

MAINE GUARANTEED ACCESS REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 26, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association (“MGARA” or the “Association”) was held via teleconference at 3:00 p.m. Attendance is reflected in the record of attendance set forth below:

Jennifer Juke	Edward J. Kane
Katherine Pelletreau	David Howes
William M. Whitmore	Jolan F. Ippolito, Chair
Joel Allumbaugh	Dana Kempton (absent)
Kevin Lewis	Jim Lyon
Bruce Nicholson	

Also in attendance were Chris Howard and Emily Cooke of Pierce Atwood LLP, counsel to the Association, and Laren Walker, Administrator.

1. Board Member Departure

Chris Howard reported that Jim Koelbl has resigned from the MGARA Board due to his transition to a new position in Kansas.

2. Amended Plan of Operation

The Board reviewed the updated draft of the Amended and Restated Plan of Operation (the “Plan”), reflecting various revisions based on Board feedback received at the November 19 working session. Mr. Howard summarized these revisions as follows:

- Section 9.4(a) - Expanded voluntary ceding period to 120 days from 90 days
- Section 10.2(b) - Deleted review of preceding year’s ICD-10 Codes and NDC for purposes of mandatory ceding
- No changes made in the application/use of ICD-10 codes as a basis for ceding

Mr. Howard then invited further comment on the revised Plan; none were offered. In response to a Board member’s inquiry, it was clarified that there would still be an opportunity to submit any additional comments that might be identified following submission of the Plan to the Maine Bureau of Insurance (the “Bureau”). It was confirmed that no further discussion was requested.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED: To approve the Amended and Restated Plan of Operation as contained in the meeting materials.

Mr. Howard summarized that the next step would be to file the Plan with the Bureau, and for the Administrator to circulate the updated Plan to carriers' operational representatives.

Kevin Lewis offered the comment that the unanimous vote to approve the Plan is due in large part to the work of the Pierce Atwood and River9 teams. He further noted his understanding that MGARA's is the only 1332 waiver program with a voluntary ceding component, and accordingly urged the Board to be open to adjusting and reacting along the way.

Jolan Ippolito added her thanks to Kevin Lewis and Katherine Pelletreau for their diligence in reviewing drafts of the Plan and identifying questions and offering comments.

3. CMS/CCIO Update

Mr. Howard provided updates based on the Bureau's communications with the federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and its Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). John Maynard is the Project Officer appointed to MGARA. CMS' letter confirming its calculation of 2019 pass-through funding is expected to be received within the coming week. A call is scheduled for Thursday, November 29 with CMS and Bureau representatives to discuss the disbursement process in detail.

4. Board Meeting Schedule Confirmation

It was agreed that Board members would maintain the normal Monday afternoon time slot for calls and meetings, and Mr. Howard will schedule conference calls or in-person meetings on an as-needed basis.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Howard', written in a cursive style.

Duly Authorized Officer