

MINUTES

Standardized Benefit Design Work Group

Date | time 7/27/2017 2:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* John Pierre Cardenas

In Attendance

Elizabeth Sammis, Ph.D.*

Kathryn Hoffman, Esq.

Pia Sterling*

Robert Metz*

Michele Eberle

John Pierre Cardenas

Kimberly Edwards

Rebecca Smith

Robyn Elliott*

Alvin Heffenbein*

Patricia O'Connor (on behalf of Kimberly Cammarata)

*Indicated work group member status. With six members present, the work group reached quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 27th meeting were approved after a motion to approve them was made by Alvin Heffenbein and seconded by Robyn Elliott.

Meeting

- **Workgroup Membership Updates**

John-Pierre Cardenas from MHBE shared with the committee members that Bridget Powers of Evergreen Health who had just been accepted to the work group, had withdrawn due to Evergreen's status. Matthew Celentano of Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative has been on boarded and will attend his first meeting in August.

The work group decided to cap the membership at nine, and to remove the Aetna representative due to a failure to attend any meetings to date. A vote to officially remove Aetna's representative will take place at the next meeting after out reaching to that individual.



UPDATE: Because of the Memorial Day holiday, MHBE, at the request of work group members has changed the August meeting date to August 24th.

- **Topics Discussed**

Following meeting minute approval the work group members discussed several policy considerations:

1. Cost-sharing for High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) bronze, with no charge after the deductible; the deductible would be tied to a Health Savings Account (HSA). **This was not voted on, but will be revisited at the next meeting.**
2. Using a stacked family deductible instead of an aggregate family deductible. **This was not voted on, but will be revisited at the next meeting.**
3. Having a separate drug and medical deductible instead of combing the medical and drug deductibles . **This was not voted on, but will be revisited at the next meeting.**
4. Using copays exclusively and no coinsurance for whatever standardized plans are chosen. **This was not voted on, but will be revisited at the next meeting.**
5. Using CareFirst gold plan design structure for a gold standardized plan, and Kaiser's bronze plan design for the bronze standardized plan design. **This was not voted on, but will be revisited at the next meeting.**

Summary of decisions

The work group decided not to vote on any items discussed until a future meeting, but instead decided to take back to their respective organizations the issues for more information and input.

Next Meeting

8/24/2017 2:00 PM, Large Conference Room, 750 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:30 P.M. and was passed unanimously.

Action Items:



