To adopt recommendations establishing standard qualified health plans at each of the four metal level tiers for plan year 2022, plus a standard HSA compatible plan at the bronze level.


WHEREAS, §1301(a)(1)(C)(ii) of the ACA requires QHP issuers to offer one silver-level and one gold-level plan at a minimum;

WHEREAS, D.C. Official Code §31-3171.09(5)(B)(i) requires QHP issuers to offer one at least one bronze plan;

WHEREAS, 45 C.F.R. §155.1000(c) allows state exchanges to limit certification to those plans that it finds are in the best interest of qualified individuals and employers and 45 C.F.R. §156.200(d) allows state exchanges to require additional certification requirements beyond the federal minimums;

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 QHPs;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2013, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution to develop standardized benefit plans (benefits and cost-sharing) at each of the four metal level tiers based on input from consumers, employers, carriers, and based on early purchase preferences;

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution setting standard plans at all four metal level tiers for Plan Year 2016;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2015, the Executive Board adopted consensus recommendations to modify the standard Bronze plan to be consistent with the 2016 Plan Year Actuarial Calculator released by the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight;
WHEREAS, on April 6, 2016, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution modifying the standard plans at all four metal level tiers for Plan Year 2017;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2017, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution modifying the standard plans at all four metal level tiers, plus an HSA-compatible bronze plan for Plan Year 2018;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution modifying the standard plans at the gold, silver and bronze copay levels for Plan Year 2019;

WHEREAS, on February 13 and May 8, 2019, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution modifying the standard plans at the gold, silver and bronze copay levels for Plan Year 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Executive Board adopted a Resolution modifying the standard plans at the gold, silver, bronze copay and bronze HSA-compatible levels for Plan Year 2021;

WHEREAS, the draft federal actuarial value calculator for Plan Year 2022 was issued November 25, 2020, with no changes from the prior year;

WHEREAS, the working group met on January 25 and February 4, 2021 by conference call;

WHEREAS, the working group came to consensus on the policy of providing preferred brand insulin and diabetes supplies at $0 cost-sharing in standard plans as allowed by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board hereby approves the following recommendations from the Standard Plans Advisory Working Group:


I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 10th day of February 2021, by the Executive Board of the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority in an open meeting.

/s/ Khalid Pitts, Secretary/Treasurer                                      February 10, 2021
District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority                      Date