

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont)	GMCB-003-22rr
2023 Individual Market Rate Filing)	
)	SERFF No. BCVT-133243519
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In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont)	GMCB-004-22rr
2023 Small Group Market Rate Filing)	
)	SERFF No.: BCVT-133243509

SCHEDULING ORDER

The Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) hereby orders in the above-captioned matter:

1. Status Conference - If needed, a status conference will be held on May 20, 2022, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The status conference, if held, will be held remotely. A Teams meeting invitation has already been sent to the Parties.
2. Disclosure of Expert Witnesses - No later than May 31, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., each Party shall disclose the identity of each witness it may use at the hearing to present expert testimony. If the witness is one retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony with respect to the filings, the Party shall provide
 - a. The witness's qualifications as an expert, including disclosure of all publications authored in the last ten years;
 - b. A listing of each instance its expert witness has provided an expert opinion or expert testimony for the past four years, including the forum and date of such opinion or testimony;
 - c. The source and amount of compensation for the expert review, opinion, and testimony on the current filings;
 - d. A brief description of the topic(s) on which the witness is expected to testify.

If the witness is not one retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony with respect to the filings, the Party shall provide a brief description of the topic(s) on which the witness is expected to present expert testimony.

3. HCA Suggested Questions - No later than June 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the HCA may submit suggested questions to the GMCB. BCBSVT shall have five business days to file objections to the HCA's suggested questions. The HCA shall have three business days to respond to any

objection filed by BCBSVT.

4. Pre-Filed Testimony - Pre-filed testimony of witnesses will be allowed, but not required. If either Party chooses to submit pre-filed testimony, it must do so no later than July 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The Parties may submit pre-filed testimony in lieu of an expert report, provided that the pre-filed testimony covers the information required to be included in the expert report. Any pre-filed testimony from the GMCB's contracted actuaries will be due no later than July 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The GMCB expects the Parties to make reasonable efforts to meet and confer over any disagreements regarding the admissibility of pre-filed testimony.
5. GMCB Actuarial Memorandum - No later than July 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the GMCB will provide the actuarial memorandum authored by its actuaries, Lewis and Ellis (L&E).
6. Solvency Opinion - No later than July 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the GMCB will provide the solvency opinion authored by the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR).
7. Expert Reports - Unless addressed in pre-filed testimony, each Party shall, no later than July 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., provide:
 - a. A copy of any expert opinion, prepared and signed by the witness;
 - b. The facts, opinions, data, and documents relied on as the bases for the expert opinion.
8. Carrier Calculation - BCBSVT shall calculate the rate impact(s) of any recommendations in the actuarial memorandum prepared by L&E and, no later than July 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., shall submit a brief explanation to the GMCB, not to exceed one page.
9. Notice of Disagreement - No later than July 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., BCBSVT shall notify the GMCB whether it disagrees with the recommendations in the actuarial memorandum prepared by L&E. BCBSVT may provide this notice through supplemental pre-filed testimony.
10. Supplementing Pre-Filed Testimony - No later than July 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the Parties may supplement their pre-filed testimony to address issues covered by the actuarial memorandum prepared by L&E, the solvency opinion prepared by DFR, or both. The supplemental pre-filed testimony may not exceed 10 pages in length without leave of the GMCB.
11. Non-Expert Witnesses - No later than July 11, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., each Party shall disclose the non-expert witnesses it may call at the hearing.
12. Pre-hearing Conference - On July 12, 2022, a prehearing conference will be held to discuss the

stipulation of evidentiary materials and preparation of evidentiary binders, the order of and time allocation of witness testimony, the potential submission of any prehearing motions, and any other matters relevant to the conduct and content of the hearing.

13. Evidentiary Binders - No later than July 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., BCBSVT shall submit ten (10) evidentiary binders to the GMCB and four (4) evidentiary binders to the HCA. BCBSVT shall also transmit to the GMCB, HCA, L&E, the Court Reporter, and DFR an electronic version of the evidentiary binder with each exhibit bookmarked.
14. Hearing - The GMCB will hold a hearing in this matter on July 18, 2022, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The hearing will be held via Teams. The GMCB will also designate a physical location for members of the public.
15. Post-Hearing Memoranda - No later than July 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the Parties shall submit any post-hearing memoranda.
16. Decision & Order - No later than August 4, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the GMCB shall issue its Decision and Order.

If necessary, the GMCB will schedule additional conferences to resolve any issues that may arise in this matter.

Dated: May 13, 2022, at Montpelier, Vermont.

s/ Michael Barber
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