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Public Comments for calendar year 2022

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From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 6:50 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: General, Attorney (LAW sponsored) <attorney.general@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Fwd: Crimes: To Marie Laroza Alaska State Ombudsmen's Office

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 4:38 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: General, Attorney (LAW sponsored) <attorney.general@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Crimes: To Marie Laroza Alaska State Ombudsmen's Office

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 9:05 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Subject: AS 36.30.808/ JUNE 28, 2022 NO URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABILITIES BY ALASKACARE FOR 77 YEAR OLD SENIOR CITIZEN

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:40 PM  
To: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: AS 36.30.808/ JUNE 28, 2022 NO URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABILITIES BY ALASKACARE FOR 77 YEAR OLD SENIOR CITIZEN

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:00 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Appointments

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:50 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Fwd: Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:49 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: MORE EVIDENCE!! Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment
From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:48 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: EVIDENCE OF STEVE RAMOS(ALASKACARE) AND ANDREW ROBISON(AETNA) LYING. DENYING TREATMENT OF DISABILITIES AND VIOLATING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:47 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Criminal Intent BY Steve Ramos(Alaskcare/Andrew Robison (Aetna) )Response to AlaskaCare Request for Guarantee of Payment for Member Overseas

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:45 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: 18 UNITED STATES CODE 1343 FRAUD BY WIRE, RADIO AND TELEVISION/42 USC 1985 CONSPIRACY TO INTERFERE WITH CIVIL RIGHT/amERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:46 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Solid Evidence of Criminal Intent BY Steve Ramos(Alaskcare)/Andrew Robison (Aetna)

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:44 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: June 24, 2022, Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:42 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Americans With Disability Act Complaint

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:30 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: JUNE 28, 2022 NO URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABILITIES BY ALASKACARE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN
From: William D. Webster
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>
Subject: JUNE 28, 2022 NO URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABILITIES BY ALASKACARE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>
Subject: JUNE 26, 2022 NO MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABILITIES

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 6:13 PM
To: Newman, David (DOA) <david.newman@alaska.gov>
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: JUNE 25, 2022, NO MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FROM STEVE RAMOS(ALASKACARE) AND ANDREW ROBISON(AETNA), VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>
Subject: June 24, 2022, Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:22 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Desai, Ajay (DOA) <ajay.desai@alaska.gov>
Subject: 18USC1347, 18USC 1346, 18USC 242, 18USC 241

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Newman, David (DOA) <david.newman@alaska.gov>
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 18 UNITED STATES CODE 1343 FRAUD BY WIRE, RADIO AND TELEVISION/42 USC 1985 CONSPIRACY TO INTERFERE WITH CIVIL RIGHT/amERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:52 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>
Subject: Solid Evidence of Criminal Intent BY Steve Ramos(Alaskcare)/Andrew Robison (Aetna)
From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:21 PM  
To: Wittmer, Brent R (DOA) <brent.wittmer@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: June 23, 2022, Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:10 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Evidence of Criminal Intent BY Steve Ramos(Alaskacare/Andrew Robison (Aetna) )

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:09 PM  
To:  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: June 22, 2022, Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 4:11 AM  
To: Wittmer, Brent R (DOA) <brent.wittmer@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Desai, Ajay (DOA) <ajay.desai@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:58 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Subject: EVIDENCE OF STEVE RAMOS(ALASKACARE) AND ANDREW ROBISON(AETNA) LYING. DENYING TREATMENT OF DISABILITIES AND VIOLATING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:26 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Subject: MORE EVIDENCE!! Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:02 AM  
To: Jones, Alysia D (DOR) <alysia.jones@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Request for Medical Treatment/ Illegal Denial of Medical Treatment
From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2022 6:15 PM  
To: Member Svcs Contact Center Queue, DOA DRB (DOA sponsored) <doa.drb.MSCC@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: : The ADA LAW

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 6:13 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Desai, Ajay (DOA) <ajay.desai@alaska.gov>  
Subject: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1991 SECTION 109

42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 12111(4)

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 5:25 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: AS 39.30.330 ADMINISTRATOR/42 UNITED STATES CODE 1985 (3) CONSPIRACY TO INTERFERE WITH CIVIL RIGHT

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 4:06 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer (GOV sponsored) <lt.governor@alaska.gov>  
Subject: AS 39.30.330 ADMINISTRATOR/42 UNITED STATES CODE 1985 (3) CONSPIRACY TO INTERFERE WITH CIVIL RIGHT

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 7:45 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Cc: Commissioners Office, DOA (DOA sponsored) <doa.commissioner@alaska.gov>  
Subject: ADA Violation and 42 USC Conspiracy to Interfere with Civil Rights (3)

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:54 PM  
To:  
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Sent to US JUstice Deptm Civilv Right Div, ADA Div/Department of Health and Human Services

William D. Webster
Division of Retirement & Benefits, Emily Ricci, Chief Health Administrator, Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB), and Retired Public Employees of Alaska:

I have attached my comments regarding the "Proposed Amendment to the DB Retiree AlaskaCare Plan".

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Regards,
Kris Hutchin

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From: Kris Hutchin
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Ricci, Emily K (DOA) <emily.ricci@alaska.gov>; Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>; manager@rpea-ak.org
Subject: RE: Response to Notice of Proposed Amendment to the DB Retiree AlaskaCare Plan posted March 26, 2022
From: John ahrens  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:10 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Fell threw the Cracks of the Retiree Health Care HELP!!

Attention Judy Salo.

My Name is Earl Ahrens.  
I am a retired Correctional Officer from the State of Alaska.

The problem is Aetna has just started since 2019 approved oral implants (post only) not the full reconstructive portion. Delta Dental will only pay up to $2000.00 per year and does not recognize implants of any kind. My procedure will cost a jaw dropping $77000.00.

I need help because Aetna along with Moda Dental do not regard Oral Prosthetics as a covered as necessary and are not covered and has some how come up with the idea that the oral cavity is not part of the Digestive System and is important enough to consider any kind of prosthetics of any kind. Regardless of the persons medical necessity. Unless it is do to a accident. Then its covered. So I have been told y Aetna.

As you know Aetna along insurances pays for many different types of prosthesis regardless of injurie or old age or dieases. Such as hip replacement's and joints from fingers to knees.

Aetna is looking at my problem as a dental issue and and Moda is say sorry you only get $2000 a year and what your talking about is not covered.

Aetna does not recognize a periodontist or orthodontist and my Medical Doctor has written what he could.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards.

Earl J. Ahrens

From: William D. Webster  
To: hrc@alaska.gov <hrc@alaska.gov>  
Sent: Thu, May 5, 2022 7:19 am  
Subject: Re: AS 18.80.255(3)

Sirs,  
May 4, 2022

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
To: attorney.general@alaska.gov <attorney.general@alaska.gov>
Cc: attorney_general@law.state.ak.us <attorney_general@law.state.ak.us>
Sent: Wed, May 4, 2022 7:41 am
Subject: Americans with Disabilities Acvt

Sirs,

RHPAB Public Comment for April 2022

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Ricci, Emily K (DOA) <emily.ricci@alaska.gov>
Cc: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fwd: The Skim.

William D. Webster

From: Gary Powell
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:41 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Insurance Claim denials

Once again I or my spouse have been denied coverage on a claim that should have been or would have been covered previously. This is now near the breaking point. These decisions are hitting me square in the pocketbook. I just received a denial of coverage [redacted] that was clearly articulated as a medical necessity [redacted]. My problem is that I am so overwhelmed with the mountainous medical paperwork that I can’t get my thoughts together enough to enter comments on the record. I don’t even know if I can muster the strength to appeal yet another denial by Aetna. I think they bank on us older folks being too beat down to argue anymore. This is not how deserving retirees should be treated.

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 7:30 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Protection, Consumer (LAW sponsored) <consumerprotection@alaska.gov>
Subject: FRAUD/CONTRACT FRUAD/AS36.30.880 REQUIRED GOOD FAITH/WIRE FRAUD/HONEST SERVICES FRAUD

To: Attorney General of the State of Alaska

From: William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:56 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
From: Calloway, Virginia A  
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 1:04 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Hinge Health

Good afternoon – I am currently a Alaska Employee Health care member and using the Hinge Health. It has been extremely helpful. I love it as I can do the physical therapy anytime I want. And more importantly I can schedule when I have time and not have to fight for time at an office when they have an opening. It has helped me tremendously. I recommend Hinge Health be added to the retirement health plan I will be on 5/1/2022.

Virginia Calloway  
Division of Employment and Training Services  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:31 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: As 36.30.920 Reporting of Anticompetitive Practices

To,  

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:33 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Fwd: LIES BY ANDREW RIBISON(AETNA) AND STEVE RAMOS(ALASKACARE/STATE OF ALASKA

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster  
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:41 AM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: NOT THE FIRST NOR LAST! Denial of Medical Treatment, JAN 15, 2019/03,03,2022

William D. Webster
From: William D. Webster
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:40 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: NO ALASKACARE MEMBER SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE THIS!!!

William D. Webster
April 16, 2022

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: LETTER FROM AETNA LEGAL COUNCIL

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 6:42 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Crimes/Conspiracy
To: Office of the Attorney General, State of Alaska

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 6:43 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: As 36.30.920 Reporting of Anticompetitive Practices/ 18USC1346

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 6:45 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: Ramos, Steve P (DOA) <steve.ramos@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fwd: As 36.30.920 Reporting of Anticompetitive Practices
To: Ms. Ridle, April 17, 2022

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 6:46 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: ALASKACARE EMPLOYEE CAUGHT IN LIE/IN CONSPIRACY WITH AETNA EMPLOYEE

William D. Webster

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Sunday, April 17, 2022 6:47 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NO ALASKACARE MEMBER SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE THIS!!!

William D. Webster                      April 16, 2022

From: William D. Webster
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:36 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>
Cc: newstips@adn.com
Subject: Sent to Office of Alaska Attorney General/as 36.30.920

RHPAB Public Comment for March 2022

From: carl berger
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>; Desai, Ajay (DOA) <ajay.desai@alaska.gov>
Subject: Retirement Board meeting scheduled on 5/5/2022

I am a retired state employee seeking information about my current dental insurance plan and why the $2,000 current coverage has not been increased in response to inflationary effects for many years. This has resulted in higher charges to my out of pocket expense annually.

If this situation is within the purview of the board's responsibility, what is your procedure to review this situation periodically?

Who are the current board members and what are their terms? Are the scheduled remote meetings open to the public for scheduled comment – persons to be heard? To listen only?

Please reply to this email.
Carl Berger

From: KATHLEEN CLARKSON
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 11:42 AM  (note: received by RHPAB email on 03/01/2022)
To: DOA DRB Townhall (DOA sponsored) <doa.drb.townhall@alaska.gov>
Subject: supplemental monthly deduction questions and suggestions and masks

Dear committee,

I have some concerns regarding supplemental deductions. Unless we live in AK, we have to pay upfront for vision and audio. I pay 70.00 a month to begin. If we live outside AK, we have to pay upfront for these two services and then wait to get reimbursed. This issue continues and needs reviewing. We should be able to use our card or another card - not have to pay upfront. Also, we need to cover more on the vision program. Most retirees need more than what is covered. Many advantage plans give better coverage for vision. Also, why do we have chiropractic visits without acupuncture? It’s obvious we are not keeping up with most advantage care plans in this area as well. Silver sneakers would be appreciated as well. They only pay the membership fee anyway, not the monthly fees, as I understand.

I hope you will consider reimbursing out of pocket purchases for masks-Kn95 and n95. Some of us still work and are required to have masks. Please help us out by reimbursing us least partially for these out of pocket costs. Thank you for your review of these issues. Kathleen Clarkson

RHPAB Public Comment for February 2022

From: KATHLEEN CLARKSON
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov
Subject: Concerns

Dear Committee members.

I am on the retiree plan. I live out of state. I pay for supplemental coverage and am on Medicare with Aetna coinsurance. These are my concerns.

1. Even though I pay around 70.00 a month for supplemental coverage for dental, vision and audio, I still have to pay up front for vision and audio fees and wait a month or more to get reimbursed. My understanding is that if we live in AK, retirees do not have to pay upfront for vision and audio. Also, the coverage for vision doesn’t cover much and in many cases what people even need in terms of glasses coverage. I think you should review other advantage plans like blue cross and others to compare. Maybe we could opt out for audio and pay less monthly supplemental fees.

2. Coverage for chiropractic is very generous but there is no coverage for acupuncture. Why? We need this coverage. I’ve been talking about this for years and I see that several advantage care insurances cover acupuncture. Is there a reason for this?

3. Many of us still work. Having even partial coverage for n95 and kn95 masks would be so appreciated. Please consider this.

4. Please consider Silver Sneakers. I know I’d sign up if it were offered here. As far as I know, Silver Sneakers pays for initial upfront fees, not monthly fees. That isn’t a huge investment for the program. Most advantage plans offer it.

Thank you for your review. Kathleen Clarkson

From: John Roxburgh
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov
Cc: townhall@drb.alaska.gov
Subject: Dental plan benefits and the cost of living
Folks,

A member on today's Town Hall asked about whether and when the dental benefits might be increased to account for the high and ever-increasing cost of living here in Alaska. The host decided to interpret this question as being related to the $2000 maximum benefit payable per plan year.

In my experience the problem with the dental benefit is not the MBP, but rather the UCR. It may be fine for you folks in Anchorage, with its big-city prices, but the usual, customary and reasonable charge for dental procedures (like fillings, for instance), as determined by the plan, are TOO LOW ... even for those of us who live here in Juneau. I shudder to think how much of a shortfall is being suffered by AlaskaCare members in smaller or rural communities.

I urge you to take another look at what providers need to charge for dental services here in Alaska, especially in areas outside of the Anchorage bowl.

Thanks for providing a generous and important suite of health benefits. Life in the US is not viable without it.

johnpr

From: Ron Woods  
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:04 PM  
To: Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (DOA sponsored) <alaskarhpab@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Inflation Adjustment to Retiree Health Care Benefits

Dear Alaska Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board:

During a monthly townhall health care plan conference this morning, several retirees concerns about the whether the health plan has any process or plan in place to consider inflation adjustment to the plan limits on our health plan benefits (similar to what exists for monthly pensions for pension plan retirees.)

Of specific concern is the $2,000 limit on dental expenses over and above preventive benefits and the $2,000,000 lifetime limit on medical benefits. Retirees were advised by DRB to contact the advisory board to ensure these concerns are understood and considered.

Thank-you are your consideration and any feedback you can provide on the topic.

Respectfully,
Ronald J. Woods

RHPAB Public Comment for January 2022 - None