

MEMORANDUM

To: Health Plan Benefits and Qualifications Advisory Committee

From: Julie Lyons, Director of Policy and Plan Management

Re: Information for the Advisory Committee Meeting on July 11, 2012

Date: July 3, 2012

Attached please find the agenda and supporting documents for the Advisory Committee's July 11th meeting. We encourage your feedback and look forward to responding to any questions or concerns you may have.

Below is a list of attachments that will be discussed during the committee meeting:

- Exhibit A Coverage for Essential Benefit Categories (Wellness and Preventative Care Services and Chronic Care Management/ Pediatric Oral and Dental Care and Habilitative
- Exhibit A.1 Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management included in the State of Connecticut's EHB Benchmark Plans
- Exhibit A.2 Pediatric Oral and Vision Care
 - Table E2.1 Pediatric Oral & Vision Coverage by EHB Benchmark Plans
 - Table E2.3 Comparison of Potential EHB Supplemental Coverage Options for Pediatric Oral Care
- Exhibit A.3 Summary of Comparative Analysis of EHB Benchmark Plans
- Exhibit B Prescription Drug Coverage
- Exhibit C Mental Health Parity

In addition, the Advisory Committee inquired about utilization data with respect to benefits that have explicit visit limits.

With regard to the Committee's request for utilization data pertaining to benefits that have visit limits (e.g., physical therapy, occupational therapy, home health care), we have inquired with the commercial insurers and with the state employees' health benefits plan to determine whether this information can be provided to the Advisory Committee. Initial responses from the health insurers indicate that it is unlikely that the Exchange will be able to obtain this level of information. However, we do expect to receive information from the state comptroller's office on the self-funded state plans and we will share that information with the Advisory Committee as soon as it becomes available.

Finally, with regard to the Basic Health Program (BHP), a work group has been established by the Office of Health Reform and Innovation that is currently reviewing this alternative. We plan to extend an invitation to this BHP work group to meet with the Advisory Committee at our August meeting.

