



AGENDA & REPORTS

September 28, 2026

12:30 PM

LOCATION:

THE GREENVIEW INN AT EASTLYN GOLF COURSE

4049 ITALIA AVE

VINELAND, NJ 08361

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY **(1)** POSTING THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE ON THE FUND'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE WHERE ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE MAINTAINED **(2)** FILING ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WITH THE CLERK/ ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH MEMBER MUNICIPALITY AND SCHOOL BOARDS, AND **(3)** PUBLISHING THE NOTICE IN THE FUND'S DESIGNATED NEWSPAPER DIRECTING THE PUBLIC TO THE WEBSITE WHERE LEGAL NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND AGENDA
MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
12:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE READ

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL OF THE 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Richard Davidson, Chair

Pasquale Yacovelli, Secretary

Jerry Velazquez, Executive Committee

Megan Duffield, Executive Committee

Laurie Ryan, Executive Committee

Scott Musterel, Executive Committee

Mark Mallet, Executive Committee

Frank Badessa, Executive Committee Alternate

Dennis Zakroff, Executive Committee Alternate

Kevin Smaniotto, Executive Committee Alternate

Thomas D'Intino, Executive Committee Alternate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 2026 Appendix I

CORRESPONDENCE - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Agenda Items Only*

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PERMA)

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PROGRAM MANAGER- (Shared Health Alliance)

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Motion to Close

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Executive Director's Report
September 28, 2026**

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 - **Historical Income Statement**
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2027 COASTAL BUDGET - INTRODUCTION

The 2027 proposed budget is located on page 8 of this report. A 2027 budget presentation is included as an attachment to the agenda which will be reviewed at the meeting.

The Finance Committee also reviewed the presentation and are recommending introduction, as presented. If deemed appropriate, the Committee can introduce the budget and adopt on October 26, 2026, allowing for Open Enrollment to occur thereafter.

Resolution: 25-26 is in the Consent Agenda or can be moved separately.

Motion: *Motion to introduce the 2027 Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund Budget in the amount of \$281,016,452 and to advertise a public hearing of the budget adoption on October 26, 2026 at the Eastlyn Gold Course and Greenview Inn, Vineland at 12:30pm.*

MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND UPDATES

The MRHIF met on September 9th where the following agenda items were discussed:

- 1) Introduced the 2027 budget with an overall increase of ~22%
- 2) Bylaw amendment is in process of being filed with the State of New Jersey
- 3) Medical TPA RFP is still with the Office of State Comptroller for pre-advertisement approval
- 4) Reviewing possible new County membership for MRHIF
- 5) Commissioners are reviewing a treasurer recommended surplus policy.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND						
FINANCIAL FAST TRACK REPORT						
		AS OF	June 30, 2026			
		THIS MONTH	YTD CHANGE	PRIOR YEAR END		FUND BALANCE
1.	UNDERWRITING INCOME	18,080,130	108,727,422	1,091,244,940		1,199,972,362
2.	CLAIM EXPENSES					
	Paid Claims	16,416,115	88,166,194	963,819,951		1,051,986,144
	IBNR	(310,581)	4,321,691	14,013,181		18,334,872
	Less Specific Excess	(468,975)	(1,541,378)	(28,625,431)		(30,166,808)
	Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-		-
	TOTAL CLAIMS	15,636,558	90,946,507	949,207,701		1,040,154,208
3.	EXPENSES					
	MA & HMO Premiums	168,255	1,028,158	3,872,890		4,901,048
	Excess Premiums	700,252	4,208,518	34,399,340		38,607,858
	Administrative	1,456,778	8,066,779	94,650,604		102,717,382
	TOTAL EXPENSES	2,325,284	13,303,455	132,922,834		146,226,289
4.	UNDERWRITING PROFIT/(LOSS) (1-2-3)	118,288	4,477,459	9,114,406		13,591,865
5.	INVESTMENT INCOME	71,396	281,630	4,705,186		4,986,815
6.	DIVIDEND INCOME	-	-	4,391,262		4,391,262
7.	STATUTORY PROFIT/(LOSS) (4+5+6)	189,684	4,759,089	18,210,853		22,969,942
8.	DIVIDEND	-	-	28,208,936		28,208,936
9.	Transferred Surplus IN	-	-	-		-
10.	Transferred Surplus OUT	-	-	9,855,397		9,855,397
STATUTORY SURPLUS (7-8+9)		189,684	4,759,089	(142,686)		4,616,403
SURPLUS (DEFICITS) BY FUND YEAR						
Closed	Surplus	(149,465)	(151,747)	7,249,745		7,097,998
	Cash	(125,176)	(410,978)	19,364,291		18,953,313
2024	Surplus	(354,421)	(663,368)	(2,508,066)		(3,171,434)
	Cash	(339,795)	(449,702)	(2,721,716)		(3,171,418)
2025	Surplus	407,877	178,044	(4,884,364)		(4,706,321)
	Cash	(121,122)	(3,555,175)	(652,782)		(4,207,956)
2026	Surplus	285,693	5,396,161			5,396,161
	Cash	1,582,136	18,813,387			18,813,387
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICITS)		189,684	4,759,089	(142,686)		4,616,403
TOTAL CASH		996,042	14,397,532	15,989,793		30,387,326
CLAIM ANALYSIS BY FUND YEAR						
TOTAL CLOSED YEAR CLAIMS		(4,163)	64,594	661,661,714		661,726,307
FUND YEAR 2024						
	Paid Claims	269,816	622,961	140,981,980		141,604,941
	IBNR	-	-	-		-
	Less Specific Excess	-	(10,808)	(3,882,374)		(3,893,182)
	Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-		-
TOTAL FY 2024 CLAIMS		269,816	612,153	137,099,606		137,711,759
FUND YEAR 2025						
	Paid Claims	766,907	14,209,690	138,904,076		153,113,765
	IBNR	(700,659)	(12,751,995)	14,013,181		1,261,186
	Less Specific Excess	(309,626)	(1,318,879)	(2,470,875)		(3,789,754)
	Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-		-
TOTAL FY 2025 CLAIMS		(243,378)	138,816	150,446,382		150,585,197
FUND YEAR 2026						
	Paid Claims	15,383,554	73,268,949			73,268,949
	IBNR	390,078	17,073,686			17,073,686
	Less Specific Excess	(159,349)	(211,690)			(211,690)
	Less Aggregate Excess	-	-			-
TOTAL FY 2026 CLAIMS		15,614,283	90,130,945			90,130,945
COMBINED TOTAL CLAIMS		15,636,558	90,946,507	949,207,701		1,040,154,208

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

FINANCIAL FAST TRACK REPORT

AS OF **July 31, 2026**

			THIS MONTH	YTD CHANGE	PRIOR YEAR END	FUND BALANCE	
1.	UNDERWRITING INCOME		22,637,093	131,364,515	1,091,244,940	1,222,609,455	
2.	CLAIM EXPENSES						
		Paid Claims	21,192,384	109,358,578	963,819,951	1,073,178,529	
		IBNR	1,995,531	6,317,222	14,013,181	20,330,403	
		Less Specific Excess	(724,821)	(2,266,198)	(28,625,431)	(30,891,629)	
		Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL CLAIMS		22,463,095	113,409,602	949,207,701	1,062,617,302	
3.	EXPENSES						
		MA & HMO Premiums	171,820	1,199,978	3,872,890	5,072,868	
		Excess Premiums	699,683	4,908,202	34,399,340	39,307,542	
		Administrative	1,414,755	9,481,534	94,650,604	104,132,137	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		2,286,258	15,589,713	132,922,834	148,512,547	
4.	UNDERWRITING PROFIT/(LOSS) (1-2-3)		(2,112,259)	2,365,200	9,114,406	11,479,606	
5.	INVESTMENT INCOME		71,011	352,640	4,705,186	5,057,826	
6.	DIVIDEND INCOME		-	-	4,391,262	4,391,262	
7.	STATUTORY PROFIT/(LOSS) (4+5+6)		(2,041,248)	2,717,841	18,210,853	20,928,694	
8.	DIVIDEND		-	-	28,208,936	28,208,936	
9.	Transferred Surplus IN		-	-	-	-	
10.	Transferred Surplus OUT		-	-	9,855,397	9,855,397	
STATUTORY SURPLUS (7-8+9)			(2,041,248)	2,717,841	(142,686)	2,575,155	
			SURPLUS (DEFICITS) BY FUND YEAR				
Closed			Surplus	7,287	(144,460)	7,249,745	
			Cash	29,978	(381,000)	19,364,291	
2024			Surplus	(127,253)	(790,621)	(2,508,066)	
			Cash	(126,938)	(576,640)	(2,721,716)	
2025			Surplus	115,934	293,978	(4,884,364)	
			Cash	(423,668)	(3,978,843)	(652,782)	
2026			Surplus	(2,037,217)	3,358,944		
			Cash	(498,527)	18,314,860		
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICITS)			(2,041,248)	2,717,841	(142,686)	2,575,155	
TOTAL CASH			(1,019,155)	13,378,377	15,989,793	29,368,171	
			CLAIM ANALYSIS BY FUND YEAR				
TOTAL CLOSED YEAR CLAIMS			6,301	70,894	661,661,714	661,732,608	
FUND YEAR 2024							
		Paid Claims	133,947	756,908	140,981,980		141,738,888
		IBNR	-	-	-		-
		Less Specific Excess	-	(10,808)	(3,882,374)		(3,893,182)
		Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL FY 2024 CLAIMS			133,947	746,099	137,099,606	137,845,705	
FUND YEAR 2025						153,534,451	
		Paid Claims	420,686	14,630,375	138,904,076		840,791
		IBNR	(420,395)	(13,172,390)	14,013,181		(3,898,041)
		Less Specific Excess	(108,288)	(1,427,166)	(2,470,875)		-
		Less Aggregate Excess	-	-	-		-
TOTAL FY 2025 CLAIMS			(107,997)	30,819	150,446,382	150,477,201	
FUND YEAR 2026						93,900,400	
		Paid Claims	20,631,451	93,900,400			19,489,612
		IBNR	2,415,926	19,489,612			(828,224)
		Less Specific Excess	(616,533)	(828,224)			-
		Less Aggregate Excess	-	-			-
TOTAL FY 2026 CLAIMS			22,430,844	112,561,789		112,561,789	
COMBINED TOTAL CLAIMS			22,463,095	113,409,602	949,207,701	1,062,617,303	

Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JULY 31, 2026
BY FUND YEAR

	COASTAL 2026	COASTAL 2025	COASTAL 2024	CLOSED YEAR	FUND BALANCE
ASSETS					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	18,314,860	(4,631,625)	(3,298,356)	18,983,291	29,368,171
Assesments Receivable (Prepaid)	3,457,276	35,986	(331)	-	3,492,931
Interest Receivable	-	-	-	40	40
Specific Excess Receivable	828,224	966,009	0	-	1,794,233
Aggregate Excess Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Admin Fees	8,371	-	-	-	8,371
Other Assets	1,209,122	-	-	-	1,209,122
Total Assets	23,817,853	(3,629,630)	(3,298,687)	18,983,332	35,872,868
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-
IBNR Reserve	19,489,612	840,791	-	-	20,330,403
A4 Retiree Surcharge	553,612	0	-	-	553,612
Dividends Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Retained Dividends	-	-	-	11,878,047	11,878,047
Accrued/Other Liabilities	415,685	119,966	-	-	535,650
Total Liabilities	20,458,909	960,757	-	11,878,047	33,297,713
EQUITY					
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,358,944	(4,590,386)	(3,298,687)	7,105,284	2,575,155
Total Equity	3,358,944	(4,590,386)	(3,298,687)	7,105,284	2,575,155
Total Liabilities & Equity	23,817,853	(3,629,630)	(3,298,687)	18,983,332	35,872,868
BALANCE	-	-	-	-	-

This report is based upon information which has not been audited nor certified
by an actuary and as such may not truly represent the condition of the fund.
Fund Year allocation of claims have been estimated.

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND									
RATIOS									
INDICES	2025	FY2026							
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Cash Position	15,989,793	\$ 13,766,773	\$ 20,506,792	\$ 23,884,736	\$ 31,576,334	\$ 29,391,283	\$ 30,387,326	\$ 29,368,171	
IBNR	14,013,181	\$ 16,429,811	\$ 18,254,789	\$ 18,770,770	\$ 18,905,098	\$ 18,645,453	\$ 18,334,872	\$ 20,330,403	
Assets	27,330,532	\$ 31,027,349	\$ 33,365,072	\$ 36,497,635	\$ 36,775,351	\$ 37,333,762	\$ 35,648,592	\$ 35,872,868	
Liabilities	27,473,218	\$ 30,147,319	\$ 32,301,351	\$ 32,926,084	\$ 33,383,696	\$ 32,907,043	\$ 31,032,189	\$ 33,297,713	
Surplus	(142,686)	\$ 880,030	\$ 1,063,721	\$ 3,571,551	\$ 3,391,655	\$ 4,426,719	\$ 4,616,403	\$ 2,575,155	
Claims Paid -- Month	12,670,634	\$ 12,613,606	\$ 13,811,566	\$ 13,805,905	\$ 16,159,714	\$ 15,359,288	\$ 16,416,115	\$ 21,192,384	
Claims Budget -- Month	12,041,889	\$ 15,410,307	\$ 15,416,136	\$ 15,421,241	\$ 15,413,554	\$ 15,378,132	\$ 15,344,053	\$ 19,178,321	
Claims Paid -- YTD	154,879,928	\$ 12,613,606	\$ 26,425,172	\$ 40,231,077	\$ 56,390,791	\$ 71,750,079	\$ 88,166,194	\$ 109,358,578	
Claims Budget -- YTD	143,592,143	\$ 15,410,307	\$ 30,826,443	\$ 46,247,684	\$ 61,661,238	\$ 77,039,370	\$ 92,383,423	\$ 111,561,744	
RATIOS									
Cash Position to Claims Paid	1.26	1.09	1.48	1.73	1.95	1.91	1.85	1.39	
Claims Paid to Claims Budget -- Month	1.05	0.82	0.9	0.9	1.05	1	1.07	1.11	
Claims Paid to Claims Budget -- YTD	1.08	0.82	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.98	
Cash Position to IBNR	1.14	0.84	1.12	1.27	1.67	1.58	1.66	1.44	
Assets to Liabilities	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.11	1.1	1.13	1.15	1.08	
Surplus as Months of Claims	(0.01)	0.06	0.07	0.23	0.22	0.29	0.3	0.13	
IBNR to Claims Budget -- Month	1.16	1.07	1.18	1.22	1.23	1.21	1.19	1.06	

Southern Coastal Health Insurance Fund					
2027 Proposed Budget					
	Census:				
	Medical - Aetna	6,599			
	Medical - AmeriHealth	1,859			
	Rx	2,163			
	Rx - Passive (Medical HMO's)	28			
	Dental	109			
	Vision	-			
	Medicare Advantage - Medical	438			
	Rx No Medical (Incl in Rx above)	12			
	Dental Only (Incl in Dental above)	9			
	Medicare Advantage Only (Incl in Med Adv	419			
	LINE ITEMS	2026 Annualized Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
1	Medical Aetna 1/1 Renewal	\$ 94,429,703	\$ 93,314,084	\$ (1,115,619)	-1.18%
2	Medical Aetna 7/1 Renewals	\$ 82,412,957	\$ 80,214,707	\$ (2,198,250)	-2.67%
3	Medical AmeriHealth 1/1 Renewal	\$ 24,249,416	\$ 26,907,215	\$ 2,657,799	10.96%
4	Medical AmeriHealth 7/1 Renewal	\$ 17,749,398	\$ 19,274,349	\$ 1,524,951	8.59%
5	Medical Claims	\$ 218,841,474	\$ 219,710,355	\$ 868,881	0.40%
6	Prescription Claims 1/1 Renewals	\$ 4,768,901	\$ 6,477,763	\$ 1,708,862	35.83%
7	Prescription Claims 7/1 Renewals	\$ 13,979,912	\$ 18,926,724	\$ 4,946,812	35.39%
8	Prescription Claims	\$ 18,748,813	\$ 25,404,487	\$ 6,655,674	35.50%
9	Less Formulary Rebates	\$ (5,999,620)	\$ (6,859,211)	\$ (859,591)	14.33%
10	Prescription Claims Incl Rebates	\$ 12,749,193	\$ 18,545,276	\$ 5,796,083	45.46%
11	Dental Claims 1/1 Renewals	\$ 25,627	\$ 14,401	\$ (11,226)	-43.81%
12	Dental Claims 7/1 Renewals	\$ 73,918	\$ 41,540	\$ (32,378)	-43.80%
13	Dental Claims	\$ 99,545	\$ 55,941	\$ (43,604)	-43.80%
14	Vision Claims 1/1 Renewals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
15	Vision Claims 7/1 Renewals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
16	Vision (Included in medical)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
17	Subtotal Claims	\$ 231,690,212	\$ 238,311,572	\$ 6,621,360	2.86%

18					
19	Surplus Regeneration	\$ 2,870,000	\$ 2,870,000	\$ -	0.00%
20	Trust Fund Contingency		\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	0.00%
21					
22	Medicare Advantage	\$ 2,030,996	\$ 2,178,617	\$ 147,621	7.27%
23					
24	Reinsurance				
25	Specific	\$ 9,613,517	\$ 11,863,867	\$ 2,250,351	23.41%
26					
27	Total Loss Fund	\$ 246,204,724	\$ 261,224,056	\$ 15,019,331	6.10%
28					
29	Expenses				
30	Legal	\$ 26,530	\$ 26,530	\$ -	0.00%
31	Treasurer	\$ 7,589	\$ 7,740	\$ 151	1.99%
32	Deputy Treasurer	\$ 13,750	\$ 14,250	\$ 500	3.64%
33	Administrator	\$ 2,253,379	\$ 2,298,447	\$ 45,068	2.00%
34	Program Manager	\$ 4,375,680	\$ 4,463,237	\$ 87,556	2.00%
35	Risk Management Consultants	\$ 3,287,745	\$ 3,353,495	\$ 65,750	2.00%
36	TPA - Aetna	\$ 2,716,148	\$ 2,852,352	\$ 136,203	5.01%
37	TPA - AmeriHealth	\$ 826,288	\$ 869,343	\$ 43,054	5.21%
38	Nurse Advocates	\$ 946,889	\$ 966,155	\$ 19,266	2.03%
39	Retiree First	\$ 63,072	\$ 63,072	\$ -	0.00%
40	TPA - Dental	\$ 4,456	\$ 4,456	\$ -	0.00%
41	TPA - Vision	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
42	Actuary	\$ 12,250	\$ 12,500	\$ 250	2.04%
43	Auditor	\$ 21,420	\$ 21,848	\$ 428	2.00%
44	QPA	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
45					
46	Subtotal Expenses	\$ 14,558,198	\$ 14,956,425	\$ 398,227	2.74%
47					
48	Misc/Cont	\$ 123,527	\$ 104,360	\$ (19,167)	-15.52%
49	Wellness, Disease, Case Management	\$ 701,210	\$ 1,404,795	\$ 703,585	100.34%
50	Claims Audit	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	
51	Plan Documents	\$ 12,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,500	60.00%
52					
53					
54	Total Expenses	\$ 15,435,435	\$ 16,525,580	\$ 1,090,145	7.06%
55					
56	Total Budget	\$ 261,640,159	\$ 277,749,635	\$ 16,109,476	6.16%
57	Affordable Care Act Taxes	\$ 50,231	\$ 50,231	\$ -	0.00%
58	A4 Surcharge	\$ 3,291,762	\$ 3,216,585	\$ (75,177)	-2.28%
59	Budget Including Taxes	\$ 264,982,152	\$ 281,016,452	\$ 16,034,299	6.05%

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

Year: 2026

<u>Yearly Items</u>	<u>Filing Status</u>
Budget	Filed
Assessments	Filed
Actuarial Certification	Filed
Reinsurance Policies	Filed
Fund Commissioners	Filed
Fund Officers	Filed
Renewal Resolutions	Filed
Indemnity and Trust	Filed
New Members	To Be Filed
Withdrawals	N/A
Risk Management Plan and By Laws	Filed
Cash Management Plan	Filed
Unaudited Financials	Filed
Annual Audit	2025 Filed
Budget Changes	N/A
Transfers	N/A
Additional Assessments	N/A
Professional Changes	N/A
Officer Changes	N/A
RMP Changes	N/A
Bylaw Amendments	N/A
Contracts	Filed
Benefit Changes	N/A

Contract	Professional	Contract	Insurance	Contract Term
Executive Director	PERMA	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Program Manager	Shared Health Alliance	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Attorney	Marmero Law	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Auditor	Bowman & Company	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Actuary	John Vataha	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Treasurer	Matt Laracy	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Deputy Treasurer	Verrill & Verrill	Y	Y	1/1/2025-12/31/2027
Medical TPA	Aetna	Y	Y	1/1/2026-12/31/2026
Medical TPA	AHA	Y	Y	1/1/2026-12/31/2026
Nurse Advocacy	Guardian Nurses	Y	Y	Sub producer of PM
Wellness	Advanta	Y	Y	1/1/2024 -12/31/2026
Wellness	Ramp Health			1/1/2027-12/31/2029

Executive Director Team:

Role	Name	Email	Phone
Executive Director	Jim Rhodes	jrhodes@permainc.com	856-552-4920
Associate Executive Director	Emily Koval	emilyk@permainc.com	201-518-7028
Assistant Account Manager	Jordyn Robinson	jrobinson@permainc.com	856-446-9287

Commissioners:

Earlier this year, CS&B Parent Holdings, LLC purchased Guardian Nurses Health Care Advocates, LLC (“Guardian Nurses”). Importantly, Betty Long, Guardian Nurse’s President/CEO and Founder will continue to lead the company and continue to provide outstanding service to your members. As a result of this purchase, Guardian Nurses is now an affiliate of Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, LLC; J.A. Montgomery Consulting, LLC; Perma Fair Health and Pharmacy, LLC; and PERMA, LLC. Thus, partners and employees of these entities have direct and/or indirect financial interests in each of these entities.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C Title 11, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, PERMA, LLC (“PERMA”), as administrator of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (“the Fund”), and its employees, officers and directors hereby provide notice that they have direct and indirect financial interests in Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, LLC, and Guardian Nurses which are servicing organizations for the Fund.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C Title 11, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, PERMA, LLC, which is the Administrator for the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund (“the Fund”), and Guardian Nurses, which is the nurse advocates for the Fund, and their respective employees, officers and directors hereby provide notice that they have direct and indirect financial interests in each other.

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2026** | Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund**AGENDA**

- Program Manager Updates
- Executive Overview
- Industry Information
- Fund Performance/Observations
- Fund Strategic Initiatives
- Wellness Committee Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Client Services/Eligibility/Enrollment
- Previously Reported Information

PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATES**Prospects***Activity for effective dates 1/1/2026 – present (period resets 1/1/2027)*

Groups with Claims Requested/Pending	2
Number of Groups Under Review with Underwriting	3
Proposals Pending	0
Proposals Released (to entity/broker for review)	1
Groups Sold (in 2026)	12
Groups with Unfavorable Claims/Poor Risk (DTQ)	5

Coastal Fund Meeting Dates

- January 26, 2026
- March 30, 2026
- June 1, 2026
- July 27, 2026
- **September 28, 2026** (Today)
- October 26, 2026
- January 25, 2027

Coastal Fund Brokers

- Allen Associates
- AR Fanucci Insurance
- Brown & Brown
- J Byrne Agency
- Conner Strong & Buckelew
- Cornerstone Insurance Group
- Glenn Insurance
- Hardenbergh Insurance Group
- Hafetz Insurance
- Insurance Solutions Inc
- PBC (Professional Benefit Consultants)
- Marsh McLennan Agency

Executive Committee

- Richard Davidson, *Chair*
- Pat Yacovelli, *Secretary*
- Jerry Velazquez, *Executive Committee*
- Megan Duffield, *Executive Committee*
- Laurie Ryan, *Executive Committee*
- Scott Musterel, *Executive Committee*
- Mark Mallet, *Executive Committee*
- Frank Badessa, *Executive Committee Alternate*
- Dennis Zakroff, *Executive Committee Alternate*
- Kevin Smaniotto, *Executive Committee Alternate*
- Tom D'Intino, *Executive Committee Alternate*

2026 Committees

- **Finance & Contracts**
 - Richard Davidson, *Chair*
 - Jerry Velazquez
 - Scott Musterel
- **Operations & Nominations**
 - Pat Yacovelli, *Chair*
 - Jerry Velazquez
 - Mark Mallet
- **Wellness & Claims**
 - Laurie Ryan, *Chair*
 - Megan Duffield
 - Pat Yacovelli

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

The employee benefits landscape continues to be challenging. Areas of increasing utilization for both medical & pharmacy claims have been identified, and strategic recommendations are available for consideration. The Office of the Program Manager looks forward to continuing discussions and implementing those solutions that will yield meaningful savings to ensure the long-term stability of the Fund.

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

The Leapfrog Group, a nationally recognized independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality and patient safety, has released its 2026 Hospital Safety and Quality Ratings. We encouraged Fund members to utilize Leapfrog as one of several objective resources when evaluating where to receive elective hospital services. While no single rating system should be the sole basis for making health care decisions, Leapfrog provides an easy-to-understand, independent assessment of hospital quality and patient safety that can help consumers make more informed choices.

Leapfrog evaluates hospitals on numerous evidence-based measures related to patient safety, quality, outcomes, and clinical practices, and assigns each participating hospital a simple letter grade (A through F). This straightforward grading system allows patients to quickly compare hospitals and better understand how facilities perform against nationally recognized quality and safety standards. The 2026 publication represents the largest reporting effort in Leapfrog's 26-year history, measuring results for more than 2,400 hospitals—representing over 80% of all inpatient hospital beds in the US—publicly reporting quality and safety information. In addition, more than 3,900 ambulatory surgery centers are now participating through Leapfrog's expanded public reporting program, bringing the total number of facilities reporting to more than 6,000 nationwide.

We encourage plan members who are considering an elective hospital procedure to review their hospital's rating as part of their decision-making process, along with discussions with their physician and other available quality resources. To search for a hospital's rating, visit the Leapfrog Hospital Ratings database and simply enter the name of the hospital you wish to evaluate.

LINK: <https://www.hospitalsafetygrade.org/>

Pharmacy

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBC) has released the results of its 2026 survey examining employer and plan sponsor coverage of GLP-1 medications. As employers and plan sponsors continue to balance rising costs with employee health needs, the survey provides valuable insight into how benefit strategies are evolving around weight loss management. The results of the latest survey data is below:

Key Headlines

- 83% continue to exclude weight-loss coverage for solely weight loss purposes.
- 60% of employers cover GLP-1 medications for diabetes only, continuing an upward trend from 49% in 2023.
- 36% provide coverage for both diabetes and weight loss, unchanged from 2025 but significantly higher than 26% in 2023.
- 45% cover GLP-1 medications for other FDA-approved conditions, such as cardiovascular disease and sleep apnea.
- Among employers not covering GLP-1 drugs for weight loss, only 9% are considering adding coverage.
- Rather than expanding coverage, many employers are directing employees to alternative funding options:
 - 27% encourage the use of direct-to-consumer GLP-1 platforms.
 - 21% encourage employees to use FSA, HSA, or integrated HRA funds to help pay for GLP-1 medications.

Rather than relying solely on GLP-1 medications, many employers are investing in broader health management strategies. Among employers offering diabetes and weight-management support:

- 74% provide disease or case management programs.
- 61% offer nutritional counseling.
- 61% cover bariatric surgery.

Many employers and plan sponsors also continue to offer lifestyle modification programs, non-GLP-1 prescription therapies, and other non-medication weight-management interventions.

The survey confirms that rising costs continue to drive employer decision-making. GLP-1 medications represented 6.9% of annual health plan claims in 2023, increasing to 11.4% in 2026. When evaluating coverage for GLP-1 medications for weight loss, employers identified the following as their top considerations:

- Broker, consultant, or PBM recommendations (58%)
- Obesity's impact on chronic disease risk and long-term health costs (46%)
- Effectiveness of cost-control strategies on health plan premiums (44%)
- Long-term costs and challenges measuring outcomes (41%)
- Availability of direct-to-consumer options (39%)
- Availability of oral GLP-1 formulations (34%)
- Selection and oversight of specialty vendors (32%)
- Medication adherence (30%)
- Immediate financial impact (29%)
- Price transparency and flat-fee pricing options (26%)

NJ State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) – 2027 Rate Evaluation – FINAL

The State Health Benefits Plan Commission (SHBP), which oversees the health benefits program for local NJ government entities, released its final approved 2027 rate increases.

Regrettably, the approved increases are once again catastrophic and untenable from the perspective of local government employers. Large double-digit rate increases have been finalized, and we have outlined the rates below. Additionally, based on information released, the State Health Benefits Plan for local government entities is projected to have no reserves remaining by the end of this year. It remains entirely uncertain how the State intends to address the ongoing financial challenges and crisis-like conditions that have plagued the SHBP for several years.

	Medical	Rx			Total
		Rx Card	MMRx	Total Rx	
Actives					
PPO / HDHP	15.7%	19.5%	15.4%	18.8%	16.2%
HMO	10.7%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	11.6%
Tiered Network	30.3%	32.6%	33.7%	32.9%	30.8%
Total	16.7%	20.5%	17.7%	20.0%	17.3%
Early Retirees					
PPO / HDHP	35.5%			40.4%	36.5%
HMO	35.5%			40.4%	36.6%
Total	35.5%			40.4%	36.5%
Medicare Retirees					
Medicare Advantage	9.3%			25.1%	18.9%
Medicare Supplement	18.7%			25.1%	22.1%
Total	10.8%			25.1%	19.3%
Grand Total	21.3%			25.9%	22.3%

NJ School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) – 2027 Rate Evaluation – PENDING

The New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) Commission met to consider the proposed 2027 rate increases developed by the State's actuary, Aon. Despite repeated year-over-year increases, active employee rates across all plans are projected to rise by approximately 34% in 2027. Districts are already confronting significant budget pressures, rising operating

costs, and a host of other financial challenges. Continued health benefit increases at this unprecedented pace will place many districts in an extraordinarily difficult—and, in some cases, unmanageable—financial position.

	Medical	Rx			Total
		Rx Card	MMRx	Total Rx	
Actives					
PPO10/15	45.3%	44.0%	44.0%	44.0%	45.1%
NJEHP	29.0%	45.9%	45.9%	45.9%	31.6%
GSHP	29.0%	45.9%	45.9%	45.9%	32.2%
Total	32.4%	45.4%	45.6%	45.5%	34.4%
Early Retirees					
NJEHP	9.2%			18.1%	11.3%
GSHP	9.2%			18.1%	11.5%
Total	9.2%			18.1%	11.3%
Medicare Retirees					
Medicare Advantage	13.1%			2.4%	6.2%
Medicare Supplement	10.3%			2.4%	6.2%
Total	12.3%			2.4%	6.2%
Grand Total	23.7%			15.4%	21.1%

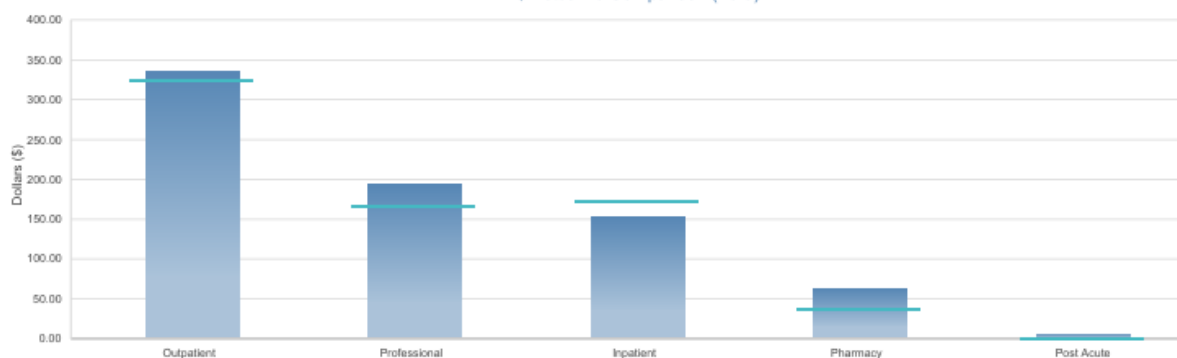
FUND PERFORMANCE/OBSERVATIONS

Medical & Pharmacy – Aetna/AHA/ESI

Data Review - The following key metrics compares Fund years January-June 2026 vs. January-June 2025.

Cost & Utilization Variance:

A health insurance risk score (often called a Risk Adjustment Factor or RAF score) is a numerical value assigned to a patient, typically between 0.0 and 2.0+, indicating their expected healthcare costs compared to the average patient. Higher scores reflect more chronic conditions or higher risk, leading to higher payments for providers.



Top 20 Drugs – Comparison

This report presents the top drugs by total amount paid during the reporting and comparison periods. Drugs administered by the pharmacy benefit manager are included and drugs paid through medical claims are excluded. By looking at the total cost for a drug along with the prescription count it can be determined if the cost driver is a few individuals using a high-cost drug or high utilization of the drug. The chart shows the top drugs that had the most growth in terms of amount paid between the comparison period and reporting period.

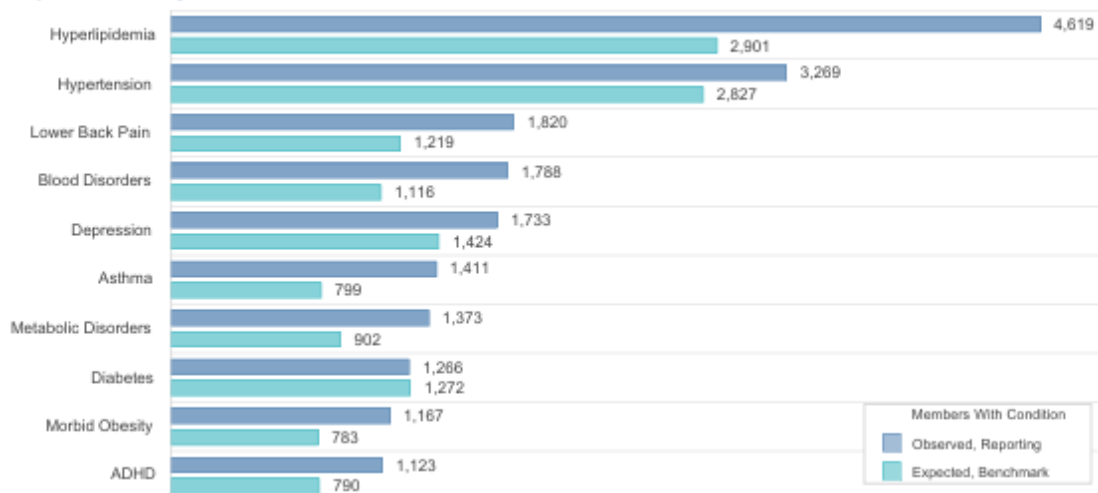
SN	Drug	Generic	Reporting Period Jan 2026 - Jun 2026				Comparison Period Jan 2025 - Jun 2025	%Δ	Prior Period Rank
			Total Paid Amount	Script Count	Member Count*	PMPM	Total Paid Amount		
1	Zepbound	No	\$1,077,072	845	225	\$9.63	\$405,058	166%	2
2	Wegovy	No	\$486,223	296	92	\$4.35	\$473,161	3%	1
3	Mounjaro	No	\$240,666	353	97	\$2.15	\$159,356	51%	4
4	Lynparza	No	\$197,132	7	1	\$1.76	--	--	>5000
5	Ozempic	No	\$176,438	188	58	\$1.58	\$158,107	12%	5
6	Skyrizi Pen	No	\$173,699	9	5	\$1.55	\$52,345	232%	15
7	Tolvaptan	Yes	\$156,979	9	1	\$1.40	--	--	>5000
8	Kesimpta Pen	No	\$140,654	6	2	\$1.26	\$80,256	75%	10
9	Dupixent Pen	No	\$105,794	20	7	\$0.95	\$94,783	12%	7
10	Skyrizi On-Body	No	\$101,948	5	2	\$0.91	\$30,535	234%	33
11	Enbrel Sureclick	No	\$101,143	11	5	\$0.90	\$37,101	173%	25
12	Ngenla	No	\$99,361	11	3	\$0.89	\$36,055	176%	28
13	Brkinsa	No	\$98,649	6	1	\$0.88	\$27,782	255%	35
14	Benlysta	No	\$96,966	16	3	\$0.87	\$20,412	375%	44
15	Calquence	No	\$96,466	6	1	\$0.86	\$76,747	26%	11
16	Venclexta	No	\$90,707	6	1	\$0.81	--	--	>5000
17	Oxervate	No	\$86,608	4	1	\$0.77	--	--	>5000
18	Verzenio	No	\$84,616	6	1	\$0.76	--	--	>5000
19	Brinsupri	No	\$83,594	11	3	\$0.75	--	--	>5000
20	Palynziq	No	\$81,499	4	1	\$0.73	\$31,642	158%	30
All Others			\$3,078,111	21,968	2,955		\$2,362,199	30%	
Total			\$6,854,325	23,787	3,091		\$4,045,540		

*Values are approximate.

Chronic Conditions Prevalence

This report presents the prevalence of specific chronic conditions in the population. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) more than 40% of Americans have one or more chronic conditions and people with chronic diseases in the US account for 75% of healthcare spending. In addition to driving up healthcare costs for employers, chronic conditions also adversely impact employee productivity, attendance, and morale.

Top Conditions by Prevalence



FUND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Strategic Initiatives

Through an extensive review of the historical medical & pharmacy utilization of the Funds, opportunities to impact key cost drivers were identified, vetted, and presented to multiple Fund Subcommittees for discussion and consideration.

The following were key strategic recommendations which continued to be discussed:

- GLP-1 for weight loss – Amending clinical protocols/formulary placement/oral version eligibility/direct to consumer options
- Site of Care – Steering of care to high-value providers & settings
- High performance provider network plan option/replacement
- Reference based pricing model
- Nurse advocacy program
- Vendor procurement – TPA/PBM

WELLNESS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Integrated Onsite Health Coaching & Digital Engagement – APPROVED

The Fund has officially approved Resolution No. 25-18, awarding Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals CC# 26-01 for Integrated Onsite Health Coaching and Digital Engagement to The Vitality Group. The initiative, delivered in partnership with Ramp Health, combines an actuarially backed digital wellbeing platform with eight dedicated full-time onsite health coaches, and has now been built into the Fund's budget for the 2027 plan year and beyond.

The Wellness program has been fully redesigned for 2027 around the Vitality Wellness Coaching platform, with a total estimated annual budget of approximately \$1,404,882 — up from approximately \$500,000 in 2026:

- Coaching Services (Fixed): \$1,131,520 — 8 full-time coaches at \$141,440 annually
- Vitality Platform: est. \$99,960/yr (\$0.98 PEPm)
- Employee Status Rewards (incl. \$5 wheel spin): est. \$169,150/yr (\$1.66 PEPm)
- Spouse Status Rewards (incl. \$5 wheel spin): est. \$4,252/yr (\$0.08 PSPm)

This program will fully replace all wellness grants moving forward.

Advanta Program Discontinuation & Grant Fund Transition

As the Fund transitions to the Vitality/Ramp platform, the Advanta wellness program will be discontinued for all groups effective January 1, 2027.

To ensure a smooth transition, the following groups will have the opportunity to spend any unused/remaining wellness funds on an eligible alternative prior to the June 30, 2027 cutoff:

- Groups currently in the middle of an active initiative with Advanta, and
- Any group that applied for a wellness grant between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Unused funds not committed to an alternative eligible use prior to the June 30, 2027 cutoff will no longer be available, and all groups will transition fully to the Vitality/Ramp Integrated Onsite Health Coaching and Digital Engagement program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The various Federal agencies regularly release Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other indexed dollar limits for health and group benefit plans. The chart below reflects the recently released ACA affordability percentage threshold and Federal Poverty Level Affordability Monthly Amount applicable for 2027.

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
PCORI Fee*	\$3.22	\$3.47	\$3.84	Not Available	Not Available
Health FSA Salary Reduction Cap	\$3,050	\$3,200	\$3,300	\$3,400	Not Available
4980H(a) – Failure to Offer Coverage	\$2,880	\$2,970	\$2,900	\$3,340	\$3,780
4980H(b) – Failure to Offer Affordable Minimum Value Affordability Safe Harbor Coverage	\$4,320	\$4,460	\$4,350	\$5,010	\$5,670
Affordability Safe Harbor %	9.12%	8.39%	9.02%	9.96%	10.22%
Federal Poverty Level Affordability Monthly Amount	\$103.28	\$101.94	\$113.20	\$129.89	\$135.93
ACA Out of Pocket (OOP) Maximum – Self Only	\$9,100	\$9,450	\$9,200	\$10,600	\$12,000
ACA OOP Maximum – Other than Self Only	\$18,200	\$18,900	\$18,400	\$21,200	\$24,000
Health Savings and High Deductible Health Plan (HSA/HDHP) OOP Maximum – Self Only	\$7,500	\$8,050	\$8,300	\$8,500	\$8,700
HSA/HDHP OOP Maximum – Family	\$15,000	\$16,100	\$16,600	\$17,000	\$17,400
HSA Contribution Limit – Self Only HDHP	\$3,850	\$4,150	\$4,300	\$4,400	\$4,500
HSA Contribution Limit – Family HDHP	\$7,750	\$8,300	\$8,550	\$8,750	\$9,000
HDHP Minimum Required Deductible – Self Only	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$1,700	\$1,750
HDHP Minimum Required Deductible – Family	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$3,300	\$3,400	\$3,500

*PCORI fee amounts are generally effective for plan years ending on or after October 1st of the referenced year and before October 1st of the following year. For example, the 2025 PCORI fee amount is applicable for plan years ending on or after October 1, 2025, and before October 1, 2026. The 2025 PCORI fee is due July 31, 2026, for self-insured plan years ending in 2025. Note this chart is for illustrative purposes only, and in some cases the effective date of a limit may not be January 1 of the referenced year, but rather may depend on the applicable "plan year".

CLIENT SERVICES/ELIGIBILITY/ENROLLMENT TEAM

Client Service Contacts & Systems Training

Lenka Bystrianska has joined the client service team as Senior Director of HIF Operations. Please direct all service requests to Marlene Robinson, Michale McKeever and Lenka Bystrianska.

System training (new and refresher) is provided to all contacts with WEX access every 3rd Wednesday at 10AM. Please contact HIFtraining@permainc.com for additional information or to request an invite.

In the subject line of the email, please include: Training – Fund Name and Client Name. Please be sure to add the date of the training you would like to attend in your email so an invite can be sent.

2027 Fund Year Open Enrollment

- Open Enrollment for the 2027 Fund year will be held October 19th through October 30th
- All enrollment transactions should be completed by November 13th in WEX to ensure ID cards are delivered prior to the beginning of the new Fund year
- Open Enrollment guides & related materials are being updated and will be circulated once finalized

To ensure the appropriate amount of time to implement new Fund members and amendments to existing Fund members plans, notification deadline for the aforementioned is October 15th for January 1, 2027, effective date.

Carrier Appeals

Submission Date	Appeal Type	Appeal Number	Reason	Determination	Determination Date
5/28/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 06 02	Complex Imaging	Under Review	
6/2/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 06 03	Inpatient Services	Under Review	IRO
6/8/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 06 04	Provider Administered Medication	IRO	6/23/2026
9/3/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 01	Anesthesia	Upheld	9/11/2026
9/3/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 02	Anesthesia	Upheld	9/11/2026
9/4/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 03	Anesthesia	Upheld	9/11/2026
9/4/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 04	Anesthesia	Upheld	9/11/2026
9/4/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 02	Gastroenterology	IRO	9/14/2026

IRO Submissions

Submission Date	Appeal Type	Appeal Number	Reason	Determination	Determination Date
9/14/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 09 02	Gastroenterology	Under Review	
9/21/2026	Medical/Aetna	COASTAL 2026 06 03	Inpatient Services	Under Review	

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFORMATION

Medical: Aetna

Provider network –Hackensack Meridian contract renewal 7/1/2026 (9/1/2026 extension)

-Abilities in Action – Par in all networks excluding AWH effective 5/1/2026

-Virtua contract renewal 1/1/2027

Medical – AHA

Provider network - Hackensack Meridian contract renewal 4/14/2026 finalized

- Saint Peter's contract renewal 8/15/2026
- RWJ Barnabas contract renewal 9/1/2026
- Holy Name contract renewal 9/1/2026
- Inspira contract renewal 10/1/2026
- AtlantiCare contract renewal 1/1/2027
- Cooper contract renewal 1/1/2027
- Abilities in Action – Participating in all networks effective TBD

Pharmacy - ESI

- 2026 National Preferred Formulary (NPF) – Effective 7/1/2026 (Attached)
- NPF Exclusions list– Effective 7/1/2026
- SaveOn List – Effective 7/1/2026

All impacted members were sent communications from ESI letting them know about the upcoming change(s) to their medications. The communications also include preferred alternatives medication(s). We recommend impacted members share communication with their provider to discuss next steps. Those that are unable to take the preferred alternative medication(s) will need an approved PA to continue to take their current medication(s).

No Surprise Billing and Transparency Act

- Transition to State Arbitration - Effective January 1, 2026:
- As a result of the transition, enrolled members will be receiving new ID cards from Aetna prior to January 1st subscriber ID numbers and Fund member group numbers will not be changing.

Executive Summary

Reporting on Dates: 4/1/26 – 6/30/26

This report shows how our nurses improve care, enhance member experience, and reduce costs. Interventions and outcomes estimate projected cost savings/avoidance and are **highlighted in green**.

Highlights this Reporting Period

- Significant reduction in avoidable readmissions (see below)
- Strong projected cost savings related to expert care coordination
- **Estimated projected cost savings this quarter - \$472,605**

Improving Care: Cost Avoidance

Goals: Improve timeliness, appropriateness, and quality of care

Acute and Chronic Care Programs

- **408 cases supported (329 unique members); 75% Engagement Rate**
- **261 referrals; 224 mobilizations**
- **215 inpatients**

Inpatient Impact: Among **215 inpatients with a 67% engagement rate**, nurses coordinated hospital care interventions for **144 members**, including transfers to appropriate levels of care, preventing projected readmissions. Significance of high engagement and proactive coordination reduce readmissions, ensure safe transitions, and improves the quality outcomes for hospitalized members.

Improving Members' Experience: Cost Avoidance & Containment

Goals: Positive clinical outcomes, accessibility and equality, patient centered goals

- Coordinating outpatient care for **247 members** including pediatric and complex/chronic diagnosis

Impact of Care Coordination: Nurses delivered **375 clinical and social interventions** — This work shows the clinical advocacy: timely access, preventing delays, connecting members to the right care, reflects both immediate impact (expedited/urgent needs, second opinions) and long-term support (addressing prevention, gaps in care, appropriate level of care, clinical and community resources,).

Managing or Reducing Cost Interventions & Outcomes: Cost Savings & Avoidance *Goals:*

Prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, ICU admissions and bounce backs **Projected Cost Savings**

(Directly Avoided Utilization)

Intervention Type	# of times	Cost Benchmark	Total Savings
Prevented ER Visits	7	\$2,715	\$19,005
Prevented IP Admissions	7	\$30,000	\$210,000
Prevented Readmission	1	\$15,200	\$15,200
Prevented UC visit	1	\$400	\$400
Total Quantified Savings			\$244,605

Cost benchmarks sourced from industry-standard datasets (FAIR Health, AHRQ, People Keep, Sidecar Health), ensuring validation of assumptions.

Impact Cost Avoidance

Estimated Projected Cost Avoidance	\$228,000
Readmission Rate	8%
Actual Readmissions	17
Expected Readmissions	32
Readmissions Avoided	15
Average Cost per Readmission	\$15,200

Rationale: \$228,000 in projected cost avoidance driven by 15 fewer readmissions than expected based on commercial insurance readmission benchmark of 14.6%.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Czarkowski

Rebecca Czarkowski, MSN,
RN Vice President

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SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

BILLS LIST

AUGUST 2026

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funding is available to pay the following bills:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund's Executive Board, hereby authorizes the Fund treasurer to issue warrants in payment of the following claims; and

FURTHER, that this authorization shall be made a permanent part of the records of the Fund.

FUND YEAR 2025

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	WATERFORD ACT&INCENTIVE INV 40171	60.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	PENNS GROVE 05/26 ACT&INC INV 3732	340.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	ABSECON 05/26 ACT&INCENTIVE INV 3733	180.00
		580.00
SALEM COUNTY DEPT	2025 WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT 08/26	17,776.43
		17,776.43
	Total Payments FY 2025	18,356.43

FUND YEAR 2026

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
PERMA	ADMIN FEES 08/26	217,073.63
PERMA	POSTAGE 07/26	59.36
PERMA	RETIREE FIRST INV 09012026	5,796.00
		222,928.99
SOUTHERN NJ REGIONAL EBF	REIMBURSE OSC REVIEW 04/26-06/26	1,536.25
		1,536.25
GLENN INSURANCE, INC	BROKER FEES 08/26	1,647.30
		1,647.30
MARMERO LAW, LLC	SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES 07/26 INV 33208	2,346.00
		2,346.00
THE CANNING GROUP LLC	QPA SERVICES 08/26 INV 2026-08	250.00
		250.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	LOWER TWP 07/26 ACT&MGMT INV 3444	744.80
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	CAPEMAY 07/26 ACT&MGMT FEE INV 3447	376.32
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	COASTAL 07/26 ACTIVE&MGMT INV 3443	9,549.54
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	VINELAND 05/26 ACT&INCENTIVE INV 3738	1,680.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	UPPER TWP 05/26 ACT&INC INV 40182	840.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	LOWER TWP 05/26 ACT&INC INV 40183	540.00
ADVANTA HEALTH SOLUTIONS	CAPEMAY 05/26 ACT&INCENTIVE INV 3736	220.00
		13,950.66
ACCESS	INV 12306734 DEPT 963 FOR 08/26	31.33
		31.33
MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HIF	SPECIFIC REINSURANCE 08/26	931,648.04
		931,648.04
	TOTAL CHECKS 2026	1,174,338.57

AETNA HEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	MEDICARE ADVANTAGE 08/26	174,440.06 174,440.06
DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY (DELTACARE USA)	DENTAL-A#7872000000 BE007142142 08/26	127.49 127.49
AETNA	MEDICAL TPA 08/26	266,511.00 266,511.00
AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS	MEDICAL TPA FEES 08/26 WELLNESS/MARKETING 08/26	79,623.64 -3,099.00 76,524.64
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC.	DENTAL TPA FEES 08/26	361.11 361.11
VERRILL & VERRILL	TREASURER FEES 08/26	1,145.83 1,145.83
POINT ACCOUNTING GROUP	TREASURER FEES 08/26	632.41 632.41
SHARED HEALTH ALLIANCE	PROGRAM MANAGER 08/26	421,520.28 421,520.28
SHARED HEALTH ALLIANCE	GUARDIAN NURSES INV 5455 08/26	84,649.20 84,649.20
ALLEN ASSOCIATES	BROKER FEES 08/26	151,851.41 151,851.41
ALLEN ASSOCIATES	MEETING EXPENSE - 07/27/26	2,591.58 2,591.58
A.R FANUCCI INSURANCE AGENCY LLC	BROKER FEES 08/26	2,501.70 2,501.70
BROWN & BROWN METRO LLC	BROKER FEES 08/26 - ROSELAND	8,976.00 8,976.00
THE GRAHAM GROUP INC	BROKER FEES 08/26	8,127.00 8,127.00
CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW	BROKER FEES 08/26	12,986.27 12,986.27
HAFETZ AND ASSOCIATES LLC	BROKER FEES 08/26	6,504.96 6,504.96
HARDENBERGH INSURANCE GROUP, INC	BROKER FEES 08/26	24,533.47 24,533.47
INSURANCE SOLUTIONS INC	BROKER FEES 08/26	17,972.75 17,972.75
INTEGRITY CONSULTING GROUP	BROKER FEES 08/26	8,634.24 8,634.24
J BYRNE AGENCY, INC.	BROKER FEES 08/26	19,592.69 19,592.69
PROFESSIONAL BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, INC.	BROKER FEES 08/26	13,231.75 13,231.75
BROWN & BROWN METRO LLC	BROKER FEES 08/26 - LINWOOD	21,532.55 21,532.55
	TOTAL WIRES 2026	1,324,948.39
	Total Payments FY 2026	2,499,286.96
	TOTAL PAYMENTS ALL FUND YEARS	2,517,643.39

Chairperson

Attest:

I hereby certify the availability of sufficient unencumbered funds in the proper accounts to fully pay the above claims.

Dated: 25

Treasurer

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

BILLS LIST

SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funding is available to pay the following bills:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund's Executive Board, hereby authorizes the Fund treasurer to issue warrants in payment of the following claims; and

FURTHER, that this authorization shall be made a permanent part of the records of the Fund.

FUND YEAR 2025

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	2025 WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT 09/26	7,800.00
		7,800.00
	Total Payments FY 2025	7,800.00

FUND YEAR 2026

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>
PERMA	ADMIN FEES 09/26	187,718.36
PERMA	RETIREE FIRST INV 10012026	5,796.00
PERMA	POSTAGE 08/26	81.48
		193,595.84
GLENN INSURANCE, INC	BROKER FEES 09/26	1,501.95
		1,501.95
MARMERO LAW, LLC	LEGAL SERVICES 08/26 INV 33313	2,346.00
		2,346.00
THE CANNING GROUP LLC	QPA SERVICES 09/26 INV 2026-09	250.00
		250.00
ACCESS	INV 12358637 DEPT 963 FOR 09/26	30.72
		30.72
MUNICIPAL REINSURANCE HIF	SPECIFIC REINSURANCE 09/26	800,842.28
		800,842.28
	TOTAL CHECKS 2026	998,566.79
AETNA HEALTH MANAGEMENT, LLC	MEDICARE ADVANTAGE 09/26	168,739.70
		168,739.70
DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY (DELTACARE USA)	DENTAL-A#7872000000 BE007196615 09/26	92.43
		92.43
AETNA	MEDICAL TPA 09/26	224,013.30
		224,013.30
AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS	MEDICAL TPA FEES 09/26	74,150.96
AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS	WELLNESS/MARKETING 09/26	-2,886.00
		71,264.96
DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC.	DENTAL TPA FEES 09/26	384.97
		384.97

VERRILL & VERRILL	TREASURER FEES 09/26	1,145.83 1,145.83
POINT ACCOUNTING GROUP	TREASURER FEES 09/26	632.41 632.41
SHARED HEALTH ALLIANCE	PROGRAM MANAGER 09/26	364,517.10 364,517.10
ALLEN ASSOCIATES	BROKER FEES 09/26	149,420.13 149,420.13
A.R FANUCCI INSURANCE AGENCY LLC	BROKER FEES 09/26	2,340.30 2,340.30
BROWN & BROWN METRO LLC	BROKER FEES 09/26 - ROSELAND	192,124.76 192,124.76
BROWN & BROWN METRO LLC	BROKER FEES 09/26 - LINWOOD	21,350.07 21,350.07
THE GRAHAM GROUP INC	BROKER FEES 09/26	6,245.75 6,245.75
CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW	BROKER FEES 09/26	12,590.55 12,590.55
HAFETZ AND ASSOCIATES LLC	BROKER FEES 09/26	6,892.16 6,892.16
HARDENBERGH INSURANCE GROUP, INC	BROKER FEES 09/26	13,067.00 13,067.00
INSURANCE SOLUTIONS INC	BROKER FEES 09/26	18,022.33 18,022.33
INTEGRITY CONSULTING GROUP	BROKER FEES 09/26	7,914.72 7,914.72
J BYRNE AGENCY, INC.	BROKER FEES 09/26	17,922.43 17,922.43
MARSH & MCLENNAN AGENCY, LLC	BROKER FEES 09/26	24,697.47 24,697.47
PROFESSIONAL BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, INC.	BROKER FEES 09/26	12,823.40 12,823.40
SHARED HEALTH ALLIANCE	GUARDIAN NURSES INV 5511 09/26	81,149.20 81,149.20
	TOTAL WIRES 2026	1,397,350.97
	Total Payments FY 2026	2,395,917.76
	TOTAL PAYMENTS ALL FUND YEARS	2,403,717.76

Chairperson

Attest:

I hereby certify the availability of sufficient unencumbered funds in the proper accounts to fully pay the above claims.

Dated: _____

Treasurer

CERTIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION OF CLAIMS PAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES									
COASTAL HEALTH BENEFITS FUND									
Month		July							
Current Fund Year		2026							
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Policy		Calc. Net	Monthly	Monthly	Calc. Net	TPA Net	Variance	Delinquent	Change
Year	Coverage	Paid Thru	Net Paid	Recoveries	Paid Thru	Paid Thru	To Be	Unreconciled	This
		Last Month	July	July	July	July	Reconciled	Variance From	Month
2026	Medical	82,765,421.57	19,928,169.60	0.00	102,693,591.17	0.00	102,693,591.17	82,765,421.57	19,928,169.60
	Dental	28,135.73	6,333.70	0.00	34,469.43	0.00	34,469.43	28,135.73	6,333.70
	Rx	7,121,137.50	1,548,875.45	0.00	8,670,012.95	0.00	8,670,012.95	7,121,137.50	1,548,875.45
	Vision	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	89,914,694.80	21,483,378.75	0.00	111,398,073.55	0.00	111,398,073.55	89,914,694.80	21,483,378.75

COASTAL HEALTH BENEFITS FUND

SUMMARY OF CASH TRANSACTIONS - ALL FUND YEARS COMBINED

Current Fund Year: 2026										
Month Ending: July										
	Medical	Dental	Rx	Vision	Reinsurance	Admin	LFC	Closed Year	etained Dividen	TOTAL
OPEN BALANCE	9,906,083.43	(19,097.25)	(7,842,165.83)	60,496.34	(678,622.23)	5,706,522.08	4,073,527.42	7,326,233.60	11,854,348.22	30,387,325.78
RECEIPTS										
Assessments	17,558,109.82	6,778.88	1,052,738.15	0.00	769,108.53	1,853,979.68	240,434.90	0.00	0.00	21,481,149.96
Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Invest Pymnts	31,727.54	21.29	0.00	129.11	0.00	12,180.62	8,695.15	15,641.66	25,306.97	93,702.34
Invest Adj	(0.03)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.03)
Subtotal Invest	31,727.51	21.29	0.00	129.11	0.00	12,180.62	8,695.15	15,641.66	25,306.97	93,702.31
Other Receipts	100,120.98	0.00	830,373.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	930,494.20
TOTAL	17,689,958.31	6,800.17	1,883,111.37	129.11	769,108.53	1,866,160.30	249,130.05	15,641.66	25,306.97	22,505,346.47
EXPENSES										
Claims Transfers	19,928,169.60	6,333.70	1,548,875.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,483,378.75
Expenses	171,744.69	74.90	0.00	0.00	699,683.22	1,169,510.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,041,013.44
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.55
TOTAL	20,099,914.29	6,408.60	1,548,875.45	0.00	699,683.22	1,169,620.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,524,501.74
END BALANCE	7,496,127.45	(18,705.68)	(7,507,929.91)	60,625.45	(609,196.92)	6,403,062.20	4,322,657.47	7,341,875.26	11,879,655.19	29,368,170.51

SUMMARY OF CASH AND INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS								
COASTAL HEALTH BENEFITS FUND								
ALL FUND YEARS COMBINED								
CURRENT MONTH	July							
CURRENT FUND YEAR	2026							
	Description:	OceanFirst Investment Account	OceanFirst Operating Account	Fulton Bank Investment Account	Wilmington Trust Investment Account	NJ Cash Management Investment Account	Fulton Bank Checking Account	
	ID Number:							
	Maturity (Yrs)							
	Purchase Yield:	2.79	2.79	3.81	3.40	3.66	3.81	
	TOTAL for All Accts & instruments							
Opening Cash & Investment Balance	\$30,387,325.73	\$ 13,357.55	\$ 4,709,628.92	\$ 24,912,975.34	\$ 13,627.92	\$ 600,119.36	\$ 137,616.64	
Opening Interest Accrual Balance	\$37.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.60	\$ -	\$ -	
1	Interest Accrued and/or Interest Cost	\$39.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Interest Accrued - discounted Instr.s	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	(Amortization and/or Interest Cost)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Accretion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Interest Paid - Cash Instr.s	\$93,664.76	\$31.23	\$15,948.04	\$75,166.21	\$0.00	\$1,852.77	\$666.51
6	Interest Paid - Term Instr.s	\$37.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Realized Gain (Loss)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Net Investment Income	\$93,703.93	\$31.23	\$15,948.04	\$75,166.21	\$39.17	\$1,852.77	\$666.51
9	Deposits - Purchases	\$37,503,247.44	\$0.00	\$26,816,101.60	\$9,595,542.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,091,603.28
10	(Withdrawals - Sales)	-\$38,616,105.02	\$0.00	-\$22,432,788.91	-\$15,091,711.13	-\$1.70	\$0.00	-\$1,091,603.28
		OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Ending Cash & Investment Balance	\$29,368,170.51	\$13,388.78	\$9,108,889.65	\$19,491,972.98	\$13,663.82	\$601,972.13	\$138,283.15	
Ending Interest Accrual Balance	\$39.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Plus Outstanding Checks	\$1,493,393.99	\$0.00	\$1,493,393.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
(Less Deposits in Transit)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Balance per Bank	\$30,861,564.50	\$13,388.78	\$10,602,283.64	\$19,491,972.98	\$13,663.82	\$601,972.13	\$138,283.15	



SOUTHERN COASTAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

Monthly Claim Activity Report

September 28, 2026



SOUTHERN COASTAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

	MEDICAL CLAIMS + CAP			MEDICAL CLAIMS + CAP		
	<u>PAID 2025</u>	<u># OF EES</u>	<u>PER EE</u>	<u>PAID 2026</u>	<u># OF EES</u>	<u>PER EE</u>
JANUARY	\$7,212,499	4,813	\$ 1,499	\$9,385,586	5,575	\$1,684
FEBRUARY	\$7,981,639	4,817	\$ 1,657	\$9,476,178	5,574	\$1,700
MARCH	\$8,575,969	4,796	\$ 1,788	\$12,255,888	5,588	\$2,193
APRIL	\$10,230,178	4,798	\$ 2,132	\$10,319,013	5,593	\$1,845
MAY	\$10,136,230	4,806	\$ 2,109	\$12,114,229	5,550	\$2,183
JUNE	\$10,105,217	4,820	\$ 2,097	\$14,007,281	5,550	\$2,524
JULY	\$10,624,134	4,764	\$ 2,230	\$12,662,363	6,794	\$1,864
AUGUST	\$11,405,481.52	4,724	\$ 2,414			
SEPTEMBER	\$10,042,626.65	4,845	\$ 2,073			
OCTOBER	\$8,401,661.48	4,828	\$ 1,740			
NOVEMBER	\$8,996,850.57	4,835	\$ 1,861			
DECEMBER	\$9,774,596.42	4,840	\$ 2,020			
TOTALS	\$113,487,083			\$80,220,537		
				2026 Average	5,746	\$ 1,999
				2025 Average	4,807	\$ 1,968

Large Claimant Report (Drilldown) - Claims Over \$100000

Plan Sponsor Unique ID : All
Customer: SOUTHERN COASTAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
Group / Control: 00108431,00169660,00737420,00737421

Paid Dates: 06/01/2026 - 06/30/2026
Service Dates: 01/01/2011 - 06/30/2026
Line of Business: All

	Paid Amt	Diagnosis/Treatment
	\$647,414.47	SINGLE LIVEBORN INFANT, DELIVERED VAGINALLY
	\$560,879.28	DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA OF OTHER EXTRANODAL AND SOLID
	\$246,700.03	ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA NOT HAVING
	\$222,793.07	ENCOUNTER FOR ANTINEOPLASTIC
	\$121,547.84	INTESTINAL ADHESIONS (BANDS), WITH PARTIAL
	\$107,345.56	SPINAL STENOSIS, LUMBOSACRAL REGION
	\$103,080.50	ENCOUNTER FOR ANTINEOPLASTIC
	\$101,331.26	UNSPECIFIED FRACTURE OF LOWER END OF LEFT FEMUR
Total:	\$2,111,092.01	

Large Claimant Report (Drilldown) - Claims Over \$100000

Plan Sponsor Unique ID : All
Customer: SOUTHERN COASTAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
Group / Control: 00108431,00169660,00737420,00737421

Paid Dates: 07/01/2026 - 07/31/2026
Service Dates: 01/01/2011 - 07/31/2026
Line of Business: All

	Paid Amt	Diagnosis/Treatment
	\$855,877.77	OTHER ACUTE MYOCARDITIS
	\$332,569.34	PRIMARY SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS
	\$263,586.43	DISSECTION OF ABDOMINAL AORTA
	\$173,735.00	MULTIPLE MYELOMA NOT HAVING ACHIEVED
	\$170,024.13	MAJOR LACERATION OF THORACIC AORTA, INITIAL
	\$162,518.63	ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA NOT HAVING
	\$131,190.95	RESTLESSNESS AND AGITATION
	\$124,927.55	ENCOUNTER FOR ANTINEOPLASTIC
	\$113,431.96	ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM, RUPTURED, UNSPECIFIED
Total:	\$2,327,861.76	

Medical Claims Paid

**Average Per Employee Per Month
(PEPM)**

January 2026 – July 2026

Total Medical Paid per Employee: \$1,999

Network Discounts

Inpatient: **63.0%**
Ambulatory: **65.3%**
Physician/Other: **62.2%**
TOTAL: 63.5%

Provider Network

% Admissions In-Network: **98.7%**
% Physician Office: **98.9%**

Aetna Book of Business:
Admissions 98.3%; Physician 91.3%

Top Facilities Utilized

(by total Medical Spend)

- Inspira Medical Center Vineland
- Cooper University Hospital
- Inspira Medical Center Mullica Hill
- Virtua-West Jersey Health System
- University of Pennsylvania

Catastrophic Claim Impact

(January 2026 - July 2026)

Number of Claims Over \$50,000: **206**

Claimants per 1000 members: **15.0**

Avg. Paid per Claimant: **\$142,984**

Percent of Total Paid: **39.0%**

- Aetna BOB- HCC account for an average of 45.3% of total Medical Cost

Aetna One Flex Care Mgmt

Member Outreach:

Total Members Identified: **3,432**

Members Targeted for 1:1 Nurse Support
: **569**

Members identified for Digital Activity:
2,863

Members receiving Aetna Advice: **6,301**

Average Aetna Advice outreaches per
member: **2.1**



CVS Virtual Care

Completed Visits this month : **38**

Unique Patients this month : **36**

Completed Visits in 2026 : **478**

Unique Patients in 2026: **322**

BoB Average First Available 24/7 Care:
32 Minutes

BoB Average First Available MH : **5 Days**

**Service Center Performance Goal Metrics
YTD 2026**

Customer Service Performance

1st Call Resolution: **93.5%**

Abandonment Rate: **0.15%**

Avg. Speed of Answer: **4.7 sec**

Claims Performance

Financial Accuracy: **98.53%**

90% processed w/in: **8.1 days**

95% processed w/in: **17.4 days**

Claims Performance (Monthly)

(June 2026)

90% processed w/in: **8.2 days**

95% processed w/in: **14.9 days**

(Note: This is not a PG metric)

Performance Goals

1st Call Resolution: **90%**

Abandonment Rate less than: **3.0%**

Average Speed of Answer: **30 sec**

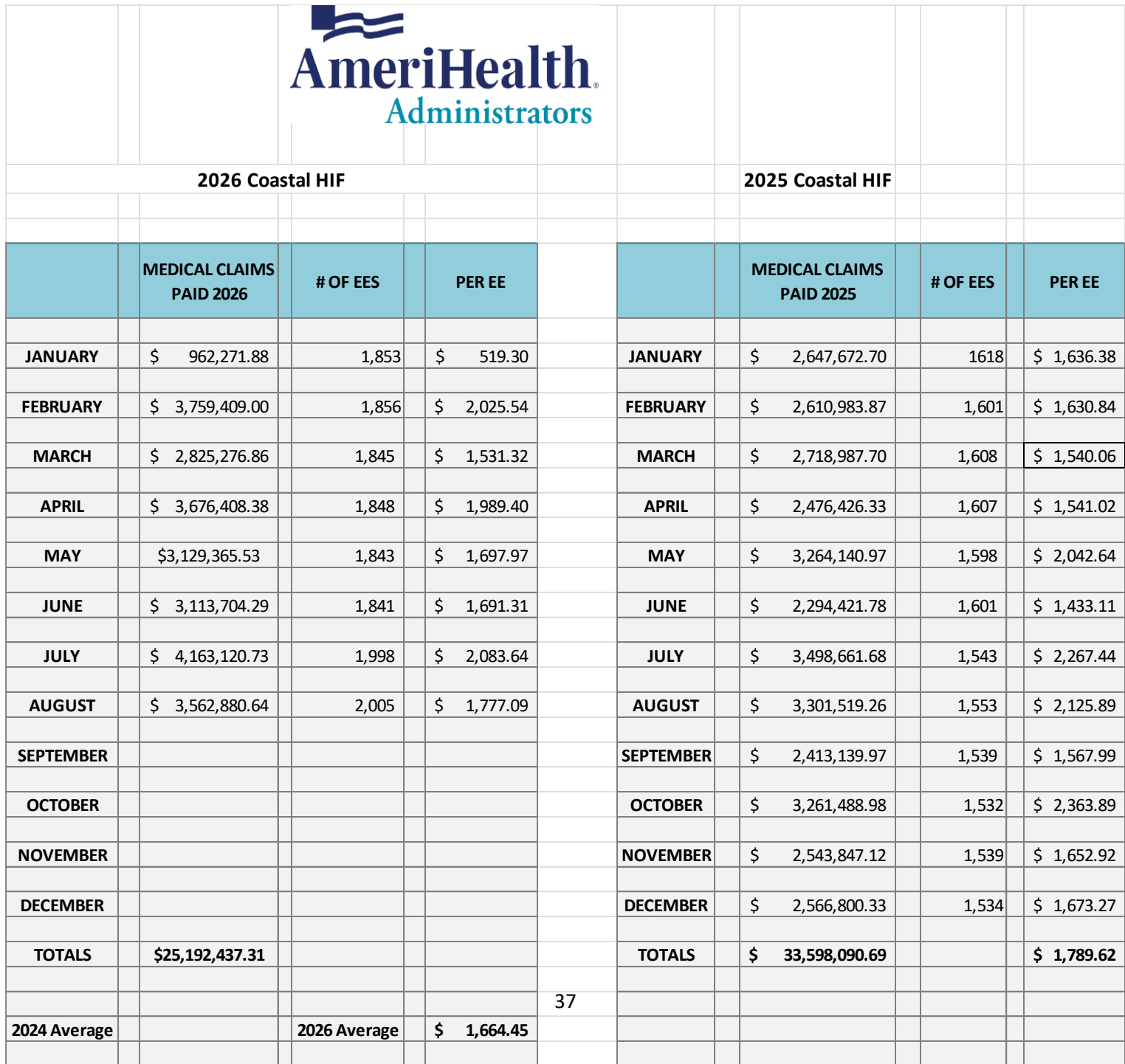
Financial Accuracy: **99%**

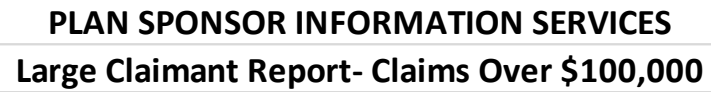
Turnaround Time

90% processed w/in: **14 days**

95% processed w/in: **30 days**





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Southern Coastal HIF

Paid Claims 01/01/2026-12/31/2026

Average payment per member per month 01/01-12/31/2026:	\$644.92
Number of claimants with paid claims over \$100,00 YDT:	28
Total paid on those claimants:	\$4,953,908
Top Facilities Utilized based on paid claims:	
ATLANTICARE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, NJ	
COOPER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, NJ	
SHORE MEDICAL CENTER, NJ	
COOPER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CAPE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, NJ	
INSPIRA MEDICAL CENTER MULICA HILL, NJ	
Provider Network	
% Inpatient In- Network: 87.6%	
% Professional providers In-Network: 96.1%	
% Outpatient providers In-Network: 89.2%	

Metric	AHA Jan. MTD	AHA Feb. MTD	AHA March MTD	AHA April MTD	AHA May MTD	AHA June MYD	AHA July MTD
1st Call Resolution	88.70%	98.42%	95.51%	88.68%	88.29%	89.50%	88.50%
ASA	14.00	3.25	7.27	24.17	26.71	60.69	84.24
Abandonment Rate	0.22%	0.48%	0.45%	1.56%	1.78%	3.02%	483.00%
Totals	2026 YTD						
Total Inpatient Admissions	182						
Total Inpatient Days	946						
ER	821						



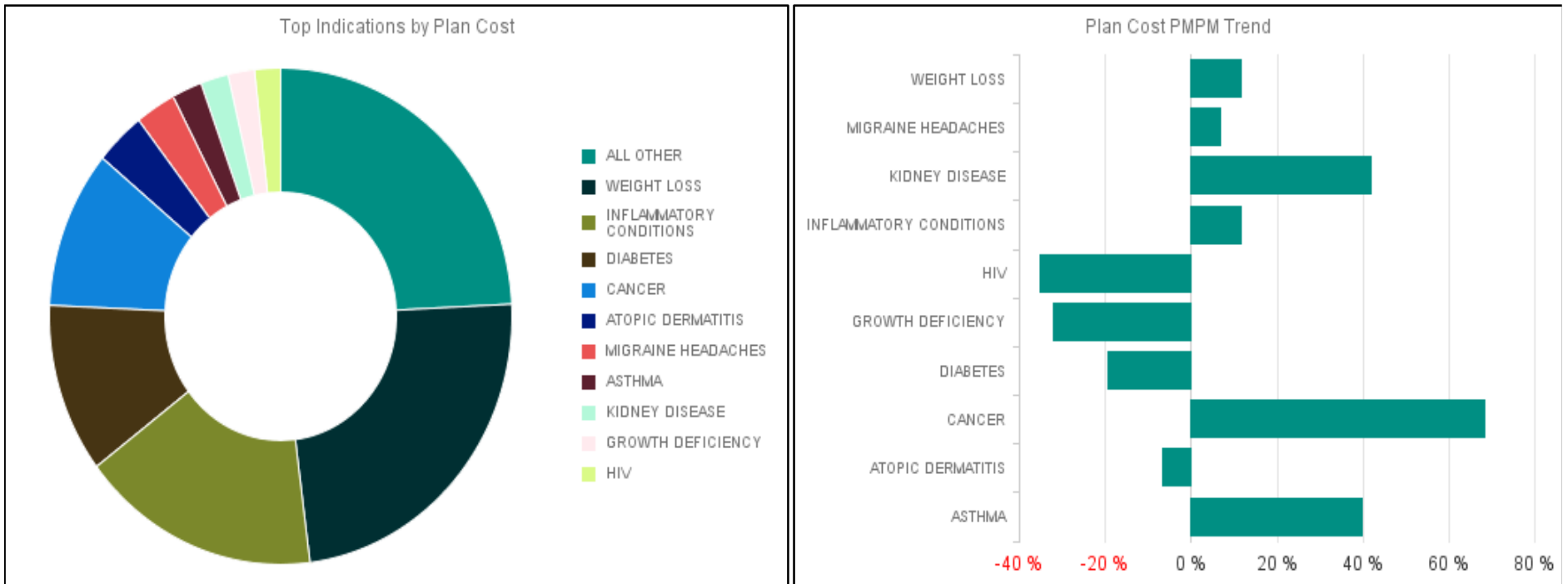
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Southern Coastal Health Insurance Fund

Total Component/Date of Service (Month)	2025 01	2025 02	2025 03	2025 Q1	2025 04	2025 05	2025 06	2025 Q2	2025 07	2025 08	2025 09	2025 Q3	2025 10	2025 11	2025 12	2025 Q4	2025 YTD
Membership	2,643	2,621	2,606	2,623	2,600	2,596	2,608	2,601	2,602	2,561	2,648	2,604	2,646	2,661	2,662	2,656	2,621
Total Days	102,714	89,787	101,595	294,096	93,046	97,681	94,960	285,687	94,539	89,945	97,269	281,753	98,718	93,389	102,118	294,332	1,056,366
Total Patients	1,065	1,038	1,032	1,554	1,012	991	999	1,463	973	982	993	1,486	1,078	989	1,141	1,590	2,176
Total Plan Cost	\$556,217	\$612,671	\$608,210	\$1,777,098	\$743,532	\$779,323	\$741,628	\$2,264,483	\$772,403	\$687,539	\$793,221	\$2,253,163	\$757,714	\$791,360	\$934,977	\$2,484,182	\$8,236,105
Generic Fill Rate (GFR) - Total	86.8%	83.9%	84.4%	85.1%	84.2%	83.1%	84.7%	84.0%	83.6%	82.9%	83.1%	83.2%	79.5%	80.2%	83.5%	81.1%	83.0%
Plan Cost PMPM	\$210.45	\$233.75	\$233.39	\$225.81	\$285.97	\$300.20	\$284.37	\$290.17	\$296.85	\$268.46	\$299.55	\$288.46	\$286.36	\$297.39	\$351.23	\$311.73	\$261.85
Total Specialty Plan Cost	\$200,212	\$247,988	\$185,556	\$633,756	\$330,464	\$346,193	\$357,502	\$1,034,159	\$367,628	\$270,757	\$396,041	\$1,034,426	\$323,451	\$357,646	\$472,268	\$1,153,365	\$3,660,447
Specialty % of Total Specialty Plan Cost	36.0%	40.5%	30.5%	35.7%	44.4%	44.4%	48.2%	45.7%	47.6%	39.4%	49.9%	45.9%	42.7%	45.2%	50.5%	46.4%	44.4%
Total Component/Date of Service (Month)	2026 01	2026 02	2026 03	2026 Q1	2026 04	2026 05	2026 06	2026 Q2	2026 07	2026 08	2026 09	2026 Q3	2026 10	2026 11	2026 12	2026 Q4	2026 YTD
Membership	3,912	3,752	3,766	3,810	4,306	4,295	4,277	4,293	6,772	6,648							
Total Days	144,406	133,835	163,733	442,274	173,846	169,790	177,686	521,662	269,247	253,134							
Total Patients	1,644	1,573	1,636	2,345	1,787	1,753	1,771	2,556	2,716	2,602							
Total Plan Cost	\$950,330	\$948,985	\$1,069,506	\$2,988,160	\$1,236,574	\$1,250,152	\$1,399,502	\$3,931,175	\$1,613,337	\$1,777,931							
Generic Fill Rate (GFR) - Total	85.0%	85.6%	85.5%	85.4%	85.1%	84.8%	83.9%	84.6%	86.1%	83.4%							
Plan Cost PMPM	\$242.93	\$252.93	\$283.99	\$261.43	\$287.17	\$291.07	\$327.22	\$305.26	\$238.24	\$267.44							
% Change Plan Cost PMPM	15.4%	8.2%	21.7%	15.8%	0.4%	-3.0%	15.1%	5.2%	-19.7%	-0.4%							
Total Specialty Plan Cost	\$358,604	\$397,099	\$415,566	\$1,162,695	\$549,788	\$563,238	\$636,897	\$1,794,734	\$636,720	\$756,433							
Specialty % of Total Specialty Plan Cost	37.7%	41.8%	38.9%	38.9%	44.5%	45.1%	45.5%	45.7%	39.5%	42.5%							

Top Indications

SOUTHERN COASTAL HLTH INS FUND (Current Period 01/2026 - 08/2026 vs. Previous Period 01/2025 - 08/2025) Peer = Government - National Preferred Formulary



			Current Period							Previous Period						Trend
Rank	Peer Rank	Indication	Market Share	Adjusted Rxs	Plan Cost	Plan Cost PMPM	GFR	Peer GFR	Market Share	Adjusted Rxs	Plan Cost	Plan Cost PMPM	GFR	Peer GFR	Plan Cost PMPM	
1	3	WEIGHT LOSS	31.2 %	2,273	\$2,467,141	\$65.39	1.5 %	3.2 %	29.9 %	1,096	\$1,220,598	\$58.58	1.7 %	5.0 %	11.6 %	
2	2	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	22.4 %	499	\$1,776,708	\$47.09	32.7 %	29.9 %	21.5 %	228	\$878,857	\$42.18	38.2 %	32.6 %	11.7 %	
3	1	DIABETES	14.5 %	3,300	\$1,147,134	\$30.41	31.1 %	27.7 %	19.2 %	1,968	\$784,740	\$37.66	25.4 %	26.3 %	-19.3 %	
4	4	CANCER	13.5 %	234	\$1,068,544	\$28.32	74.4 %	78.0 %	8.6 %	109	\$350,431	\$16.82	78.0 %	77.3 %	68.4 %	
5	5	ATOPIC DERMATITIS	4.6 %	612	\$362,139	\$9.60	79.4 %	79.7 %	5.3 %	347	\$214,604	\$10.30	79.3 %	83.4 %	-6.8 %	
6	6	MIGRAINE HEADACHES	3.7 %	458	\$292,252	\$7.75	43.4 %	51.2 %	3.7 %	204	\$151,208	\$7.26	35.3 %	54.3 %	6.7 %	
7	7	ASTHMA	2.8 %	1,686	\$218,380	\$5.79	84.6 %	89.6 %	2.1 %	946	\$86,235	\$4.14	87.2 %	89.3 %	39.9 %	
8	10	KIDNEY DISEASE	2.6 %	39	\$201,880	\$5.35	76.9 %	39.2 %	1.9 %	10	\$78,706	\$3.78	20.0 %	40.5 %	41.7 %	
9	9	GROWTH DEFICIENCY	2.4 %	34	\$191,011	\$5.06	0.0 %	0.0 %	3.8 %	33	\$155,546	\$7.46	0.0 %	0.0 %	-32.2 %	
10	8	HIV	2.4 %	59	\$189,058	\$5.01	10.2 %	23.3 %	3.9 %	45	\$160,787	\$7.72	2.2 %	24.9 %	-35.1 %	
Total Top 10				9,194	\$7,914,246	\$209.77	38.6 %	42.7 %		4,986	\$4,081,712	\$195.89	37.4 %	44.2 %	7.1 %	

Top Drugs

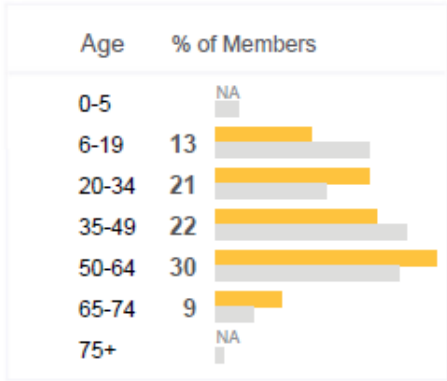
SOUTHERN COASTAL HLTH INS FUND (Current Period 01/2026 - 08/2026 vs. Previous Period 01/2025 - 08/2025) Peer = Government - National Preferred Formulary

					Current Period				Previous Period				Trend
Rank	Peer Rank	Brand Name	Indication	Specialty Drug	Adjusted Rxs	Patients	Plan Cost	Plan Cost PMPM	Adjusted Rxs	Patients	Plan Cost	Plan Cost PMPM	Plan Cost PMPM
1	3	ZEPBOUND	WEIGHT LOSS	N	1,618	323	\$1,671,101	\$44.29	604	109	\$620,252	\$29.77	48.8 %
2	9	WEGOVY	WEIGHT LOSS	N	598	131	\$766,144	\$20.31	465	77	\$594,206	\$28.52	-28.8 %
3	1	MOUNJARO	DIABETES	N	359	74	\$378,442	\$10.03	196	30	\$198,859	\$9.54	5.1 %
4	5	OZEMPIC	DIABETES	N	284	56	\$272,274	\$7.22	204	33	\$190,043	\$9.12	-20.9 %
5	98	LYNPARZA	CANCER	Y	10	1	\$254,815	\$6.75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	16	ENBREL SURECLICK	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	32	8	\$219,400	\$5.82	6	1	\$37,590	\$1.80	222.4 %
7	7	SKYRIZI PEN	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	31	5	\$217,184	\$5.76	13	3	\$82,880	\$3.98	44.7 %
8	134	TOLVAPTAN	KIDNEY DISEASE	Y	11	1	\$191,885	\$5.09	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	21	SKYRIZI ON-BODY	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	16	3	\$168,903	\$4.48	8	1	\$74,156	\$3.56	25.8 %
10	147	BRUKINSA	CANCER	Y	8	1	\$133,263	\$3.53	4	1	\$60,468	\$2.90	21.7 %
11	84	NGENLA	GROWTH DEFICIENCY	Y	24	3	\$129,900	\$3.44	11	2	\$60,233	\$2.89	19.1 %
12	55	VERZENIO	CANCER	Y	8	1	\$123,718	\$3.28	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
13	185	ALECENSA	CANCER	Y	9	1	\$120,989	\$3.21	7	1	\$91,044	\$4.37	-26.6 %
14	47	LENALIDOMIDE	CANCER	Y	8	1	\$119,663	\$3.17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	101	BENLYSTA	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	26	3	\$119,473	\$3.17	10	1	\$38,395	\$1.84	71.9 %
16	181	CALQUENCE	CANCER	Y	7	1	\$113,390	\$3.01	5	2	\$72,296	\$3.47	-13.4 %
17	8	DUPIXENT PEN	ATOPIC DERMATITIS	Y	33	12	\$106,824	\$2.83	47	8	\$128,810	\$6.18	-54.2 %
18	35	BIKTARVY	HIV	N	24	4	\$99,523	\$2.64	17	2	\$67,294	\$3.23	-18.3 %
19	120	CIMZIA (2 PACK)	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	21	3	\$98,423	\$2.61	9	1	\$41,727	\$2.00	30.3 %
20	22	TALTZ AUTOINJECTOR	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	14	3	\$94,281	\$2.50	17	3	\$96,936	\$4.65	-46.3 %
21	32	BIMZELX AUTOINJECTOR	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	9	2	\$92,312	\$2.45	1	1	\$5,474	\$0.26	831.4 %
22	56	OMNIPOD 5 DEXG7G6 PODS (DIABETES		N	122	19	\$90,131	\$2.39	76	10	\$53,723	\$2.58	-7.3 %
23	43	QULIPTA	MIGRAINE HEADACHES	N	74	17	\$83,666	\$2.22	34	6	\$36,525	\$1.75	26.5 %
24	50	STELARA	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	Y	4	1	\$80,529	\$2.13	16	2	\$210,198	\$10.09	-78.8 %
25	33	DUPIXENT SYRINGE	ATOPIC DERMATITIS	Y	29	6	\$74,421	\$1.97	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Top 25					3,379		\$5,820,654	\$154.28	1,750		\$2,761,109	\$132.51	16.4 %





million members from all 50 states



Your Group Peers

Your Peer Comparison

262 groups in Educational Services, statewide

100 - 499 members

High % of visits in NJ (your group has 97%)

Dental Action Report

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**SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
CONSENT AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

The following Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted in one motion. Copies of all Resolutions are available to any person upon request. Any Commissioner wishing to remove any Resolution(s) to be voted upon, may do so at this time, and said Resolution(s) will be moved and voted separately.

Motion_____ **Second**_____

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-26

**SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
INTRODUCTION OF THE 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET**

WHEREAS, The Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund is required under State regulation to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Fiscal Affairs Law; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Executive Committee met on September 28, 2026 in Public Session to introduce the proposed budget for the 2027 Fund Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a hearing on the 2027 budget in the amount of **\$281,016,452** shall be held at the Fund's regularly scheduled and advertised meeting on October 26, 2026. The 2027 budget shall be considered for adoption at a second reading at that time and after the completion of a public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to each Commissioner, Risk Manager, and Governing Body, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

ADOPTED: September 28, 2026

BY: _____

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

RESOLUTION NO. 26-26

**SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026 BILLS LIST**

WHEREAS, the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund held a Public Meeting on September 28, 2026 for the purposes of conducting the official business of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer for the Fund presented bills lists to satisfy outstanding costs incurred for operating the Fund during the months of August and September 2026 for consideration and approval of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer for the Fund presented a Treasurer's Report which detailed the claims payments and imprest transfers for the Fund for the month of July 2026 for all Fund Years for consideration and approval of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Executive Committee was present thereby conforming with the By-laws of the Fund to conduct official business of the Fund,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of the Executive Committee of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund hereby approve the Bills List for August and September 2026 prepared by the Treasurer of the Fund and duly authorize and concur said bills to be paid expeditiously, in accordance with the laws and regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey for Municipal Health Insurance Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioners of the Executive Committee of the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund hereby approve the Treasurer's Report as furnished by the Treasurer of the Fund and concur with actions undertaken by the Treasurer, in accordance with the laws and regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey for Municipal Health Insurance Funds.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

APPENDIX I

SOUTHERN COASTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026 — 12:30 PM

The Greenview Inn at Eastlyn Golf Course, 4049 Italia Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08361

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by the Executive Director and the Open Public Meetings notice was read into the record.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL OF THE 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner	Role	Status
Richard Davidson	Chair	Present
Pasquale Yacovelli	Secretary	Absent
Jerry Velazquez	Executive Committee	Present
Megan Duffield	Executive Committee	Present
Laurie Ryan	Executive Committee	Present
Scott Musterel	Executive Committee	Present
Mark Mallet	Executive Committee	Present
Frank Badessa	Executive Committee Alternate	Present
Dennis Zakroff	Executive Committee Alternate	Present
Kevin Smaniotto	Executive Committee Alternate	Absent
Thomas D'Intino	Executive Committee Alternate	Present

A quorum was confirmed, with nine (9) of eleven (11) Executive Committee members present.

PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Name	Affiliation / Role
James Rhodes	PERMA Risk Management Services — Executive Director
Jordyn Robinson	PERMA Risk Management Services — Assistant Account Manager
Rich Allen	Shared Health Alliance — Program Manager
Paula Spector, RN; Sara Fiske, RN; Rebecca Parkerson, RN	Guardian Nurses — Nurse Advocacy
Tyler Jackson, Erin Davidowicz	AmeriHealth Administrators — Third-Party Administrator
Jason Silverstein	Atena – Third Party Administrator

Name	Affiliation / Role
Hiteksha Patel	ESI – Rx Administrator
Crista O'Donnell	Delta Dental
Dennis Skalkowski	Fund Auditor
John Carlton	Fund Attorney
Lorraine Verrill	Fund Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT

Katie Siciliano (Lower Township School District); Ken Duffy (Integrity Consulting Group); Anthony Tonzini (Integrity Consulting Group); Kim Osmundsen (Middle Township); Suzanne Schumann (Middle Township); Stacy Banks-Stacy (City of Millville); Bob Dickenson (City of Vineland); Wayne Knight (Cumberland Regional High School District); Scott Davenport (Conner Strong & Buckelew); Joe Madera (Hardenbergh Insurance Group); James Ridgway (J. Byrne Agency). Gerald Cowan, Lew thompson, Anthony Trongone, Bob Allen, Rick Alessandrini, Courtney Adamonis, Susan Dortu, Corey Allen, Nicole Putnam, John Salo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee considered the open minutes of the June 1, 2026 regular meeting and the June 24, 2026 special meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2026 AND JUNE 24, 2026

Moved by: Commissioner Duffield

Seconded by: Commissioner Musterel

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays

Voting Yes: Commissioners D'Intino, Zakroff, Badessa, Mallet, Musterel, Ryan, Duffield, Velazquez, and Davidson

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE — DOBI DEFICIT NET POSITION LETTER

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Fund received correspondence from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI), as it had in 2024, requesting an explanation of the 2025 Fund Year deficit together with information demonstrating that the circumstances would not recur. The Fund's response was prepared and forwarded to the Department. Mr. Rhodes noted that, unlike prior years, the Department this year also required a resolution of the Fund Commissioners authorizing the release of the letter. The Department was advised that the Fund was meeting this week and that the authorizing resolution was pending. Resolution No. 20-26 appears on the Consent Agenda for that purpose; Mr. Rhodes acknowledged that the sequence was somewhat out of order but noted the requirement is new to the Department this year and that the Department understood the timing.

PUBLIC COMMENT — AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Commissioner Davidson, Chair, opened the floor for public comment on agenda items. No comments were received, and the floor was closed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (PERMA)

Financial Fast Track — as of May 31, 2026

Mr. Rhodes reported that the measures put in place by the Executive Committee to address the prior deficit are demonstrably working. The Fund recorded approximately \$1.0 million of statutory surplus in the month of May, and total cash on hand has reached \$29.3 million. Claims paid in May were down approximately \$1.0 million from April. Year-to-date surplus stands at approximately \$4.5 million, with a total surplus position of approximately \$4.4 million, reflecting a substantial turnaround in 2026. Medical claims are running approximately 6.64% under budget. Prescription is running over budget and will continue to be monitored; Mr. Rhodes noted that pharmacy trend is not unique to the Fund but is a concern across the industry. The month-over-month decrease in cash is attributable to May assessments coming in at approximately \$15.8 million against a more typical \$18 to \$19 million; this is a timing lag and improvement is expected in the following month.

There were no questions on the financial report.

Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (MRHIF) — Bylaw Amendment

The Fund is a member of the MRHIF, which is seeking approval from all member funds of an amendment to its bylaws adopted by its Executive Committee. The amendment changes the name of the fund to include public schools, reflecting that roughly half of the MRHIF's membership is now school districts, and revises language to align more closely with Department of Banking and Insurance regulations concerning the Program Manager function, which is moved from Fund professionals to servicing organizations as it appears in the regulations. Approval by 75% of the membership is required before the amendment is submitted to the Department for final approval. Resolution No. 21-26 appears on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions.

Medical Third-Party Administrator RFP

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Fund is moving forward with a Medical TPA RFP, and that the MRHIF will meet the following day to authorize its release. The approach is substantially what was proposed several years ago, when release through the Southern New Jersey fund was contemplated; the Department of Community Affairs has since advised that the procurement should be conducted at the MRHIF level rather than through a single fund, noting that all of the funds are members of the MRHIF.

In response to a question regarding the regulatory posture of the procurement, Mr. Rhodes reported that discussions have been productive with both the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs under the new administration, and that DCA has confirmed the Fund's approach is authorized, legal, and consistent with the regulations. The RFP will be submitted to the State Comptroller's office, which has already received information from DCA and DOBI — a level of coordination with the regulating agencies that had not occurred previously. While the Comptroller may have comments, the process is expected to move forward.

Rebate Audit Timeline

Express Scripts has advised of a delay in the CY2025 rebate reconciliation, and the Fund's onsite audit review has been rescheduled accordingly. The review covers multiple years of rebate activity; should any discrepancies be identified, all parties will be made whole, and the results will be reported back to the Executive Committee.

Indemnity and Trust Agreement

As a member of the MRHIF, the Fund is required to update its Indemnity and Trust Agreement every three years. The agreement is presented for approval on the Consent Agenda as Resolution No. 22-26.

PCORI and A4 Surcharge Fees

Mr. Rhodes reported that the PCORI fee and the A4 retiree surcharge are administered and paid by PERMA on behalf of the Fund, and that the payments appear on the July bills list.

There were no further questions for the Executive Director.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT (SHARED HEALTH ALLIANCE)

Meeting Notifications and New Members

Mr. Rich Allen welcomed the new Commissioners in attendance from groups that joined the Fund this year. He acknowledged that the annual meeting-date notification is distributed at the start of the calendar year, and that Commissioners appointed after that distribution had in some cases not received notice of upcoming meetings. Going forward, the Program Manager will issue a reminder notification approximately one month in advance of each meeting. He apologized to those who had not received prior notices.

State Health Benefits Program — Preliminary 2027 Rates

Mr. Allen reported on the preliminary 2027 rate evaluations released by the State's actuary. Local government active rates came in at approximately 17.3%, which was lower than anticipated. School board active rates came in at approximately 32%, moderating somewhat when retirees are included, though most school boards do not have a retiree population that materially affects the result. Against that backdrop, the Fund is performing well and expects to come in well under those levels, though no guarantee can be made. Renewal work is already underway, with school notifications beginning and January 1 renewals in process; renewal figures are expected to be presented at the December meeting.

Program Manager Report Contents

Ms. Dortu noted that the Program Manager report contains a substantial volume of information this month which would not be reviewed in full at the meeting, and invited Commissioners to contact the Program Manager's office with any questions.

Data Reporting and Aetna Smart Compare

Ms. Adamonis reported that the Fund's data warehouse is capturing significantly more information, and that expanded reporting on spending and utilization trends will continue to appear in the Program Manager report for the Commissioners' review.

She advised that effective January 2027, Aetna will introduce Aetna Smart Compare, which applies data analytics and artificial intelligence to identify, within a given specialty, those participating providers whose

outcomes and cost-effectiveness exceed established standards. Members searching for a provider will see the designation surfaced in provider search results, which is expected to be of particular value where a member is choosing among a large number of in-network providers in a specialty.

Enrollment and Billing Reminder

Ms. Adamonis reminded member groups to review monthly invoices for accuracy, particularly following renewal periods and after qualifying life events, and noted that school districts adding staff effective September 1 should confirm those enrollments are reflected on their invoices.

Guardian Nurses — Quarterly Report

A representative of Guardian Nurses reported on a busy quarter, with approximately 400 cases involving approximately 300 members and an engagement rate of approximately 75%. Fifteen readmissions were prevented. Estimated cost avoidance for the quarter was reported at approximately \$208,000, with approximately \$400,000 in projected health savings, together with hospital visits avoided. Consistent with the resolution adopted previously, a fourth nurse advocate has been added and will be assigned to Atlantic County. A copy of the quarterly report was made available.

Wellness — Integrated Onsite Health Coaching

Mr. Corey Allen reported that, following a request from Commissioner Davidson that the Fund explore additional value-added services for member staff, a pilot program was launched with Ramp Health. The pilot performed well, and on that basis the Wellness Committee recommended expanding the program Fund-wide. Resolution No. 23-26, awarding Competitive Contracting Request for Proposals CC# 26-01 for Integrated Onsite Health Coaching and Digital Engagement to The Vitality Group, appears on the Consent Agenda. Upon award, the Fund will receive eight dedicated onsite health coaches deployed regionally across member entities. Mr. Allen noted that further significant enhancements to the wellness offering are anticipated and thanked the committees for their work on the initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT (LARACY ASSOCIATES LLC / VERRILL & VERRILL)

Fund Treasurer Lorraine Verrill was not in attendance and no report was presented on her behalf. The June and July 2026 bills lists, the May 2026 Treasurer's Report, the confirmation of claims paid, the certification of transfers, and the ratification of the Treasurer's Report are included in the agenda packet, and Commissioners were advised that any questions would be relayed to the Treasurer. Approval of the bills lists and Treasurer's Report is included on the Consent Agenda as Resolution No. 24-26.

FUND ATTORNEY'S REPORT (MARMERO LAW, LLC)

No report.

NETWORK & THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR — AETNA

The Aetna representative reported that medical claims paid for the month of May 2026 totaled \$12,114,229 against 5,550 employees, or approximately \$2,183 per employee per month. Seven high-cost claims exceeded the \$100,000 threshold in May, totaling \$1,265,043.23. Dashboard and service-center metrics continue to perform well against goal.

On the provider network, negotiations with Hackensack Meridian Health are substantially complete and a verbal agreement is in place. An extension has been granted and the renewal will be executed retroactive to July 1, 2026, so there will be no break in member coverage and no network disruption. Negotiations have begun with Virtua for the January 1, 2027 renewal.

NETWORK & THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR — AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Jackson reviewed the AmeriHealth Administrators report as presented beginning at page 38 of the agenda packet, including paid claims activity, large claimant experience, and service-center performance metrics, which continue to trend within goal. There were no questions.

PRESCRIPTION ADMINISTRATOR — EXPRESS SCRIPTS

The Express Scripts representative reviewed the second quarter 2026 data beginning at page 43 of the agenda packet. Total plan cost for the quarter was approximately \$3.9 million. The generic fill rate was 84.6%. Plan cost per member per month was \$305.26, an increase of 5.2% over the first quarter. Total specialty medication plan cost was approximately \$1.8 million, representing approximately 45% of total plan cost.

Reviewing the top ten indications for January through June 2026 against the same period in 2025, the representative highlighted kidney disease, which rose from approximately \$33,271 in the prior period to approximately \$147,322 in the current period, driven principally by a single member on a high-cost therapy. Growth was also noted in the cancer indication.

On the top twenty-five drugs, the representative noted that eight of the leading drugs are oncology agents, reflecting a substantial pipeline of newly approved oncology indications. In response to a question from a Commissioner, the representative clarified that the trend being described is an industry-wide pattern and not specific to the Fund.

DENTAL ADMINISTRATOR — DELTA DENTAL

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following resolutions were presented for adoption in one motion:

Resolution No. 20-26 — Approving Fund Response to DOBI Addressing 2025 Fund Year Deficit

Resolution No. 21-26 — Approval of a Bylaw Amendment for the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund

Resolution No. 22-26 — Indemnity and Trust Agreement (MRHIF), 2026

Resolution No. 23-26 — Awarding CC# 26-01 to The Vitality Group for an Integrated Onsite Health Coaching Provider

Resolution No. 24-26 — Approval of the June and July 2026 Bills List

Prior to the vote, a Commissioner asked to be recognized to thank the Program Manager for his work on the 2026 wellness program and to thank the Wellness Committee for its support of the initiative.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, RESOLUTIONS NO. 20-26 THROUGH 24-26

Moved by: Commissioner Musterel

Seconded by: Commissioner Duffield

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays

Voting Yes: Commissioners D'Intino, Zakroff, Badessa, Mallet, Musterel, Ryan, Duffield, Velazquez, and Davidson

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Davidson, Chair, opened the floor for general public comment. No comments were received, and the floor was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: Commissioner Musterel

Seconded by: Commissioner Duffield

Vote: Unanimous voice vote (Aye)

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 PM.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2026 — 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jordyn Robinson

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Recording Secretary