



MHBE STATE BENCHMARK PLAN WORK GROUP COMMENTS

Source	Member Comments
<p>Maryland Citizen’s Health Initiative</p>	<p>“Benefits included in the SBP should result in maximum improvements in health outcomes, including quality-adjusted life years (QALYs)”</p> <p>There is concern from some disability rights advocates around the nation that using QALYs to create public policy could have a negative unintended consequences for individuals with disabilities as well as those with chronic conditions</p> <p>Suggest adding to the “Study on the Intersection of Social Determinants of Health and Benefits” a research question that asks “How do disability and chronic illness intersect with social determinants of health?”</p>
<p>Kaiser Permanente</p>	<p>Ask that all State Benchmark Plan work addresses both the individual and small group market</p>
<p>HEAU – Attorney General’s Office</p>	<p>Favor a cautious approach until the Maryland Health Care Commission has evaluated the merits of the current statutory mandates</p> <p>Concerned about the comments under “Requirement 1: Determine whether the current benchmark plan meets the needs of the individual market” may be given more weight that intended, and would ask for clarification or perhaps elimination of the comments pending MHCC’s evaluation of the mandates</p> <p>i.e. The report holds a presumption in favor of reducing the formularies, which is not the position of the HEAU</p> <p>Would request that a general statement in the report include “The State Benchmark Plan Work Group Report sets forth the collective recommendations and positions of its members and does not necessarily reflect the individual</p>

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	position of any member and/or the organization the individual represents”
Bonnie Tiernan – Individual	“Until the issue of disabled individuals that were made disabled by the state and our unable to get secondary health insurance in the state of Maryland until they are 65! This system is completely flawed and discrimination to the disabled as this is allowed in other states. Therefore it is biased and unfair to a disabled Maryland resident under 65 with Medicare! All the medical issues do not matter if you do not allow them to even get the insurance. This truly unfair.”

