



**RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

To adopt recommendations establishing standard qualified health plans at each of the four metal level tiers to promote easier comparison shopping through DC Health Link.

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, §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, 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 July 9, 2014, the formation of the Standard Plans Advisory Working Group was announced and Chair and Vice-Chair were named;

WHEREAS, the working group met in public on seven occasions between August 28 and October 6, 2014, and held an additional two meetings after the Executive Board’s October 8, 2014 meeting;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2014, the working group made initial recommendations on the standard qualified health plans at each of the four metal level tiers, after public input and discussion;

WHEREAS, at the October 8, 2014 Executive Board meeting, the working group was asked to reconsider the recommendation for the standard Gold plan;

WHEREAS, the working group discussed a revised recommendation for the standard Gold plan at two subsequent conference calls;

WHEREAS, the Executive Board received consensus recommendations from the Standard Plans Advisory Working Group on October 8 and a revised consensus recommendation on November 12, 2014;

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

1. The Executive Board adopt standard plans for DC Health Link at the platinum, gold, silver and bronze metal level tiers for 2016 as set forth in the [Recommendations of the Standard Plans Advisory Working Group to the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority](#), Attachments One, Three and Four and the [Addendum to Recommendations of the Standard Plans Advisory Working Group to the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority](#), Attachment One.
2. Carriers will be required to offer one standardized plan at each metal level in which the carrier is participating in addition to other plans the carrier may offer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 12th day of November 2014, 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