

Insure MT Board Conference Call Meeting
October 15, 2008

Present: David Kendall, Betty Beverly, Jim Edwards, Gail Briesse-Zimmer, Jan Vanriper, Jill Sark

A full Board conference call meeting was held to vote to accept or decline the negotiated proposed contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 2009. The following areas were discussed:

Benefits: No questions or clarifications were requested.

Rates: It was asked if the 7% reduction in BCBS administrative costs was the reason for the small increase in premiums. The answer is yes, the reduction in BCBS administrative costs plus the past year's experience resulted in a very slight increase in premiums for 2009.

EAP: No questions or clarifications were requested.

Retention Agreement: Jan gave an explanation of the negotiated proposed retention agreement.

Betty moved to accept the proposed contract the Subcommittee negotiated with BCBS. Jim Seconded. Gail, Betty, Jim, and Bob (via email) voted in favor. David abstained to vote due to possible conflict of interest as he is involved with the Healthcare Forum Project sponsored in part by BCBS.

Jim will draft an article to publicize the outcome of the upcoming contract for 2009 Insure Montana benefits and rates.