



RESOLUTION

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AUTHORITY

To update the Qualified Health Plan (QHP) certification requirements for (1) network adequacy; (2) review of health plan rates; (3) non-discrimination requirements for health plans; and (4) quality of health plans in the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange.

WHEREAS, the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011, effective March 4, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-94; D.C. Official Code § 31-3171.01 *et seq.*) (“Act”) created the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority (“Authority”), an independent authority of the Government of the District of Columbia, and its governing Executive Board;

WHEREAS, §1311(c) of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“ACA”) (P.L. 111-148 & P.L. 111-152) and 45 CFR Part 156, Subpart C establish minimum certification standards for Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) offering coverage on American Health Benefit Exchanges;

WHEREAS, §5 of the Act (D.C. Official Code §31-3171.04(a)(7)) authorizes the Authority to implement procedures for certification, recertification, and decertification of QHP issuers;

WHEREAS, the Executive Board established an Issuer Certification Process Workgroup, which included health insurance carriers, consumer advocates, and employers, to recommend a process for certifying insurance companies as QHP issuers; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer Certification Process Workgroup presented recommendations to the Board on March 7, 2013 and the Executive Board adopted the recommendations in a resolution on March 13, 2013.

WHEREAS, the Issuer Certification Process recommendations require the Executive Board to revisit these standards using additional data and experience gained.

WHEREAS, the Executive Board Insurance Market Working Committee met in five public meetings from October 2014 through January 2015 hearing from stakeholders, experts in the field, and DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority and Department of Insurance Securities and Banking staff.

WHEREAS, the Executive Board Insurance Market Working Committee narrowed their review and developed recommendations to update four QHP certification requirements: (1) network adequacy; (2) review of health plan rates; (3) non-discrimination requirements for health plans; and (4) quality of health plans.

WHEREAS, the Executive Board Insurance Market Working Committee voted unanimously to approve Qualified Health Plan Certification Requirement Recommendations on January 21, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board hereby approves the Qualified Health Plan Certification Requirement Recommendations dated January 21, 2015 (attached).

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on this **9th** day of **February** , 2015, by the Executive Board of the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority in an open meeting.

Khalid Pitts, Secretary/Treasurer
District of Columbia Health Benefits Exchange Authority

Date