



Board of Administration

Agenda Item 8a5

April 18, 2023

Item Name: Proposed Decision – In the Matter of the Appeal of Denial of PatrickXavierPT, LLC and Patrick Matibag as Eligible Home Health Care of VAHE H. SIMONIAN, Respondent.

Program: Strategic Health Operations Division

Item Type: Action

Parties' Positions

Staff argues that the Board of Administration should adopt the Proposed Decision.

Respondent Vahe H. Simonian's (Respondent) position is included in Attachment C, if any.

Strategic Plan

This item is not a specific product of either the Strategic or Annual Plans. The determination of administrative appeals is a power reserved to the Board of Administration.

Procedural Summary

Respondent Simonian (Respondent) is the beneficiary of a long-term care (LTC) insurance policy administered for CalPERS by a third-party insurer, Long Term Care Group, Inc. (LTCCG). The scope of his benefits is set forth in the 2000 CalPERS Comprehensive Plan Long Term Care Evidence of Coverage (EOC). Respondent is eligible for long term in-home care services, so long as those services are completed by an approved provider. Respondent submitted claims for expenses incurred for services provided by Patrick Matibag and PatrickXavierPT, LLC. CalPERS denied reimbursement for these services because PatrickXavierPT, LLC is not an eligible provider of residential in-home care services, and because Patrick Matibag does not qualify as an Independent Care Provider under the terms of Respondent's 2000 Comprehensive Plan EOC. Respondent appealed. The matter was heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings on September 19 and November 10, 2022. A Proposed Decision was issued on March 13, 2023, affirming CalPERS' determination and denying the appeal.

Alternatives

- A. For use if the Board decides to adopt the Proposed Decision as its own Decision:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System hereby adopts as its own Decision the Proposed Decision dated March 13, 2023, concerning the appeal of Vahe H. Simonian; RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board Decision shall be effective 30 days following mailing of the Decision.

- B. For use if the Board decides not to adopt the Proposed Decision, and to decide the case upon the record:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated March 13, 2023, concerning the appeal of Vahe H. Simonian, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and determines to decide the matter itself, based upon the record produced before the Administrative Law Judge and such additional evidence and arguments that are presented by the parties and accepted by the Board; RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board's Decision shall be made after notice is given to all parties.

- C. For use if the Board decides to remand the matter back to the Office of Administrative Hearings for the taking of further evidence:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, after consideration of the Proposed Decision dated March 13, 2023, concerning the appeal of Vahe H. Simonian, hereby rejects the Proposed Decision and refers the matter back to the Administrative Law Judge for the taking of additional evidence as specified by the Board at its meeting.

- D. Precedential Nature of Decision (two alternatives; either may be used):

1. For use if the Board wants further argument on the issue of whether to designate its Decision as precedential:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System requests the parties in the matter concerning the appeal of Vahe H. Simonian, as well as interested parties, to submit written argument regarding whether the Board's Decision in this matter should be designated as precedential, and that the Board will consider the issue whether to designate its Decision as precedential at a time to be determined.

2. For use if the Board decides to designate its Decision as precedential, without further argument from the parties.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System, hereby designates as precedential its Decision concerning the appeal of Vahe H. Simonian.

Budget and Fiscal Impacts: Not applicable

Attachments

Attachment A: Proposed Decision

Attachment B: Staff's Argument

Attachment C: Respondent(s) Argument(s)

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