2023 Insurance Committee Meeting

La Mesa Spring Valley Schools
September 13, 2022
Today’s Agenda

1. Welcome & Overview
2. 2023 Renewal
3. Open Enrollment Resources
4. VEBA Resource Center
Vision

All Californians have accessible and equitable health care.

Mission

To be the California public sector's preferred provider of innovative health care resources that are effective, affordable, and of the highest quality and value.
2023 Renewal

Market Factors
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Changes for 2023
Renewal: Market Factors

Pre-pandemic for several years healthcare costs have trended relatively low, and during the pandemic there has been declines. Now in mid-2022 and going into 2023, those costs are trending higher than projected.

The 2 main drivers are both hospital and prescription drugs.
  - Inpatient Services for chronic conditions (high-cost claims for high-cost services)
  - High-cost Specialty Drugs (additional drug price inflation and increased utilization)

Utilization across all categories of outpatient type services including pharmacy is up.
  - Primary driver is physician services (greater use of telehealth, urgent care centers and retail clinics, non-essential healthcare postponed/pent-up demand for services)
  - Behavioral health (Pandemic-triggered mental health and substance use disorder issues)
  - Prescription drugs to treat behavioral health

UHC HMO Participating Medical Groups and Kaiser are under pressure:
  - Staffing shortages
  - Managing financial costs and risks
  - Inflationary forces
  - Post COVID Testing, vaccination and treatment costs
How is VEBA dealing with these market factors?

VEBA re-negotiated a new long-term contract with Express Scripts that will provide:
- more premium savings
- improve specialty management
- include more pharmacy management tools
- drive prescription drug costs down
- preparing for new biosimilars & genetic therapies

VEBA renewed the UnitedHealthcare HMO plans with:
- continued direct relationships with medical groups
- engaging in strategic exchanges across all touch points
- largely maintaining the capitated fixed cost arrangements
- reducing and/or arranging for no increases on administrative fees
- increasing available wellness and healthy lifestyle activities

VEBA is engaging with Kaiser on:
- more in-depth analysis and actions around utilization patterns, gaps in care and access
- requiring more data transparency and accountability
- improving medical cost management around high-cost claimants
- evaluating less costly arrangements for OOA/non-Kaiser ER visits
2023 Changes – UnitedHealthcare (UHC) HMO’s

All UHC HMO plans will now have Urgent Care copays that align with the plan’s PCP copay for visits at both within and outside of your assigned medical group’s service area.

2022 Urgent Care Services
- provided within the geographic area served by your medical group $10 Co-payment
- provided outside of the geographic area served by your medical group $50 Co-payment

2023 Urgent Care Services
- provided within the geographic area served by your medical group $10 Co-payment
- provided outside of the geographic area served by your medical group $10 Co-payment
2023 Changes – UnitedHealthcare (UHC) HMO’s

HMO plans no longer being offered in San Diego County:
• CS VEBA Alliance HMO $1200 (HRA)
• Performance HMO Network 2

What does this mean for your district and members?
• If your district currently does not offer these plans, then no action is necessary.
• If your district currently offers these plans and there was no enrollment as of July 1, 2022, these plans will non-renew for 2023.
• If your district currently offers these plans and there was enrollment as of July 1, 2022, these plans will be grandfathered and be renewed going into 2023.

Alternative for CS VEBA Alliance HMO $1200 (HRA) is the CS VEBA Alliance HMO – Journey Plan:
• Lower premium rates
• Plan designs have more basic healthcare services at no charge and lower copays
• Includes a HealthInvest HRA that is fully member vested and funded by CS VEBA
• Members can keep their same doctors as it is the same HMO network
2023 Changes – UnitedHealthcare (UHC) HMO’s

Alternatives for Performance HMO Network 2 are the CS VEBA Alliance HMO network plans:

- Lower premium rates
- Various plan designs with lower copays are available
- Broader network access to more participating medical groups
- Members can keep their same doctors

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2023 Changes – Express Scripts Rx

Prescription Drug List (PDL) - Formulary Change
All Express Scripts Rx Plans will be moving to one PDL, the National Preferred Formulary.
Today, VEBA utilizes both the National & Performance PDLs.
Any impacted members will receive targeted member letters around November 1st and December 1st.

Smart90 retail will now include Sharp Rees-Stealy pharmacies. With the large UnitedHealthcare HMO membership enrolled with the Sharp Rees-Stealy participating medical group, this will provide members with additional easy access to 90 day supply maintenance drugs at the same low costs also available at Costco and Rite Aid Smart90 locations.

Preferred Generic cholesterol medication will join hypertension (high blood pressure) and hypoglycemic (diabetic) medications in the waived copay program. Members can start these maintenance drugs at their regular retail pharmacy up to 3 fills prior to utilizing Smart90 retail and home delivery (mail order) with a $0 copay.
Open Enrollment Timeline

1. August 31
   - Benefit Administrator Training

2. November 1
   - Plan selections due
     *Please note: If no selection is made, plans will default to most similar available option

3. November 15
   - Enrollment forms due for guaranteed ID 1/1 cards

4. January 1, 2023
   - Plan changes & coverage effective date

5. March 1, 2023
   - Journey Plan HRA contributions funded

10 business days after receipt of signed plan selection:
- OE collateral will be available in MyVEBA portal
- Open Enrollment window available for your employees on ARES Online
Member OE Support Resources

Although we won’t be visiting all of our members in person, they have more ways to connect with us than ever before!

- **ARESOnline**
- **MyVEBA**
  Members can browse benefit info, search for a provider, contact VEBA or carriers
- **VEBA Advocacy**
  Contact 888-276-0250 or email advocacy@mcgregorinc.com
- **Benefit Contacts**
  Helpful links to all of our carriers on our website at vebaonline.com
Telehealth Options
Sick? See a Doctor Wherever, Whenever

Virtual Visits

Get 24/7 care by video or phone.
May be used for common medical conditions

- Allergies
- Eye infections
- Rashes
- Bronchitis
- And more.

Tips for registering:

1. For Virtual Visits access or to find out more, download the Amwell, Doctor On Demand or Teladoc mobile apps today.
2. Locate your member ID number on your health plan ID card.
3. Have your credit card ready to cover any costs not covered by your health plan.
4. Choose a pharmacy that's open in case you're given a prescription.

To learn more or start a Virtual Visit, go to uhc.com/virtualvisits or myuhc.com.

NOTE: There is a cost for this service.
Teladoc Medical Experts Services

- Have access to 50,000+ of the world’s best doctors at your fingertips

- Free services from Teladoc Medical Experts include:
  - Expert Second Opinion
  - Ask the Expert
  - Medical Review
  - Specialist Search

- All services available by phone or online

Download the Teladoc Medical Experts Mobile App or call us at 800-Teladoc (835-2362)

Or visit teladoc.com/medical-experts
VEBA’s Employee Assistance Program through Optum is designed to provide confidential support for life’s challenges or more serious problems.

- Available 24/7, 365 days at no cost
- Leadership Training Programs and on-site support available for district staff
- A Work Life Balance Program for members where EAP staff research resources including parenting support and shopping services
- 5 consulting visits per incident
Free Care From Psych Centers At San Diego

- VEBA members now have access to telehealth services provided by Psych Centers at San Diego
- Group therapy and personalized therapy sessions available through your Optum EAP benefit
- VEBA members receive five free visits per concern
- Expedited appointments available

Contact Advocacy: 888-276-0250
Advocacy@mcgregorinc.com
Kaiser Virtual Care

- **E-visit**
  Fill out a short questionnaire about your symptoms online and get personalized self-care advice from a Kaiser Permanente clinician.

- **Phone appointment**
  Schedule an appointment to talk with a Kaiser Permanente clinician over the phone – just like an in-person visit.¹²

- **Email**
  Message your doctor’s office with nonurgent questions anytime through your kp.org account.¹

- **Video visit**
  Meet face-to-face with a doctor by video for the same high-quality care as an in-person visit.¹²

- **Mail-order pharmacy**
  Get prescriptions sent straight to your door with our mail-order delivery service.³

- Schedule a phone or video appointment to connect to a doctor at your convenience.
- No cost share for Kaiser virtual care.
- Get started at [kp.org/getcare]
Kaiser Out of Area Dependent Coverage
Kaiser OOA Dependent Benefits

• If your OOA dependent is in another Kaiser service area, they can go to the nearest Kaiser location

• Kaiser locations in:
  • California
  • Colorado
  • Georgia
  • Hawaii
  • Maryland
  • Oregon
  • Virginia
  • Washington
  • Washington D.C.

You can find Kaiser facilities at kp.org/locations.

For help with getting established in another Kaiser Permanente region, call the Away from Home Travel Line at 951-268-3900.
Kaiser OOA Dependent Benefits

• If your OOA dependent is outside a Kaiser service area, Kaiser will still cover urgent and emergency care

• OOA dependents can:
  ▪ Get care at home during breaks
  ▪ Access electronic medical records
  ▪ Keep in touch with their doctors
  ▪ Call the Away from Home Travel Line at 951-268-3900 for help with coverage and care questions while they’re away

• Many universities offer student health insurance to cover routine, nonemergency services
Kaiser OOA Dependent Benefits

Kaiser Permanente HMO and EPO members will have access to Cigna’s national network of physicians and providers, should they need emergency or urgent care during their travels away from home.

This new agreement with Cigna’s U.S. provider network and Kaiser’s new kp.org/getcare options, which provide 24/7 access to care by Kaiser Permanente health care professionals by phone or video, members will have even more ways to get care how and when they need it – virtually and in person.
Care away from home
Increasing access to care away from home with CVS MinuteClinics

- For members traveling in states without Kaiser Permanente providers
- Staffed by non-Kaiser Permanente nurse practitioners and physician assistants
- Providing limited urgent care services
- Can help improve the financial experience for members accessing care while traveling

28 States with a CVS MinuteClinic 1,100+ locations
Tools & Resources for Open Enrollment & Beyond
New MyVEBA Welcome Page

WELCOME VEBA MEMBERS!
2023 VEBA Health Benefit Plans

Health & Life Benefits

- Achieve Your VEBA Benefits
- Maximizing Your VEBA Benefits
- VEBA Benefits Mobile App
- Emotional Well-Being
- Wellness on Demand
- VEBA Resource Center
- Find a Doctor
MyVEBA Health Benefit Plans

Easy access VEBA Benefit Information
Try It for Yourself!

- Scan the QR code to get started
- If you have problems or are not a VEBA member, contact VEBABenefits@mcgregorinc.com
- Your employees will receive a printed MyVEBA QR code card at on-site OE fairs
- Digital flyers available for those districts with virtual-only OE events
- MyVEBA Resource Page has been created for employees with helpful links and FAQs
  https://www.vebaonline.com/myveba/
Flu Shots

- VEBA will be supporting on-site flu shot clinics this year
- District requests are now open
- On-site clinics available September 12th – November 15th
- New this year! Employees can sign up for convenient appointments

http://www.signupgenius.com/org/vebaflu2022
On-site Flu Shot Scheduler

- Employees are required to register for a Flu Shot appointment
- Helps ensure the vendor has enough flu shots for each event
- Employees may still be able to show up and get a flu shot even if they do not sign up
- Districts will receive step-by-step instruction guide and promotional flyer
Welcome to the VEBA Flu Shot Scheduler

Every year VEBA, in partnership with UnitedHealthcare, offer flu vaccinations to VEBA members at convenient onsite district locations. Flu shots are free to all VEBA members regardless of their participation in VEBA-sponsored medical plans.

Schedule Your Appointment Today!

1. Choose one of the onsite locations from the drop down list below.
2. Select an open time slot and submit.
3. Complete the registration with your identifying credentials.
4. Receive confirmation of your registration via your district email.

Please send any questions or comments to the VEBA team at at VEBABenefits@mcgregorinc.com. Remember to fill out the Flu Shot Consent form provided here and bring with you to your flu shot appointment.

*Flu Shots are sponsored by UnitedHealthcare and administered by Pacific Health and Wellness.*
Flu Shot Reminders

- Employees should bring the Consent Form with them to appointment.
- Consent Forms can be downloaded directly from the scheduling tool or will be emailed with the confirmation.
- Employees can contact Advocacy@mcgregorinc.com for help.
- VEBA members can always receive a free flu shot from their PCP or at a participating retail clinic.
- Remember to take a picture of your appointment for your records.
VEBA Resource Center
FREE Resources for VEBA members
Virtual Schedule of Classes, Programs & Events

We have over 200 monthly classes, programs, and events offered online for our members to access from the comfort of their own home.

New & Improved Building

Check out our new and improved building located at 5520 Ruffin Road in San Diego! We offer a variety of classes such as dance fitness, sound healing, cooking and everything in between!

Host your event with us

Our new building is available for VEBA groups to host your event with us – for FREE! The event space allows for planning meetings, district retreats, team building activities, and more!

Resources Delivered Straight to Your School Site

We will come to you! Our team of experts will work 1x1 with you to custom create an experience for your team and deliver it straight to your school site!
Knowing where to start can be half of the battle! Our Care Navigators are holistic nurses who work one on one with our members to build personalized well-being plans. They are experts who will work closely with you using a whole-person lens to help you overcome barriers and find solutions towards becoming the best version of yourself – whatever that means to you! Working with a Care Navigator Includes:

• A health and well-being assessment
• A customized health and well-being plan
• Help finding resources
• Support and encouragement
• Follow up appointments to monitor progress
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Your Account Manager is a VEBA benefit advisor functioning as the account liaison, working with the internal support team, to ensure we are delivering on your service expectations.

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Thank You!

Questions & Wrap Up
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