

MINNESOTA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE WORK GROUP REPORT

Plan Certification Workgroup

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Work Group Focus

The Plan Certification work group (PCWG) is a subgroup of the Adverse Selection Work Group. The purpose of the PCWG is to provide technical assistance and information on the options related to developing Minnesota's criteria for certifying quality health plans (QHPs). The Adverse Selection work group will use this information to inform their findings and recommendations to the Task Force. The Advisory Task Force will use this information to inform their recommendations to the Commissioner of Commerce.

Work Group Members

The Work Group is being formed. The Work Group members are consumers, providers, market experts, carriers, and small employers.

Issues for Discussion

We're seeking input from the Advisory Task to frame the scope of work for the Plan Certification Work Group.

The Work Group proposes focusing on the following issues:

- What are the criteria, outlined in the Affordable Care Act, for certifying QHPs? How do those criteria align with existing MN law?
- What are the options open to the state in setting up their certification process? How do those options align with existing MN law?
- Beyond the minimum requirements articulated in the ACA, are there other criteria MN should require for QHPs? If so, what changes, legislative or regulatory would be needed?

In addition to these issues, the Task Force may refer additional issues to this Work Group for additional assistance and input.

Meeting Update

The Work Group will begin meeting in April.