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Andrea Wojcik

Hello,

I'm a Highmark PPO enrolled State employee. I'm writing to ask the committee to consider expanding the dental plan options available for the next Open Enrollment period. We live in Sussex County by the Kent County border. The options for both Dominion and Delta Dental are extremely limited. Our provider stopped taking Delta last year. My husband who had a conversation with the dental provider, can chime in with details, but the bottom line for us is that there are almost no providers who take either plan in a location that is convenient to us, leaving us at a disadvantage. We don't want to move from our trusted provider who also sees our son who has Autism, as it's nice to have them treat the whole family.

Thank you for considering our request.

Dana Behling

You need to continue the extension that gives part time employees access to ComPsych services. Part time employees make up a large portion of the workforce for the State and serve an invaluable purpose to what we do across all departments and divisions. We need to give them the support they deserve for their time and effort. It's unfair treatment to take this service away from them when they already tend to rely on State services to afford food and healthcare.

Extend the access to ComPsych indefinitely. It's the least we can do for our part time workers.

Juliette Wurm

To the Committee,

I am writing to express my opinion in not continuing to give part time employees access to ComPsych. I used ComPsych at a very hard time in my life and it did help me through it and more importantly saved my life. I think it is a mistake to not allow all State employees access to this life saving and medically important benefit. Just because they are part time with the State does not mean they don't need mental health assistance. Also mental health assistance is not just for during COVID it is something that people struggle with everyday so it is wrong to take it away now that COVID is no longer large concern. Thank you.

Bob Clarkin

Dear Members of the SEBC:

I was greatly pleased when reviewing the SEBC website that the following announcement had been posted:

Video recordings of the public session of the State Employee Benefits Committee, Financial Subcommittee, and Health Policy & Planning Subcommittee meetings will be made available to the public under the "Review Meeting Materials" section of the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) webpage beginning May 2024. Video recordings of the public session of the State Employee Benefits Committee, Financial Subcommittee, and Health Policy & Planning Subcommittee meetings will be made available to the public under the "Review Meeting Materials" section of the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) webpage beginning May 2024.

Bob Clarkin continued...

This is a major change from just 2 years ago when the SBO leadership wouldn't even acknowledge that tape recording of the Meetings existed, and then denied my FOIA request for the documents which upon appeal to the State's Attorney General's Office was overturned. Hopefully we will see this trend toward greater "transparency" by the SEBC in the future as a new Administration will hopefully bring new leadership to both the DHR and SBO.