



**Summary of Independent External Audit  
Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Plan Year 2018**

The Affordable Care Act requires state-based exchanges to have an annual external independent audit of financial and program activities in accordance with 45 CFR 155.1200-1210, Subpart M – Oversight and Program Integrity Standards for State Exchanges. Accordingly, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) contracted Hamilton Enterprises LLC (Hamilton) to perform the required audit. The auditors reviewed processes in place during MHBE’s plan year 2018, which ran from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The audit included a review of MHBE’s accounting of expenditures and of regulatory standards for general functions of State-based Exchanges. Specific areas of examination included, but were not limited to, certification of Qualified Health Plans (QHPs), enrollment in QHPs, determinations of Medicaid eligibility, data reporting, information disclosures, and quality improvement strategies.

The auditors followed generally accepted governmental auditing standards (GAGAS) and made their report available to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for review. In their opinion, MHBE was compliant with 45 CFR Part 155, Subparts C, D, E, K, and M.

Based on testing of Plan Year 2018, Hamilton did not identify any exceptions during the audit and closed prior audit findings due to MHBE’s effective implementation of internal controls that addressed the findings.

