

## **HRIC Insurance Subcommittee Meeting HIX Establishment Progress**

January 11, 2012

7<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking

Meeting called at 2:05pm by Brendan Rose. All participants (apx. 30) in the room introduced themselves (interested parties included 4 major carriers in DC, advocacy groups, not-for-profits, employees from DHCF and DISB).

It was stated the purpose of the meeting was to update stakeholders on progress made towards the establishment of a DC Health Insurance Exchange (HIX) and other insurance related aspects of ACA implementation.

1. Legislative Update (B19-02 Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011)
  - a. DC Council passed the legislation with a Final Vote/Reading on December 20, 2011. It is currently in the Mayor's office to be signed by January 17, 2012 before it goes to Congressional review. The Mayor will have a signing ceremony for the bill.
  
2. Key Policy Areas for 2012
  - a. Essential Health Benefits
    - i. Overview of HHS/CCIIO guidance
      1. general guidance was given mid-December, 2011 that states will be able to create their own Exchange based on 4 benchmarks
        - a. Top 3 small group plans, by enrollment, available in the District
        - b. Top 3 plans offered to employees of the District of Columbia Government
        - c. Largest HMO plan, by enrollment, available in the District
        - d. Medicaid plans offered in the District
      2. Public input/comment period through January 31, 2012 to:  
EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov.
    - ii. Impact of the District
      1. DC has released a Data Call to the major carriers based on the initial HHS/CCIIO guidance so that financial sustainability, DC's costs, and other related financial implications of the DC EHB package can begin to be established)
      2. Carriers present at the meeting are concerned that DC's Data Call was released so early that additional information may be requested or even that they may have to provide similar information to HHS/CCIIO... they offered to provide us with templates they have previously established to get at some of the data we requested

- iii. Next Steps forward
      1. RFP's are being developed for a Level 1 non-IT contractor that will assist in the analysis from the Data Call
      2. District is also determining EHB as it relates to Medicaid and determining synergies between public and commercial insurance... although this is not required at this time, it makes sense for the District to do work related to
      3. Beginning the work on plan certification and quality ratings
      4. A timeline of February/March has been established to present recommendations to the HRIC
    - b. Plan Management
      - i. NAIC/SEFF Team are working on an update to the current system that will be a better served conduit of necessary information between the states, carrier and federal government
      - ii. NAIC has communicated it will be ready for Beta testing by end of Summer, 2012
- 3. Next Steps (General questions, comments, concerns from stakeholders)
  - a. Board establishment process... after quality people are identified and chosen for the Board, the HRIC will actively work in the transition until complete
  - b. Board Member Selection... responsibility of Office of Boards and Commissions (OBC) and all suggestions should be directed to them <http://obc.dc.gov/obc/site/default.asp>
  - c. Number of carriers on Exchange... it was noted that it is NOT the intention of the District to have only one carrier be present on the HIX
  - d. Mercer deliverables... available upon request to Brendan Rose
  - e. Market Structure (active, passive, or hybrid; # carriers; inside/outside designation; single-payer; etc.) recommendations will be made to HRIC by February/March, however they will first be shared with the subcommittee for comment
  - f. It was recommended to provide a comprehensive summary of the HHS benchmarks as they relate to the District plans including which plan coverages are mandated
  - g. Federal Government partnerships... it has been decided that DC will run its own Exchange and will maintain control of policy and operations, however there still may be opportunities to partner with the Federal Government and/or other states and the District is open to those, i.e.
    - i. Backroom IT operations (other states)
    - ii. Risk Adjustment mechanisms (Federal government)
    - iii. Other cost saving measures that will not impact the District's control over policy and operations
  - h. HRIC Executive Meetings are open to the public

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm