



Essential Health Benefits Bulletin Stakeholder Meeting

January 18, 2012



Agenda

- 10:30_{AM}** **Introductions and overview**
- 10:45_{AM}** **Background and process going forward**
- 11:00_{AM}** **Input from public**
- 12:15_{PM}** **Wrap-up and next steps**
- 12:30_{PM}** **Adjourn**



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Ground Rules

1. Golden Rule Applies.
2. Each statement completed in two minutes.
3. If more than one representative speaks, statement must be different.
4. If organizations share same issue, please state support for issue, do not restate it.
5. Stay on task.



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Sample Questions for HHS

1. How much flexibility will states have in the process of selecting a benchmark, particularly regarding efforts to ensure continued innovation?
2. What is the implementation timeline for EHBP's and what is HHS' plan beyond 2015? How can states be proactive in long-term planning?
3. How can states ensure they have met the federal minimum standard for each benefit category? What are potential penalties if state law is out of compliance with the federal minimums starting in 2014? Will that impact Exchange certification?



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Next Steps

1. Compiling input
2. Draft comments to be presented at COHBE Board meeting January 23rd DOI may supplement.
3. Submit comment letter to HHS by January 31st

Comments may be sent by any group or individual directly to HHS at EssentialHealthBenefits@cms.hhs.gov