



# **Health Plan Benefits and Qualifications Advisory Committee Meeting**

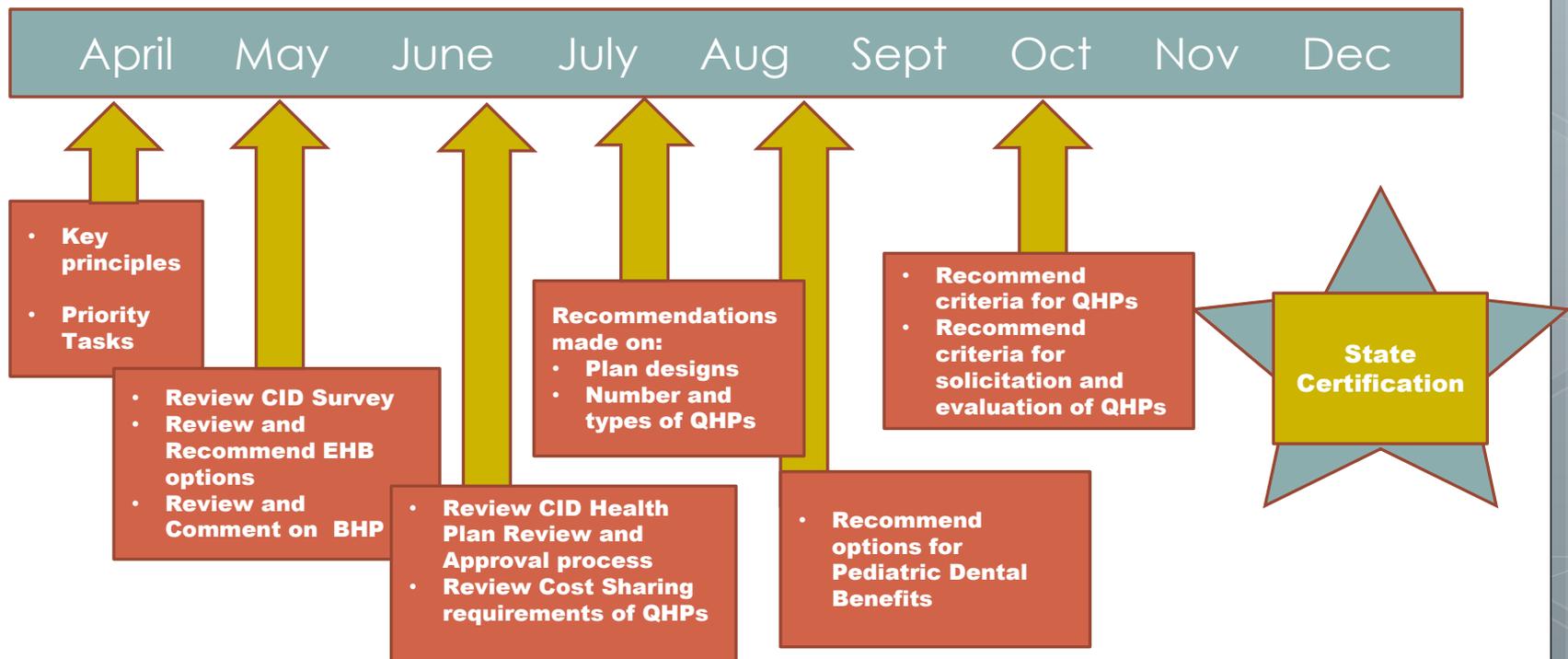
**Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange  
April 11, 2012**

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (9:00-9:15)
- Committee Focus (9:15-9:30)
- Discussion of Guiding Principles (9:30-10:00)
- Priority Tasks and Resources (10:00-10:30)
- Next Steps (10:30-10:45)
- Public Comment (10:45-11:00)

# Health Plan Benefits and Qualifications

## 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

- Affordability is of paramount importance and is essential to the ability of Connecticut residents to retain and maintain access to health care and health insurance
- The Exchange should offer consumers meaningful choice of high-value qualified health plans that meet the diverse needs of Connecticut residents and businesses
- The Exchange should promote competition among health insurers based on price, quality and service

## Committee | Guiding Principles

- The Exchange should offer qualified health plans that allow consumers to receive care from diverse networks of physicians, hospitals and other health care providers, including providers that serve underserved areas of the state
- The qualified health plans offered through the Exchange should promote wellness and health improvement

## Priority Tasks and Available Resources

Deadline	Priority Tasks	Resources/Action
April 2012	Establish <b>key principles</b> for Committee (e.g., promote competition, offer consumers broad choice of QHPs)	Best practices; Consultants; Report to Board
May 2012	Review information from CID on <b>current health plans purchased</b> in the individual and small group markets  Review and make recommendations on <b>EHB options</b> and <b>Basic Health Plan</b>	CID Survey of Carriers  CCIIO Bulletin; Exchange staff / consultant report on BHP; Overview of CT-Specific Plans
June 2012	Review <b>CID health plan review and approval process</b> and prepare recommendations on Exchange's role	CID Presentation; Overview of ACA rules
	Review <b>cost sharing requirements at each QHP level</b> 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/Action
July 2012	Review options and develop recommendations regarding <b>plan designs</b>	Exchange staff / consultant report on plan design options; Report to Board
	Develop recommendations on <b>number and types of QHPs</b> to offer in the individual and small group (SHOP) Exchanges	Exchange staff / consultant report on QHP options; Report to Board
August 2012	Review Exchange options for offering <b>pediatric dental benefits</b> and develop recommendations for Exchange Board	Summary of ACA requirements and options paper prepared by Exchange staff / consultant; Report to Board

## Priority Tasks and Available Resources (3)

Deadline	Priority Tasks	Resources/Action
September 2012	Review <b>QHP certification criteria</b> and recommend criteria for Connecticut's Exchange	Overview of federal minimum standards; Options report prepared by Exchange staff / consultant; Report to Board
	Review recommendations on <b>criteria used</b> to solicit and evaluate QHPs; and prepare recommendations for Exchange Board	Options report prepared by Exchange staff / consultant; 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
- Consultant Report on Basic Health Plan

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00**

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