



Small Employer Health Options (SHOP) Exchange Advisory Committee Meeting

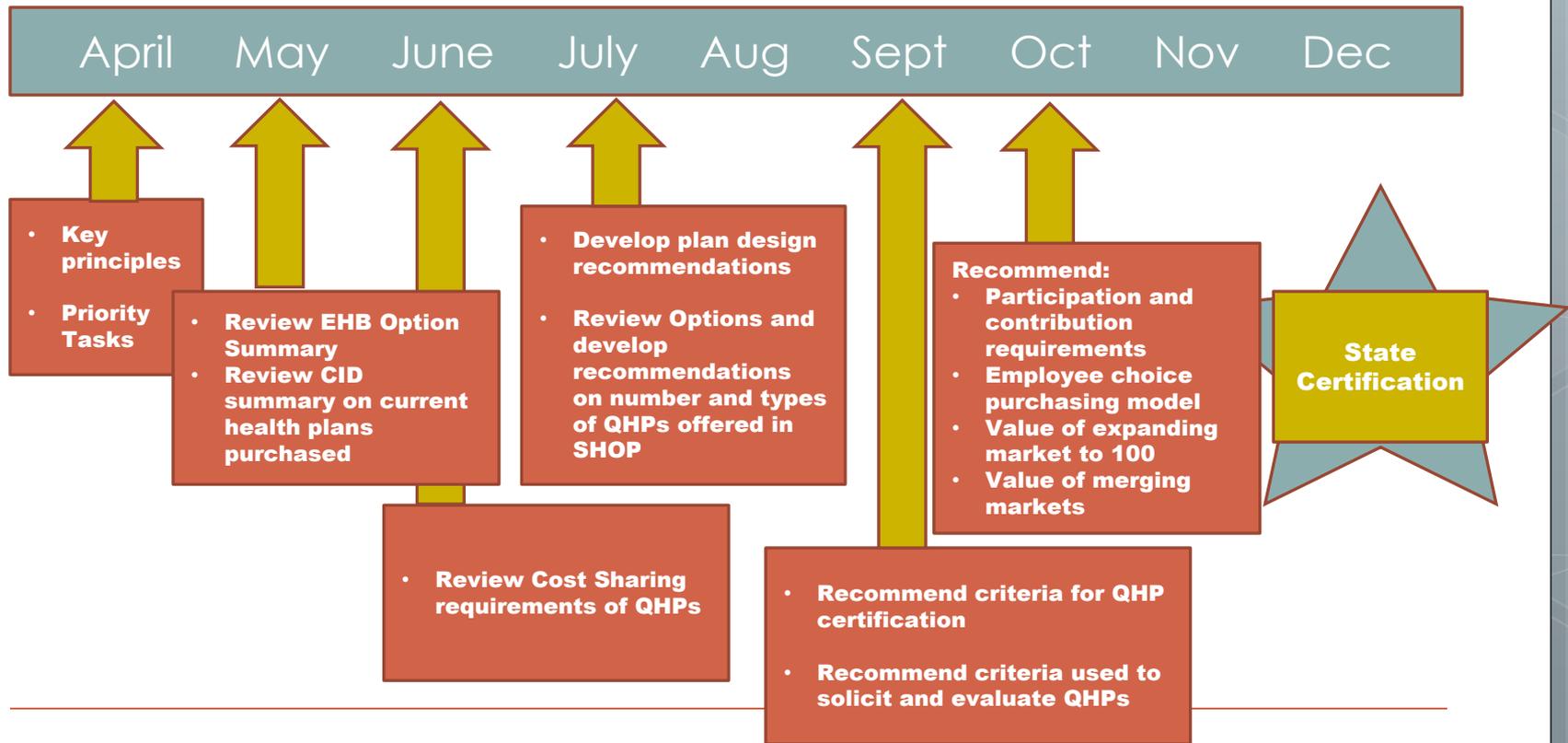
**Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange
April 11, 2012**

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (1:00-1:15)
- Committee Focus (1:15-1:30)
- Discussion of Guiding Principles (1:30-2:00)
- Priority Tasks and Resources (2:00-2:30)
- Next Steps (2:30-2:45)
- Public Comment (2:45-3:00)

SHOP

Committee Focus: State Certification



Committee | Matrix

- Overlap of issues / responsibilities will require coordination and collaboration on a number of these areas across Advisory Committees.
- Agreeing on common set of guiding principles to guide decision-making should help reduce – but may not eliminate – conflicting recommendations.
- Staff will work with each Advisory Committee to apprise members of each AC's activities.

Committee | Guiding Principles

- The SHOP Exchange should provide employees with a broad choice of health plans from a number of health insurers
- The SHOP Exchange should strive to increase the number of employers that offer employer-sponsored insurance
- The SHOP Exchange purchasing model should be structured so that employee choice does not result in risk selection problems for health insurers, and adversely affect the cost of coverage

Committee | Guiding Principles

- The SHOP Exchange should minimize any unintended disruption to the marketplace
- The SHOP Exchange should minimize the administrative burden on employers, employees and insurers
- Whenever feasible, The SHOP Exchange should leverage existing resources and technology to keep costs down

Priority Tasks and Available Resources

Deadline	Priority Tasks	Resources/Action
April 2012	Establish key principles for committee (e.g., minimize disruption in the SG market; expand number of firms offering employer-sponsored insurance, etc.)	Best practices, consultant; Report to Board
May 2012	Review information from CID on current health plans purchased in the individual and small group markets	CID Survey of Carriers
June 2012	Review cost sharing requirements at each QHP level and pros /cons of standardizing cost sharing	Exchange staff / consultant report on plan design options

Priority Tasks and Available Resources (2)

Deadline	Priority Tasks	Resources
July 2012	Review options and develop recommendations regarding plan designs	Exchange staff / consultant report on plan design options; Report to Board
	Review options and develop recommendations on number and types of QHPs to offer in the SHOP Exchange	Exchange staff / consultant report on QHP options; Report to Board
September 2012	Review QHP certification criteria and recommend criteria for Connecticut's Exchange	Overview of federal criteria; Options report prepared by Exchange staff / consultant; Report to Board
	Review recommendations on criteria used to solicit and evaluate QHPs; and prepare recommendations to Exchange Board	Options report prepared by Exchange staff / consultant; Report to Board

Priority Tasks and Available Resources (3)

Deadline	Priority Tasks	Resources/Action
October 2012	Review participation and contribution requirements in the Small Group market; prepare recommendations	Overview of SG underwriting rules; Report to Board
	Review employee choice purchasing models for the SHOP Exchange; prepare recommendations	Exchange staff / consultant report on purchasing options; Report to Board
	Assess value of expanding small group market to 100 prior to 2016 and make recommendations	Exchange staff / consultant report on SG expansion; Report to Board
	Assess value of merging individual and small group markets and make recommendations	Exchange staff / consultant report on merging markets; Report to Board

Committee | Next Steps

You will be provided the following documents by April 30 to review and discuss during the May Meeting:

- CID Survey of Carriers
- EHB Information Summary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th 1:00 – 3:00

Location TBA. Meeting transcription posted to webpage by 4/20.