

**Barriers To Access Workgroup**  
**DRAFT September 30, 2015**

**Charge**

The workgroup will identify opportunities to reduce barriers to accessing quality care that will improve health outcomes in Minnesota. This includes options that address existing financial or structural barriers to care for special or hard to reach populations.

**Key Dates**

- October 23: Preliminary Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Financial Barriers to Task Force
- November 13: Preliminary Recommendations on Structural Barriers and Disparities
- January 8: Final Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Financial Barriers and Structural Barriers and Disparities to Task Force

**Priorities**

- Smoothing financial cliffs that create barriers to access
- Reducing structural barriers to access, for example: plan and provider misalignment and benefit gaps or differences in coverage programs
- Reducing other barriers to access including disparities related to geography, language, culture, and health literacy

**Proposed Meeting Topics**

Date	Meeting Topic
October 2	<p>Options &amp; Considerations for Seamless Coverage Continuum/Reducing Financial Barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refined information on cliffs in Minnesota coverage programs</li> <li>▪ Examples of other states' efforts to reduce financial barriers               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MA, VT, NY</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Other possible options for states               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Closing the affordability gap for families with access to employer sponsored coverage</li> <li>○ Limit high deductible plans</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Options and Considerations for Minnesota</li> <li>▪ Other ideas?</li> <li>▪ Develop preliminary recommendations</li> </ul> <p><i>Joint Session with Seamlessness Workgroup</i></p>
October 9	<p>Review Preliminary Recommendations for Seamless Coverage Continuum/Reducing Financial Barriers (<i>Partial Joint Session with Seamlessness Workgroup</i>)</p>

Date	Meeting Topic
	<p>Options &amp; Considerations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for aligning benefits across programs</li> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for promoting alignment of provider networks/promoting continuity of care across coverage transitions</li> <li>▪ Other ideas?</li> </ul>
October 16	<p>Review Preliminary Recommendations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 1</p> <p>Options &amp; Considerations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for promoting alignment of plans across coverage programs and geography</li> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for increasing access to coverage in rural areas</li> <li>▪ Other ideas?</li> <li>▪ Public comment period (including comment from Immigrant Law Center)</li> </ul>
October 23	<p>Review Preliminary Recommendations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 2</p> <p>Options &amp; Considerations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for reducing barriers relating to language and culture</li> <li>▪ Options &amp; considerations for reducing barriers relating to health literacy</li> <li>▪ Other ideas?</li> </ul>
October 23 (Task Force Meeting)	Present Preliminary Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Financial Barriers to Task Force
October 30	<p>Review Preliminary Recommendations for Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities, Part 3</p> <p>Refine Preliminary Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Financial Barriers <i>(Joint session with Seamlessness Workgroup as necessary)</i></p>
November 13 (Task Force Meeting)	Present Preliminary Recommendations on Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities to Task Force
November 20	Refine Preliminary Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Financial Barriers

Date	Meeting Topic
	Refine Preliminary Recommendations on Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities
December 3	<i>Tentative</i>
December 18	<i>Tentative</i>
January 8 (Task Force Meeting)	Present Final Recommendations on Seamless Coverage Continuum/Reducing Financial Barriers to Task Force ( <i>joint with Seamlessness Workgroup</i> ) ( <i>as needed</i> )  Present Final Recommendations on Reducing Structural Barriers and Disparities ( <i>as needed</i> )