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Oregon Educators Benefit Board selects 'Apparent Successful Proposers' to offer benefit plans

Board will prepare for district phase-in and open enrollment in August

**SALEM**—At its April 24 meeting, the Oregon Educators Benefit Board announced the selected “Apparent Successful Proposers,” who will offer medical, dental, vision, pharmacy, disease management and health and wellness benefits to OEGB members beginning Oct. 1.

With this action, the Board is now able to begin communicating with districts to let them know the carriers who will provide OEGB plans, a key piece of information that districts and employee groups have awaited since the insurance pool was created in 2007.

“One of the most important and monumental decisions made by OEGB up to this point, the selection of plan carriers, allows us to begin moving forward with the process of collaborating more closely with the districts, carriers and future members of OEGB to ensure a smooth transition to OEGB this October,” said Steve McNannay, OEGB chair.

This decision by OEGB completes the selection process that has been in the works since January, when the requests for proposals were released, and allows the Board to begin preparing for district phase-in, open enrollment and member education.

“The Board is anxious to have reached this point and looks forward to working more closely with our future members to fulfill the obligation in which we have been charged: provide high-quality benefits that are comparable to what districts currently have. Some of the key attributes of the Apparent Successful Proposers are innovation and quality,” McNannay said. “The Board is extremely confident it has met, and perhaps, exceeded that charge, and we look forward to working with the carriers to design programs that will deliver evidence-based medical care and preventive services that improve the health of OEGB members.”

Contracts with the Apparent Successful Proposers will be negotiated and finalized over the coming weeks, and plan rates are scheduled to be released in mid- to late-May.

**The selected proposers include:**

***Medical/Pharmacy/Disease Management/Health & Wellness:***

Statewide:

Providence Health Plans for plans 1 and 2

ODS Health Plans for plans 3 through 9

Regional:

Kaiser Permanente for plans 1 and 2 in the Kaiser service area.

***Dental***

Statewide:

Oregon Dental Services for plans 1 through 6 and Willamette Dental Group for plans 7 and 8

Regional

Kaiser Permanente for plans 7 and 8 in the Kaiser service area (available only to members who elect Kaiser Permanente Medical)

***Vision***

Statewide:

ODS Health Plans for plans 1-5

Regional:

Kaiser Permanente for plan 5 in the Kaiser service area (available only to members who elect Kaiser Permanente Medical)

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