



**MHBE Implementation Advisory Committee
June 18, 2015
Meeting Minutes
201 E. Baltimore Street, Suite 630
Baltimore, MD 21202
2:00p.m to 3:00p.m**

Welcomes & Introductions

Michele Eberle, MHBE, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Committee members introduced themselves. The minutes from the last committee meeting (May 7, 2015) were tabled until the next meeting.

HBX Release Update and Release Schedule

Zoe Patterson, MHBE, presented the HBX release update and release schedule.

There was a release on 6/13/15. There were some 834 fixes which include address missing for initial add in 834 file; invalid coverage end date; SEP reason not populated in 834; and incorrect coverage end dates for death scenario. There were also various security enhancements.

There is a massive release schedule for July which includes, 834 fixes, 2016 CCIIO Plan template updates; associating minimum premium with elective abortion coverage; special enrollment questions not appearing in change reporting application; fixes for incorrect eligibility determinations for valid immigrants; adding ITIN field to application; SSN validation rules; adding plan type filter to plan shopping; addition of social media sharing buttons; addition of 'next steps' page at end of completed application; and security updates. Enhancements will include renewals implementation and Tax form 1095 implementation. The release date is 7/31/2015.

The August release will focus on nine (9) system performance optimizations provided by the CT system and various security enhancements.

September's release schedule will include verification of lawful presence enhancements, a voter registration link from application, and 834 fixes.

There will also be a dental coverage integration enhancement.

2015 QHP Renewals and Dental Integration update

Kimberly Edwards, MHBE, presented the 2015 QHP Renewals and Dental integration update. MHBE is in the third week of UAT testing and in the second week of carrier testing for renewals. Carrier renewal action plans feedback has been received.

The dental integration design phase is complete. There is a carrier readiness meeting scheduled for 7/1/2015.

MHBE received all carrier templates. Dental integration is on target.

Carrier Reference Manual update - items to include

Michele Eberle requested that feedback on carrier reference manuals be sent to MHBE. Carriers should send this feedback within the next month.

Plan Meaningful Difference Presentation

Ms. Eberle presented the plan meaningful difference presentation. Starting with 2015 coverage, in order to be certified as a QHP in a federally-facilitated marketplace, a plan must be meaningfully different from all other plans in its subgroup.

To be meaningfully different, a reasonable consumer would be able to identify one or more material differences between the plan and other plans within the service area and metal tier.

Differences can be in cost sharing, plan type, provider networks, covered benefits, health savings account eligibility, etc.

Ms. Eberle reviewed some plan differences in other states. Common themes include \$50 difference in both individual and family in network deductibles, difference in network, difference in formularies, etc.

MHBE plans in the individual market are 4 catastrophic, 17 bronze, 18 silver, 13 gold and 5 platinum. There are also various deductible amounts.

The process will be to review all MHC plan offerings for meaning difference including cost sharing, provider networks, covered benefits, and plan types. The next steps also include researching the preferred options and presenting to the Board for 2017 plan certification standards.

The marketing presentation will be given at the next meeting.

CMS came up with a transitional reinsurance program notice. For the 2014 benefit year, reinsurance contributions exceeded the requests for reinsurance payments.

Ms. Eberle asked for feedback on logistics of EIAC meetings. The MHBE team will research venues for future meetings.

The July 3rd meeting has been canceled.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned.