CCF plan appeal – Denial of routine foot care.

The individual was present. The individual discussed appeal, medical condition and treatment.

Paul Huffman, Cigna, was present.

Paul Huffman discussed the basis for the denial of the claim.

There was discussion of this being a plan exclusion and the diagnosis of the condition being a covered expense when there are unknowns.

There was discussion of the coding, having the physician re-submit the claim and medical conditions where this type of care would be a covered expense.

Edna Jones moved to uphold the denial of the claim for routine foot care. Rita Roberts-Turner seconded.

There was some discussion of preventative care.

Dr. Celia Goodson addressed how the physician coded the claim and the intent of that particular coding.

After further discussion of the claim, a vote was taken on the motion and failed with a tie vote 2/2 (Edna Jones, Rita Roberts-Turner/Clyde Smith, B.R. Hall).

With nothing further presented, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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***Mrs. Rita Roberts-Turner, Director  
Human Resources***

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***Mr. Clyde D. Smith, Chair  
Medical & Life Committee***