

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: June 5, 2024

NUMBER: 24-161

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of contract
award for Medical Third-
Party Administrator

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for all contracts and agreements of \$ 50,000 or more.

ISSUE:

At issue is the approval of contract award for a health insurance plan third-party administrator of the District's medical plan.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The District put out a request for proposals (RPF) for a Health Insurance Plan Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to solicit bids to consider alternative providers who can offer enhanced services, cost-effectiveness, and innovative solutions that align with the evolving needs of our District. Meritain has administered the District's Medical plan for many years, since 2009, and the current plan year contract is set to expire 11/30/2024.

The District intends to award a three (3) year contract with two (2) separate one (1) year options to renew at the discretion of the District. The term for the initial contract will begin December 1, 2024 and end November 30, 2027.

The District's Medical TPA review committee reviewed three proposals and recommends awarding the contract to Premera Blue Cross. Premera's proposal offers a larger list of providers in-network at a lower estimated administrative cost to the District. Premera is an established Medical plan third-party administrator with the staffing to manage NWABSD's medical plan, and their proposal also included an implementation plan if NWABSD is to award them the contract.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the contract award for Medical Third-Party Administrator to Premera Blue Cross;
2. Disapprove the contract award for Medical Third-Party Administrator to Premera Blue Cross;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the contract award for Medical Third-Party Administrator to Premera Blue Cross.