Commission selects new employee health insurance provider (KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission this week selected a new employee health insurance provider.

The Commission voted to go with a plan from Aetna, which contains a \$3,000 deductible. It calls for a total annual premium of \$383,529.

It will save the city more than \$100,000 over a renewal plan from the city's current health insurance provider, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which contains a \$1,500 deductible.

The Commission approved contributing \$1,500 to each employee's health savings account for the 1st year to make up the difference in the deductible amount.

The city currently pays for 100 percent of an employee's health insurance coverage and for a portion of the three other tiers.

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