

Framing the Discussion

1. Is there support for a DC mandate?
2. If so, should DC's mandate conform to the federal mandate or should DC create its own unique mandate?
3. Should DC modify any current federal standards for coverage, exemptions, penalties or operations?
4. Getting a plan ready for 2019 implementation may require that the initial program be as similar as possible to the federal law. If that is necessary, is it possible to consider refinements at a later time?
5. Should DC try to use tax penalties to help individuals purchase coverage, as in the Maryland proposal?