

Delaware Health Care Commission Key Decisions Regarding the Affordable Care Act

Date	Presented	Action
Nov. 1, 2012	Presented revisions to the Delaware Qualified Health Plan Certification Standards based on feedback from the stakeholders.	Approved proposed state-specific standards for certification of qualified health plans offered and sold on the Delaware Exchange.
	Reviewed Essential Health Benefits supplemental benefits plans, including a comparison of the Federal Employers Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) versus the Medicaid/Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) in order to select Delaware's Essential Health Benefits benchmark pediatric dental plan; reviewed summary of FEDVIP Blue Vision plan and the habilitative services standard defined as at parity with rehabilitative services.	Approved the Medicaid/Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) plan as the supplemental pediatric dental plan for Delaware, the FEDVIP Blue Vision as the supplemental vision plan and the habilitative services standard.
Sept. 6, 2012	In late 2011, the federal government released new options for States to consider in establishing Exchanges, specifically, state-federal partnership models with state option to retain Plan Management functions, Consumer Assistance functions, or both. The federal government would administer all other functionality, most notably the large technical infrastructure to support Exchange operations.	Approved a state-federal partnership model where Delaware retains control of plan management and consumer assistance in a State Partnership Exchange, in order to leverage federal infrastructure and maintain financial sustainability. Amended prior motion presented in the spring of 2011 to reflect the change from a State-based Exchange model to a State Partnership model.
	Presented overview and summary of public comments and hearings on plan options for selection of Essential Health Benefits benchmark plan and recommendation, based on stakeholder feedback received, of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Small Group Exclusive Provider Organization plan option as Delaware's benchmark plan for the individual and small group market in 2014 and 2015.	Approved Blue Cross Blue Shield Exclusive Provider Organization Small Group option as the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Benchmark Plan for Delaware, based on the public comments. The benchmark will define the baseline benefits for all individual and small group plans effective January 1, 2014, and will be supplemented to cover additional EHB categories.

	<p>Presented state certification process for the Health Benefits Exchange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification standards will likely include provisions that go beyond the federal minimum to ensure that Delaware’s insurance market is protected from adverse selection while contributing to the achievement of the State’s health care goals.• Final recommendations on certification standards will be presented during the October Health Care Commission meeting.	<p>Approved motion establishing that qualified health plans will be evaluated for inclusion in the State Partnership Exchange through a robust certification process.</p>
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