

**MAINE GUARANTEED ACCESS REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**September 23, 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 September 23, 2024. Attendance is reflected in the record of attendance set forth below:

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

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 July 29, 2024 Board meeting (the “Minutes”). On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes as presented.

**2. Operations Report**

Mr. Walker reported that River 9 is just getting ready to initiate third quarter claims payments, which will take place over the next several weeks. Beyond that, he said, things are fairly quiet overall, with little to report.

**3. Update re 2024 Projections and Preparation of 2025 Pass-Through Funding Report**

Mr. Howard reminded participants that each year, Milliman prepares an estimate of expected pass-through federal funding pursuant to Maine’s Section 1332 Waiver for the coming year, which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) uses in determining pass-through funding for that year. Milliman presented an initial analysis in June, which it has now updated to account for additional 2024 experience.

Mr. Siborg presented the updated report. He explained that the principal update to Milliman’s 2024 projections is the addition of final claims runout for 2023. These additional runout claims increase MEMIC’s final claims for 2023 to \$123.1MM, further reducing MGARA’s projected 2024 surplus by \$5.3MM since the June projections.

Mr. Siborg then walked through Milliman’s updated 2025 projections. These incorporate updates to several material inputs, including the amount of the 2025 1332 Waiver grant, which has been updated based on publicly available information, and the projected year-end surplus, which has been reduced since June’s report, largely due to the above-referenced IBNR increase in 2024.

A discussion ensued. Mr. Walker inquired about the risk of a potential miss on the projection of the 2025 grant amount, similar to what occurred with respect to the 2024 grant amount. Mr. Siborg replied that this is indeed difficult to assess, because CMS does not publicize the methodology it applies to determine 1332 Waiver grant amounts. That said, he added, if CMS maintains a stable approach to determining grant amounts, a similar result can be expected.

**4. Administrative Services RFP**

It was agreed that the discussion of MGARA’s Request for Proposals for Administrator Services would be moved to Executive Session. Mr. Walker offered some contextual comments for a fee increase incorporated into River 9’s RFP response.

**5. Follow-Up Discussion Regarding Any Proposed Changes to Enabling Legislation**

Mr. Howard noted that this topic is included on the meeting agenda to afford the Board an opportunity to comment on the topic of MGARA’s approach regarding policymaking and legislative changes that affect MGARA’s operating model or market impact. Mr. Howard added that he is not aware of active current developments in this landscape, but nonetheless wants to ensure Board members have the opportunity for periodic information-sharing. No additional comments were offered at this time.

**6. Report re Resigning Board Member and Candidate**

At this time, Mr. Nicholson joined the meeting.

Mr. Howard reported that David Regan has resigned from the Board due to his departure from Point32 Health. Ms. Ippolito reminded the Board that MGARA’s standard approach to vacancies in carrier seats has been to fill the vacancy with a representative identified by the same carrier organization. Point32 Health has identified Kate Skouteris to fill this vacancy. Consistent with MGARA’s standard practice, Ms. Ippolito will meet with Ms. Skouteris and then report back to the Board for a formal vote. In the meantime, on a motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED: To proceed with MGARA’s standard due diligence review of Kate Skouteris as a prospective Board member for the seat vacated by David Regan’s resignation.

Ms. Ippolito added that Mr. Regan offered very warm praise for the MGARA Board’s thoughtful and collegial approach and Mr. Howard’s support and guidance to the group.

**7. Report re HPIS Implementation**

Mr. Howard reported that MGARA is on-track to implement the High-Priced Items and Services (HPIS) regime for 2024 (with reporting occurring in 2025).

**6. Executive Session**

At 3:30 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

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

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Duly Authorized Officer