

2017 Standardized Benefit Design Work Group Summary



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Under 2018 Plan Certification Standards, MHBE was authorized by the Board of Trustees to assemble a work group to develop a set of recommendations on a standardized benefit design. The table below lists work group members and details their representative organizations.

Member	Organization	Status
Alvin Helfenbein	Helfenbein Insurance	Active
Pia Sterling	Kaiser Permanente	Active
Chris Keen	Keen Insurance	Active
Elizabeth Sammis	Consumer Health First	Active
John Fleig	UnitedHealthcare	Inactive (as of June 2017)
Kathryn Hoffman*	MIA	Active
Kimberly Cammarata	HEAU	Active
Matthew Celentano	MD Healthcare for All	Active (as of August 2017)
Robert Metz	CareFirst	Active
Robyn Elliot	Public Policy Partners	Active

*Served as SME and liaison from the Maryland Insurance Administration. Non-voting member.

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SBD-WG members met eight times from the initial meeting on March 30, 2017 to their final meeting on November 9, 2017.

Individuals Present	3/30/2017	4/27/2017	6/15/2017	6/29/2017	7/27/2017	8/24/2017	10/26/2017	11/9/2017
Alvin Helfenbein	√	√		√	√	√	√	√
Chris Keen	√		√	√		√		√
Elizabeth Sammis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Kimberly Cammarata	√	√	√		√	√	√	√
Pia Sterling	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robert Metz	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Robyn Elliott				√	√	√	√	√
Kathryn Hoffman			√	√	√	√	√	√
Matthew Celentano	not yet a participating work group member					√		√
John Fleig	√	√	no longer a participating work group member					

A DRAFT 2017 MHBE Standardized Benefit Design Work Group Report is released with this presentation. A record of all votes has been included in the table on the next slide.

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Policy	Recommendation	Vote Record	Date of Vote
Marketplace Scope	Plan should not be standardized on the SHOP Marketplace.	SHOP – Consensus	04/27/2017
	Plans should be standardized on the Individual (IVL) Marketplace.	IVL – 5 yeas, 3 nays	11/9/2017
Metal Level Inclusion	Plans should be standardized at bronze, silver, and gold metal levels.	Consensus	11/9/2017
Existing QHP Rules	Existing QHP Rules should not be amended.	Consensus	06/15/2017
Included Benefits	The coverage categories in the Summary of Benefits and Coverage should be the standardized categories.	Consensus	06/29/2017
Excluded Benefits	Non-standard benefits may be offered if such benefits have a de minimus impact on EHB% of Premium	Consensus	08/24/2017
Extent of Cost-Sharing Standardization	Only in-network cost-sharing should be standardized	Consensus	07/27/2017
New-Market Entrants	The MHBE Board has existing waiver authority to support new market entrants. KP opposes usage to waive standard plan requirements.	Consensus	11/9/2017