

Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Task Force

Meeting Summary

April 20, 2012

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

Commissioner Rothman was unable to attend the meeting in person; Mr. Kathol moderated the meeting. The Task Force approved the meeting summary of the March 2012 meeting. Ms. Todd-Malmlov informed the group that the Department is still in the process of filling the currently open seat on the Task Force and hopes to have an update at the next meeting.

II. Updated Gruber/Gorman ACA and Affordability Analysis

Ms. Todd-Malmlov presented on the updated analysis by Dr. Jon Gruber and Bela Gorman. Ms. Todd-Malmlov noted that some of the numbers have changed due to updated public program numbers, but the impact on premiums did not change. Ms. Todd-Malmlov also noted that the analysis used the 2009 MN Health Access Survey data as a base and will be updated to reflect the newly available 2011 data. The [presentation slides](#) and [final report](#) can be found on the Minnesota Department of Commerce website.

III. Work Group Updates

Work group updates were given by each of the respective work group Task Force member co-leads including:

- Adverse Selection work group
- Individual Eligibility work group
- Measurement and Reporting work group
- Navigators and Agents/Brokers work group
- Outreach work group
- Small Employers and Employees work group

Work group reports can be found on the department's [website](#).

The Adverse Selection work group brought forth two recommendations to the Task Force:

- Work Group members agreed that given the temporary (three-year) nature of the reinsurance program and the lack of entities available to perform these services, it makes more sense for Minnesota to have HHS run the federal reinsurance program on the state's behalf than for Minnesota to expend the time, effort and budget to run a state based reinsurance program.

The Task Force adopted this recommendation.

- Work Group members also generally agreed that the potential benefits of pursuing state-based risk adjustment without authority to use the state's all-payer claims database will likely not outweigh the effort associated with developing that methodology. The disadvantage of not pursuing a state-based approach is that we lose the opportunity for risk adjustment to work as well as it can given Minnesota's unique characteristics, especially in the first year or two of Exchange operation when adverse selection may be more of an issue.

Work Group members will review information about how the federal methodology is shaping up following a public meeting held by HHS in Washington D.C. on May 7 and 8, 2012 before making a formal recommendation about whether the state should pursue its own methodology or engage in some level of methodological development work this year.

The Task Force did not take formal action on this recommendation, awaiting future information from HHS and recommendations from the Adverse Selection Work Group.

IV. Discussion of Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Kathol thanked the group for their thoughtful participation. Ms. Todd-Malmlov noted that the next meeting will take place in St. Paul, but the June meeting will take place in Cloquet, MN.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Hiway Federal Credit Union, Administrative Offices
840 Westminster Street, St. Paul
Agenda: TBA