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AGENDA

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

2:00 PM Review of October 6, 2021 Minutes

Executive Session

- Review of Submitted Medical Claims

Hearings

Old Business

- The LEOFF Board made a motion to approve enrolling LEOFF members into an air ambulance program (Life Flight) for an annual membership fee of \$69.00 per household. With that being said, the Chairman asked that the Secretary do more research before this motion goes into effect. Some concerns of purchasing the Life Flight Plans include allocating the amount for the LEOFF member coverage vs the per household coverage, each LEOFF

member would need to purchase the plan on their own and then submit a claim for reimbursement, and the possibility of needing to change/add language to the current LEOFF 1 policy. The majority of the other LEOFF 1 Boards do not have specific insurance plans for air ambulance services. They'd have the members bill Medicare and their secondary insurance before sending the remaining balance before the LEOFF Board for reimbursement on a case-by-case basis. However, Franklin County LEOFF Board does cover the annual premium for Life Flight services for its members which they added to their policy book.

New Business

- Both Scott Hamilton and Don Smith have upcoming term expirations ending December 31, 2021. Both members have expressed a willingness to serve another two-year term. No other nominees were submitted for election. As you know, a Chairman and Chairman Pro-Tem also need to be appointed for the 2022 calendar year. All appointments will be announced during the February 2022 meeting.
- Discussion of situation where LEOFF member needs in home care but will only cooperate or feel comfortable if family friend is able to assist. If the Long Term Care policy doesn't provide payment for this service will the county reimburse the friend as a caretaker. If payment is allowed how is it to be reimbursed-file a claim and get board's approval on a case-by-case basis? Or set up a yearly dollar amount the county will reimburse for? The second option would probably need language added to the policy book if adopted.

- Yearly reminder that per LEOFF policy, all reimbursement claims must have proper paperwork submitted i.e. statement/invoice from doctor with dates of service, amount of charges, amount billed/paid by insurance company, patient responsibility amount; Explanation of Benefits from the insurance company; statement from pharmacy with amount billed/paid by insurance company for reimbursements.