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FYI

From: Travis Turner
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 9:21 AM
To: William Blume
Subject: FW: MA

Morning Bill,

Just FYI (see below)...I figure if the Humana folks really want us to consider the Medicare Advantage, they ought to have some expertise or experience they can share regarding MA plans and grandfathered status.

I'll let you know what I hear back from them.

Travis

From: Travis Turner
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 9:19 AM
To: 'Harry Cato'
Subject: RE: MA

Morning Harry,

Sorry for the delay in responding, but I was out of the office a couple of days in class for CPE.

I have discussed the MA option with Bill Blume and we both feel that it deserves consideration. One of our main concerns, however, is whether implementing the MA and discontinuing our current Medicare Supplement would be a change of sufficient magnitude to force the plan to give up grandfathered status and become ACA compliant. Obviously, becoming ACA compliant has both financial and political ramifications that would need to be vetted and approved before we head down that path. We have contacted some of the key individuals to see whether becoming ACA compliant in plan-year 2014 is politically feasible and are awaiting their response.

Are you (or possibly the Humana folks) aware of any other large state plan that switched to a MA plan and remained grandfathered?? We get varying answers depending on who we ask. Some say it is possible depending on the structure of the MA plan relative to the plan it is replacing, while others say it would be enough of a benefit or plan change to void grandfathered status. It may be a moot issue if the powers that be allow us to move to ACA compliant in 2014, but if we are restricted to remaining grandfathered, and adding the MA would cost us that grandfathered status, it may not be possible to implement the MA in 2014.

Thanks for any info you can provide.

Take Care,
Travis

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To: Travis Turner

Subject: MA

Travis,

Hope you are doing well.

Just wanted to touch base concerning Humana and Medicare Advantage.

Since meeting with you we have met with staff of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance to put the issue on their radar.

Also met with Frank Fusco since we had talked to him in his previous role with BCB.

I have also communicated with Cindy Hartley via e-mail requesting an opportunity to meet with her and/or appear before her committee to provide information concerning MA.

As you are well aware if there is interest in making MA an option for the year 2014 the process needs to move forward a little more this year getting ready for an RFP in the spring of 2013.

Please let me know what you need from our end to continue this discussion.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Harry

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