

May 19: QHP Work Meeting - Burlington

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

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Subject	Follow Up to 2017 QHP Work Group Meeting
Date and Location	Tuesday, May 19, 2015 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, 29 Church Street, Suite 308
Attendees	VHC: Dana Houlihan, John Purcell, Jacqueline Rose DFR: David Martini, Noel Hudson MVP: Dan Gauthier, Doug Urbanski BCBSVT: Ellen Yakubik, Joe Leombruno NEDD: Bill Lambrukos MEAB: Trinkia Kerr, Lila Richardson (Office of VT Health Advocate) GMCB: Kelly Macnee
Message	Update: attached please find materials that will be referenced during this meeting (hard copies will be provided for those attending in person). This meeting will be following up on the previous 2017 QHP Work Group Meeting that took place on 5/4. Topics To Be Discussed: Benchmark Plan Essential Health Benefits RFP
Attachments	19May2015 Draft Top 3 List.pdf 19May2015 CMS-10448_-_EHB_Supporting_Statement_3315[2].docx

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Notes

1. Benchmark Plan – (David)

ACA requires non-grandfathered plans to cover essential health benefits.

CMS finalized rules for 2017 benchmark plan in April 2015.

- a. CMS provided an extension of the deadline to June 30.
- b. If no selection, the CMS will select for SBMs; default benchmark plan = same as VT proposal.
- c. Benchmark plan reflects updated benefits
 - i. Question: Will **Habilitative Services** –be included in the 2017 benchmark plan as required by CMS? (VHC to research and provide update)
 - ii. Federal requirement prohibiting discriminatory practices handled by carriers, DFR contract review process.
 1. Making some medically indicated as pediatric, thus cutting off use at 21
 2. Not covering single tablet vs multi-tablet regimen
 3. Higher cost drugs into highest comprehensive plans
 - iii. Expand pediatric services up to 21 (it is now)
 - iv. State limit of \$1,300 per person deductible
- e. DVHA makes a recommendation and DFR approves and send to CMS by June 30
- f. Benchmark for dental = 2014 plan (**NEED FURTHER RESEARCH ON THIS, DVHA WILL CONFIRM**)
- g. Commissioner to send letter of recommendation to GMCB to keep the existing plan. GMCB will determine if testimony required for final approval.

2. Changes to Essential Health Benefits (David)

- a. Go forward with current essential health benefits and amend for any federal and state mandates in 2017.
- b. May 22: target date for DVHA Commissioner to submit letter of recommendation for benchmark plan and EHB to GMCB.

3. Discussion: Purpose of QHP Work group (Dana, Jacqueline)

It was determined that this group should continue as a designated MEAB work group. The group will convene to review stakeholder input, complete a set of recommendations to report to MEAB by late-summer and to inform DVHA plan design presentation to GMCB.

Trinka will report back to MEAB, determine if additional participants available for the work group. VHC will schedule a work group meeting in June Jacq: Is it a good venue for getting public involved?

- b. MEAB workgroup vs. Stakeholder work group
- c. Need a way to get feedback on what is being considered on a year-round basis
- d. Doug: Early on notification will allow for more planning is better
- e. Responsibility for communication is with MEAB group to members
- f. Present to MEAB mid-summer
- g. Goal to complete MEAB work group recommendations by end of September

5. RFP Proposal:

- a. Rather than issuing a formal RFP, DVHA proposes sending a letter of instruction for both existing carriers and as information to new carriers interested in offering plans on VHC.
- b. Current set of standard and non-standard plans will be maintained to facilitate renewal, minimize disruption to the consumer market.
- c. Depending on final decision from VT Legislature on large group expansion, carriers may be invited to submit additional non-standard plan designs (number of plans = TBD) for the large group market
- d. All carriers support the proposal
- e. Target date to send letter of instruction is late summer or fall 2015
- f. Call or email with any additional questions or thoughts.