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Action Item

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Title: Participation in the Patient Protection Commission Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs

SUMMARY

This report provides a report on PEBP's possible participation in the Patient Protection Commission (PPC) Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs, including costs and benefits.

BACKGROUND

PATIENT PROTECTION COMMISSION

Senate Bill 544 of the 2019 legislative session created the Patient Protection Commission. The goal of the PPC is systematically review issues related to the health care needs of Nevada residents and the accessibility, affordability and quality of health care.

In March 2021, the Milbank Memorial Fund announced that Nevada and four other states had been selected to participate in the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs. Together with Bailit Health, they would provide technical assistance to these states as they explore, set and implement health care cost growth targets. These targets are a first step toward making health care more affordable and transparent.

REPORT

A lack of an all-payer claims database in Nevada makes Nevada's participation in this program challenging. Detailed claims data is necessary to analyze trends and identify geographic or growth issues. As a result, PEBP and Nevada Medicaid have been asked to participate in the

Peterson-Milbank project because of our respective direct access to medical and pharmacy data across the state.

COSTS AND FUNDING

Unlike Medicaid, PEBP does not have an in-house analytics team and will require the assistance of vendors to provide the expertise and tools necessary to perform the analysis. PEBP has received a cost estimate from Aon Consulting for a data warehouse solution, including reporting assistance and analytics. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$150,000. Although PEBP has sought out this solution specifically for the Peterson-Milbank project, it will undoubtedly benefit the program to have access to this data and analytics beyond the scope of this project. Additionally, the PPC has the ability to request funding from the project and expects to be able to split the cost of this expense with PEBP.

CONCLUSION

PEBP is excited for the opportunity to participate in an initiative aimed at addressing cost and access issues in Nevada. The addition of the Executive Officer position as a non-voting Ex-officio member of the PPC will also provide PEBP an additional layer of insight and a larger role in health care policy in the state. With Board approval, PEBP will work with the Governor's Finance Office to ensure all fiscal and contractual requirements are realized and will continue to provide updates on the project.

Staff Recommendation: Approve staff to move forward in working with the PPC and Medicaid to assist in the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs.