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## PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS - PLAN STRUCTURE OF NEIGHBORING STATES

	Minnesota	Montana	South Dakota
Structure	Self-insured	Self-insured	Self-insured
	Pharmacy carve-out (contract with pharmacy benefits manager (PBM))	Pharmacy carve-out (contract with PBM)	Pharmacy carve-out (contract with PBM)
Length of time in current structure	Since 2008	More than 12 years	Since 2018
Prior structure	2001-2007 - Self-insured integrated medical and pharmacy		Pre-2018 - Self-insured integrated medical and pharmacy
	Pre-2001 - Multiple health plans, with a combination of fully insured and self-insured products		Self-insured 15-20 years
Term of contract and next request for proposal (RFP)	5-year contracts	3-year contracts with renewal option up to	3-year contracts with option to renew for three additional 3-year terms
	Medical last RFP for 2018	10 years three a	
	Pharmacy last RFP for 2017	Medical last RFP for 2016	
		Pharmacy last RFP for 2017, renewed for 3-year term through 2022	
Staff to administer pharmacy benefits	No pharmacist on staff	No pharmacist on staff	No pharmacist on staff
Efforts to manage elements of pharmacy benefits	State selects formulary option with PBM, but PBM manages covered products and determines which products are added or dropped from the formulary over time	Monthly meetings with PBM	Annual pharmacy audits
		Pharmacy benefits driven by PBM with input from agency	
Efforts to integrate medical and pharmacy	PBM shares information with medical to track cost-sharing accumulators and identify members for disease management programs	PBM shares information with medical	
		Case management side of medical does not actively use pharmacy data for case management; however, agency contracts with third party for pharmacy management	
Comments		PBM is fully transparent	Separated to realize greater discounts
		Medical uses reference-based pricing for hospitals - negotiated reimbursements a percentage of Medicare rates	