

Selecting Colorado's Benchmark Plan for 2017 and Beyond

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Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to :

- Outline the steps that will be taken to select the 2017 benchmark plan
- Provide guidance on public involvement in the 2017 benchmark plan selection and how stakeholders can submit comments on plan preference
- Identify information resources available to stakeholders

The meeting was not intended to be a discussion/debate of:

- The Affordable Care Act
- Network adequacy and/or carrier/provider contracting
- Adding specific benefits to the selected benchmark plan

Benchmark Selection Process & Timeline

- Compile Information on Benchmark Options
- Distribution of plan array information packets
 - Made available in May
- Public Meeting - June 1, 2015
- Public Comment Period
 - Through June 15th
- Selection of Benchmark Plan
 - Comments reviewed and considered through end of June
- Notify CMS of Benchmark Plan Selection --- June 30, 2015

Plan Selection Criteria

- ACA requires coverage in 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHB) categories
- Colorado has 9 Benchmark plan options
 - Cannot create a plan “from scratch”
- 2017 Benchmark Plan must be chosen from plans offered in first quarter of 2014
- Benchmark plan sets standard for benefits only
 - Does not include cost-sharing
 - Does include limitations/exclusions

EHB Categories

- 10 Required Categories of EHBs for all ACA plans
[CRS 10-16-102(22), Colorado Regulation 4-2-42]
 - Ambulatory patient services
 - Emergency services
 - Hospitalization services
 - Laboratory and radiology services
 - Maternity and newborn care services
 - Mental health, substance abuse disorders, and behavioral health treatment services rendered on an inpatient or outpatient basis
 - Pediatric services
 - Prescription drugs
 - Preventive services
 - Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices

Resources

- Available on the DOI website. You can find them under “Quick Links” on the DOI website:

www.dora.colorado.gov/insurance

- Resources include:
 - Benefit summaries
 - Evidence of Coverage documents
 - Plan comparison chart
 - CHP+ pediatric dental benefit package documents
 - Webinar recording and public meeting materials
 - Frequently asked questions (FAQ)
 - Submitted public comments

Thank You

Please submit all further comments in writing to:
2017benchmark@state.co.us

Deadline: June 15, 2015

Answers to new questions will be released in
online FAQs



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