



Trustees' Report

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Highlights of the May 18, 2017, Trustees' Meeting

1. CEO's Report

- ◆ The customary overview of claims statistics was presented.

2. Plan Design – First Reading

- ◆ The ASEBP Trustees gave **initial approval** (first reading) to expanding the conditions managed under the enhanced special authorization process to include ankylosing spondylitis and psoriatic arthritis effective January 1, 2018. These two additional health conditions are “close cousins” to the health conditions already managed via this process, including rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, Crohn’s disease/colitis and chronic hepatitis C.
- ◆ This change will affect any covered member or dependant submitting a new or renewal request for a specialty drug used to treat ankylosing spondylitis or psoriatic arthritis on or after January 1, 2018.
- ◆ The ASEBP Trustees continuously strive to balance benefits and the cost of investing in the current and future health of covered members. The ASEBP Trustees are sensitive to participant needs and stakeholder concerns as well as the impact of changing medical, dental, pharmaceutical and other practices and changes to the health care system. The Trustees are also cognizant of plan utilization, statutory or regulatory requirements and market conditions (i.e. competition from other benefit providers and fiscal constraints).
- ◆ **Please note** that final approval (second reading) is required and changes could occur between readings.

3. RITE Update

- ◆ The 2017 voluntary Retirement Incentive for Teachers and Employees (RITE) is underway. A series of presentations were held for candidates in early May. The application deadline is May 30. For details about the program, please refer to the January 2017 *ASEBP Trustees' Report*.

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