

MAINE GUARANTEED ACCESS REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 29, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association (“MGARA” or the “Association”) was held via videoconference at 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 2024. Attendance is reflected in the record of attendance set forth below:

Terry Brann	Ben Johnston
Scott Cremens	Kevin Lewis
Dan Demeritt (absent)	Jim Lyon
Dr. David Howes	Bruce Nicholson
Jolan F. Ippolito, Chair	
Eric Jermyn	Ellen Schneiter

Also in attendance were Laren Walker and Diane Kopecky of River 9 (administrator), Chris Howard and Emily Cooke of Pierce Atwood LLP (counsel to the Association), and Tom Murawski and Jeremy Siborg of Milliman, Inc. (actuary to the Association); and Bob Carey, Superintendent of Insurance, and Marti Hooper, Life and Health Actuary with the Maine Bureau of Insurance (the “Bureau”).

1. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 9, May 6, and June 17, 2024 Board meetings (collectively, the “Minutes”). On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes as presented.

2. Operations Report

Mr. Walker presented the Operations Report for Q2 2024. The Quarter was in line with expectations. Assessment revenue was \$7,230,426, which tracks closely to prior years. Interest income was solid for the Quarter at \$1,704,399. Claims incurred YTD as of 6/30/24 were \$14.7 million, which trailed prior year by approximately \$15 million, but claims tend to be back-end loaded in the retrospective model and will build over the course of the year. NO particular conclusions are evident based on claims YTD. It is simply too early to draw any conclusions. Mr. Walker briefly reviewed 1332 Grant activity. The award of \$45,726,151 was received but no draws have been made to date. Draws will begin in the 3rd Quarter.

3. Update re Upcoming Filings

Mr. Howard provided an update to the Board regarding upcoming filing deadlines for MGARA’s required reports pursuant to the 1332 Waiver grant. These include its Q2 report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”), and its 2025 Pass-Through

Funding Report to CMS, which will incorporate estimates of 2025 pass-through funding from Milliman's mid-year report.

4. Administrative Services RFP

Mr. Howard and Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board that, in compliance with the terms of MGARA's 1332 Waiver grant, it is time to put MGARA's administrative services (TPA) contract out to bid. Mr. Howard presented the draft Request for Proposals for Administrator Services, as included in the meeting materials, and walked through the distribution plan and proposed RFP deadlines. The RFP will be circulated to a distribution list of approximately 35 providers, with responses due on or about September 15 and a goal of having a contract in place with the successful bidder by late October or early November.

5. Preliminary Discussion Regarding Any Proposed Changes to Enabling Legislation

The Board turned to a preliminary discussion about MGARA's historical approach regarding policymaking and legislative changes that affect MGARA's operating model or market impact, and whether that historical approach merits change. There was a general recognition that as MGARA's value to the market declines due to both macro conditions (such as inflation) and the changes to MGARA's operating model or Maine's larger health insurance landscape, it may be necessary for MGARA to take a more proactive role in updating and educating the Legislature on these effects, the projected impacts on the market, and potential mitigating changes.

6. Executive Session

At 3:55 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

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



Duly Authorized Officer