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### Minimum Value Memorandum 2023 State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan

The following was excerpted from an IRS website document related to Minimum Value and Affordability:

"An employer-sponsored plan provides minimum value if it covers at least 60 percent of the total allowed cost of benefits that are expected to be incurred under the plan. Under proposed regulations upon which taxpayers may rely, employers generally must use a minimum value calculator developed by HHS to determine if a plan with standard features provides minimum value. Plans with nonstandard features are required to obtain an actuarial certification for the nonstandard features. The proposed regulations also describe certain safe harbor plan designs that will satisfy minimum value."

Actuarial values for performing the minimum value test were prepared using the "mv-calculator-final-4-11-2013.xlsm" (referred to herein as the "minimum value calculator"). Calculations were performed separately using the minimum value calculator for Self Only Base coverage and for Self Only Select coverage. Both Base and Select coverage cover all of the essential services measured by the minimum value calculator. Only In-Network cost sharing was included in the minimum value testing.

			Medical	Drug	Coml	bined
	Combined	Medical	Coinsurance	Copays	Out-of-	Pocket
	Deductible*	Coinsurance	Maximum	Gen/Brand/Spec**	Lir	nit
Self Only Coverage						
In Network	\$1,800	20%	\$3 <i>,</i> 000	\$12/\$45/\$100	\$6,5	00
Out-of-Network	\$1,800	40%	\$4,000	\$12/\$45/\$100		
					Per	Each
Family Coverage					Family	Persor
In Network	\$3,000	20%	\$5,500	\$12/\$45/\$100	\$13,000	\$6,500
Out-of-Network	\$3,000	40%	\$7 <i>,</i> 500	\$12/\$45/\$100		

**Base Coverage –** Base coverage is generally described in the Table below.

In 2022 and recent prior years, there were also copay tiers for non-preferred generic and non-preferred brand drugs; in 2023 those tiers were no longer applicable under the Plan's drug formulary.

In addition to the out-of-pocket costs shown in the above Table, there is a \$50 copay that applies to the first emergency room visit and a \$200 copay that applies to each emergency room visit after the first visit.

The minimum value calculator accommodates most of the benefit design details for Base Self-only coverage, but it does not allow for two emergency room copay levels. Therefore, I tested the lowest possible copay, and the highest possible copay, for that feature. Both results returned the same minimum value.

## **Base Coverage (Continued)**

Drugs on the ACA preventive drug list are covered at 100% and are not subject to a deductible or to copays. Certain other preventive drugs are on a separate HSA Preventive Drug list and are subject to drug copays and to a separate lower deductible (\$75), but not to the higher combined deductible (\$1,800 for individual coverage or \$3,000 for family coverage).

Exhibit 1 is a screen shot of the minimum value calculator output for Base Self Only Coverage, assuming a \$50 copay for all emergency room visits. The minimum value percentage for that design was 71.9%. Exhibit 2 is a screen shot of the minimum value calculator output for Base Self Only Coverage, assuming a \$200 copay for all emergency room visits. The minimum value percentage for that design was also 71.9%.

The minimum value calculator first applies copays and then the deductible. Base coverage drug copays, on the other hand, are only collected after the deductible has been met. Also, the minimum value calculator does not accommodate an HSA preventive drug list, which is a feature that reduces employee out-of-pocket costs and therefore increases value. This means that the out-of-pocket costs are overstated in the above calculations, and the resulting minimum values are understated. It is not necessary to calculate a precise actuarial value for the minimum value test, only to show that the actuarial value is greater than 60%.

# Select Coverage

Select coverage in 2023 is generally described in the Table below. As with Base coverage, In addition to the out-of-pocket costs shown, there is a \$50 copay that applies to the first emergency room visit and a \$200 copay that applies to each emergency room visit after the first visit.

	2023 SELECT COVERAGE						
		Sep	arate Medica	al Plan	Sepa	rate Drug Plan	Combined
		*Individual Medical Deductible	*Medical Coinsurance	Individual Coinsurance Maximum	Individual Drug Deductible	Drug Copays Gen/Brand/Spec**	Individual Out of Pocket Limit
	In Network Out-of-Network	\$1,800 \$2,300	20% 40%	\$3,000 \$4,000	\$75	\$12/\$45/\$100	\$6,500
*	<ul> <li>PCP Copay Feature (In-Network Only)</li> <li>PCP office visit charges are not subject to the deductible.</li> <li>PCP office visit copay: \$25 (applies to the evaluation &amp; management charge)</li> <li>PCP office visits charges other than the evaluation &amp; management charge: 20% coinsurance</li> </ul>						
**	* Drug copays for	generic/brar	nd/specialty d	Irugs.			
	Family Medical D Family OOP Limit					al Deductibles.	

A screen shot of the minimum calculator output for 2023 Select coverage, assuming a \$50 copay for all ER visits appears as Exhibit 3. The minimum value percentage under those assumptions was 76.2%. A screen shot of the minimum calculator output for 2023 Select coverage, assuming a \$200 copay for all ER visits appears as Exhibit 4. The minimum value percentage under those assumptions was also 76.2%. Again, it is not necessary to calculate a precise actuarial value for the minimum value test, only to show that the minimum value is greater than 60%.

# Example of a 60% Plan Using the Minimum Value Calculator

The minimum value calculator was used to illustrate a plan design that just met the absolute minimum requirement of a 60% minimum value. Exhibit 5 is a screen shot of a plan with a combined deductible of \$6,350 with 100% coinsurance above the deductible and therefore a maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$6,350. That plan design would have a calculated minimum value of exactly 60.0%.

# Limited Applicability of the Minimum Value Calculator

It is noted that the actuarial values produced by the prescribed minimum value calculator, which is based on national claims data and a presumed national average demographic profile, may not be indicative of the expected or actual actuarial value based on State plan demographics or claims experience. The actuarial values shown herein are only to be used for their stated purpose, i.e., to demonstrate that the Plan meets the minimum value requirements under 45 CFR Section 156.145.

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# EXHIBIT 1 Base Self Only Coverage - \$50 ER Copay

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#### **User Inputs for Plan Parameters**

- Use Integrated Medical and Drug Deductible?
  - Apply Inpatient Copay per Day?
- Apply Skilled Nursing Facility Copay per Day?
- Use Separate OOP Maximum for Medical and Drug Spending?
  - Grandfathered Plan?

HSA/HRA Options	
HSA/HRA Employer Contribution?	
Annual Contribution Amount:	

Combined

\$1,800.00

80.00% \$6,500.00

	Tier	Tier 1 Plan Benefit Design		
	Medical	Drug	Co	
Deductible (\$)			\$	
Coinsurance (%, Insurer's Cost Share)				
OOP Maximum (\$)			\$	
OOP Maximum if Separate (\$)				

Click Here for Important Instructions	Tier 1			
Type of Benefit	Subject to Deductible?	Subject to Coinsurance?	Coinsurance, if different	Copay, if separate
Medical	🖌 All	🗹 All		
Emergency Room Services	N	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		\$50.00
All Inpatient Hospital Services (inc. MHSA)	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness (exc. Well Baby, Preventive, and X-rays)	•	•		
Specialist Visit	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services	•	•		
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	◄	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	V	2		
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy				
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization			100%	\$0.00
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Skilled Nursing Facility	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	V	•		
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	>	<b>v</b>		
Drugs	II All			
Generics	>			\$12.00
Preferred Brand Drugs	>			\$45.00
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs	>			\$45.00
Specialty High-Cost Drugs	Y			\$100.00

**Options for Additional Benefit Design Limits:** 

Set a Maximum on Specialty Rx Coinsurance Payments?	
Specialty Rx Coinsurance Maximum:	
Set a Maximum Number of Days for Charging an IP Copay?	
# Days (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Cost-Sharing After a Set Number of Visits?	
# Visits (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Deductible/Coinsurance After a Set Number of	
Copays?	
# Copays (1-10):	

#### Output

Calculate Status/Error Messages:

Minimum Value:

MV Over 60% 71.9%

# **EXHIBIT 2** Base Self Only Coverage - \$200 ER Copay

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### **User Inputs for Plan Parameters**

- Use Integrated Medical and Drug Deductible?
  - Apply Inpatient Copay per Day?
- Apply Skilled Nursing Facility Copay per Day?
- Use Separate OOP Maximum for Medical and Drug Spending?
  - Grandfathered Plan?
- HSA/HRA Options HSA/HRA Employer Contribution?

Combined \$1,800.00 80.00%

\$6,500.00

Annual Contribution Amount:

	Tier 1 Plan Benefit Design			
	Medical	Drug	Co	
Deductible (\$)			\$	
Coinsurance (%, Insurer's Cost Share)				
OOP Maximum (\$)			\$	
OOP Maximum if Separate (\$)				

Click Here for Important Instructions	Tier 1				
Type of Benefit	Subject to Deductible?	Subject to Coinsurance?	Coinsurance, if different	Copay, if separate	
Medical	🖌 All	🖌 All			
Emergency Room Services	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		\$200.00	
All Inpatient Hospital Services (inc. MHSA)	>				
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness (exc. Well Baby, Preventive, and X-rays)	◄	•			
Specialist Visit	>	•			
Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services	₽	•			
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>			
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	V	<b>v</b>			
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy	✓	•			
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization			100%	\$0.00	
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>			
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	V				
Skilled Nursing Facility	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>			
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	V	•			
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	>	<b>v</b>			
Drugs	II All				
Generics	>			\$12.00	
Preferred Brand Drugs	V			\$45.00	
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs	V			\$45.00	
Specialty High-Cost Drugs	Y			\$100.00	

Options for Additional Benefit Design Limits:

Set a Maximum on Specialty Rx Coinsurance Payments?	
Specialty Rx Coinsurance Maximum:	
Set a Maximum Number of Days for Charging an IP Copay?	
# Days (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Cost-Sharing After a Set Number of Visits?	
# Visits (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Deductible/Coinsurance After a Set Number of	
Copays?	
# Copays (1-10):	
Output	

Output

Calculate Status/Error Messages:

Minimum Value:

MV Over 60% 71.9%

# **EXHIBIT 3** Select Coverage - \$50 ER Copay

### **User Inputs for Plan Parameters**

- Use Integrated Medical and Drug Deductible?
  - Apply Inpatient Copay per Day?
- Apply Skilled Nursing Facility Copay per Day?
- Use Separate OOP Maximum for Medical and Drug Spending?
  - Grandfathered Plan?

HSA/HRA Options	
HSA/HRA Employer Contribution?	

Combined \$1,800.00 80.00% \$6,500.00

Annual Contribution Amount:

	Tier 1 Plan Benefit Design				
	Medical	Drug	Co		
Deductible (\$)	\$1,800.00	\$75.00	\$		
Coinsurance (%, Insurer's Cost Share)	80.00%	100.00%			
OOP Maximum (\$)	\$6,50	00.00	\$		
OOP Maximum if Separate (\$)					

Click Here for Important Instructions	Tier 1			
Type of Benefit	Subject to	Subject to	Coinsurance, if	Copay, if
	Deductible?	Coinsurance?	different	separate
Medical	🖌 All	🖌 All		
Emergency Room Services	•	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		\$50.00
All Inpatient Hospital Services (inc. MHSA)	►	✓		
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness (exc. Well Baby,				\$25.00
Preventive, and X-rays)		Ľ		\$25.00
Specialist Visit	◄	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient				
Services		<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	V	✓		
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy	◄	<b>v</b>		
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization			100%	\$0.00
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	>	<		
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Skilled Nursing Facility	Y	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	•	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Drugs	🖌 All			
Generics	•			\$12.00
Preferred Brand Drugs	>			\$45.00
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs	V			\$45.00
Specialty High-Cost Drugs	V			\$100.00

Options for Additional Benefit Design Limits:

Set a Maximum on Specialty Rx Coinsurance Payments?	
Specialty Rx Coinsurance Maximum:	
Set a Maximum Number of Days for Charging an IP Copay?	
# Days (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Cost-Sharing After a Set Number of Visits?	
# Visits (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Deductible/Coinsurance After a Set Number of	
Copays?	
# Copays (1-10):	
Output	

#### Output

Calculate Status/Error Messages:

Minimum Value:

MV Over 60% 76.2%

# **EXHIBIT 4** Select Coverage – \$200 ER Copay

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### **User Inputs for Plan Parameters**

Use Integrated Medical and Drug Deductible?

Apply Inpatient Copay per Day?

Apply Skilled Nursing Facility Copay per Day?

Use Separate OOP Maximum for Medical and Drug Spending?

Grandfathered Plan?

HSA/HRA Options	
HSA/HRA Employer Contribution?	

Combined \$1,800.00 80.00%

\$6,500.00

Annual Contribution Amount:

	Tier 1 Plan Benefit Design			
	Medical	Drug	C	
Deductible (\$)	\$1,800.00	\$75.00	\$	
Coinsurance (%, Insurer's Cost Share)	80.00%	100.00%		
OOP Maximum (\$)	\$6,500.00			
OOP Maximum if Separate (\$)				

Click Here for Important Instructions	Tier 1			
Type of Benefit	Subject to Deductible?	Subject to Coinsurance?	Coinsurance, if different	Copay, if separate
Medical	▼ All	🖌 All		
Emergency Room Services	V	✓		\$200.00
All Inpatient Hospital Services (inc. MHSA)	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness (exc. Well Baby, Preventive, and X-rays)		<b>y</b>		\$25.00
Specialist Visit	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services		☑		
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	V	✓		
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	V	<b>v</b>		
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy	V	•		
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization			100%	\$0.00
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	V	✓		
Skilled Nursing Facility	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)				
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	>	✓		
Drugs	II All	🗌 All		
Generics	N			\$12.00
Preferred Brand Drugs	>			\$45.00
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs	V			\$45.00
Specialty High-Cost Drugs	2			\$100.00

**Options for Additional Benefit Design Limits:** 

Set a Maximum on Specialty Rx Coinsurance Payments?	
Specialty Rx Coinsurance Maximum:	
Set a Maximum Number of Days for Charging an IP Copay?	
# Days (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Cost-Sharing After a Set Number of Visits?	
# Visits (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Deductible/Coinsurance After a Set Number of	
Copays?	
# Copays (1-10):	
Output	

#### Output

Calculate

Status/Error Messages:

Minimum Value:

MV Over 60% 76.2%

### EXHIBIT 5 Example of a 60% Plan Using the Minimum Value Calculator Combined Plan Deductible of \$6,350 with 100% Coverage Thereafter

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#### **User Inputs for Plan Parameters**

Use Integrated Medical and Drug Deductible?

Apply Inpatient Copay per Day?

- Apply Skilled Nursing Facility Copay per Day?
- Use Separate OOP Maximum for Medical and Drug Spending? Grandfathered Plan?
- HSA/HRA Options
  HSA/HRA Employer Contribution?

	Tier 1 Plan Benefit Design		
	Medical	Drug	Combined
Deductible (\$)			\$6,350.00
Coinsurance (%, Insurer's Cost Share)			100.00%
OOP Maximum (\$)			\$6,350.00
OOP Maximum if Separate (\$)			

Click Here for Important Instructions	Tier 1			
Turne of Demofit	Subject to	Subject to	Coinsurance, if	Copay, if
Type of Benefit	Deductible?	Coinsurance?	different	separate
Medical	▼ All	🖌 All		
Emergency Room Services	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
All Inpatient Hospital Services (inc. MHSA)	>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness (exc. Well Baby,				
Preventive, and X-rays)	Y			
Specialist Visit	J	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient				
Services	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>		
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	•	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>v</b>		
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization			100%	\$0.00
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	•	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	►	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Skilled Nursing Facility	N	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	>	•		
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	>	•		
Drugs	II 🖌	🖌 All		
Generics	V	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Preferred Brand Drugs	Y	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs		<b>v</b>		
Specialty High-Cost Drugs	•	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		

#### **Options for Additional Benefit Design Limits:**

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Set a Maximum on Specialty Rx Coinsurance Payments?	
Specialty Rx Coinsurance Maximum:	
Set a Maximum Number of Days for Charging an IP Copay?	
# Days (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Cost-Sharing After a Set Number of Visits?	
# Visits (1-10):	
Begin Primary Care Deductible/Coinsurance After a Set Number of	
Copays?	
# Copays (1-10):	
Output	
Calculate	

Calcula Status/Error Messages:

MV Over 60% 60.0%

Minimum Value:

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