

Hi Adam,

Thank you so much for your efforts on the decision regarding the benchmark insurance plan.

Attached is the statement on behalf of the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, the National Research Center for Women and Families, and the National Women's Health Network. Also attached is a spreadsheet breakdown by this coalition of all plans being considered by the Division of Insurance. Please note that the position of these organizations HAS BEEN MODIFIED SUBSTANTIALLY from the written remarks that I gave Jake Sunderland yesterday. The attached written remarks detail our interest in all 10 plans. Out of the 10 plans, we strongly prefer the Rocky Mountain Anthem BCBS PPO small group plan (which we believe is Plan C) as well as Plan A (HPN-POS) and most of the other Health Plan of Nevada plans (except for the HMO state employee plan) because those plans specify coverage that will enable women to diagnose and remove these medical devices when they are ruptured or causing other serious health problems. Plan D (Public Employees Benefit Program) specifies at least some coverage for removing breast implants when medically necessary and would therefore not be as detrimental as Plan F, which specifically excludes such coverage even if a woman's health would be irreparably harmed as a result. We were not able to obtain the relevant information about the Aetna plan, so can't comment on that. However, of the 9 plans that Nevada is considering that we were able to review, Plan F (Hometown Health HMO) is the least helpful to women, including breast cancer patients, regarding breast implants.

We appreciate the Division's consideration of this important issue.

Kind regards,
Rebecca

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