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Health Care Reform Implementation Briefing Books

I. Background Resources

a. Advisory Committee

- [Advisory Committee Co-Chairs and Members with Affiliations](#)

b. HHS Proposed Rules for Comment – Sept 28th Deadline

- [State Refor\(u\)m Discussion of Exchange Regulations](#) (statereforum)
- [Understanding the ACA: Affordable Insurance Exchanges](#) (HealthCare.gov)
- [PPACA: Establishment of Exchanges and Qualified Health Plans](#) – Proposed Rules (DHHS)
- [PPACA: Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment](#) – Proposed Rules (DHHS)
- [Health Insurance Exchanges: Qualified Health Plans and Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors, and Risk Adjustment](#) (GWU Dept of Health Policy)
- [Federal Exchange Regulations – Highlights](#) (GIR)
- [Update: Health Insurance Exchanges: Qualified Health Plans, Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment](#) (RWJF)
- [Compendium on the Regulations](#) (UHPP)
- [Proposed Rule on Premium Tax Credits: Who's Eligible and How Much Will They Help?](#) (Commonwealth Fund)

c. Enrollment

- [Explaining Health Reform: Uses of Express Lane Strategies to Promote Participation in Coverage](#) (KFF) This issue brief examines how states can employ "express lane" principles in designing systems that use existing data held by other government agencies to help identify individuals who may be eligible for Medicaid, CHIP or subsidies for other coverage and enroll them or renew their coverage, as appropriate, under the health reform law.
- [Building a Better Health Care Marketplace](#) (U.S. PIRG) This report is a blueprint for creating a strong, pro-consumer exchange that lives up to its promise of a better marketplace.
- [Medicaid's Role in the Health Benefits Exchange: A Road Map for States](#) (NASHP) This paper highlights opportunities for states to support and expand Medicaid's current role in planning new state Exchanges in eligibility, enrollment and outreach; health plan standards and requirements; benefit package design; and infrastructure: governance, operations and finance.
- [Keeping Coverage Continuous: Smoothing the Path between Medicaid and the Exchange](#) (KFF) This briefing addresses approaches for states and the

- federal government to minimize the disruption caused by people cycling in and out of public programs as their income varies, also known as churning.
- [Online Applications for Medicaid and/or CHIP: An Overview of Current Capabilities and Opportunities for Improvement](#) (KFF) This issue brief provides an overview of online applications for Medicaid and/or CHIP and examines the extent to which they incorporate features that streamline and simplify the enrollment process for individuals.
 - [From Silos to Linkages: Improving Outcomes for Vulnerable Youth Through the Wise Use of Information Technology](#) (The Children's Partnership) This issue brief details the use of IT to improve care coordination for children living in foster care. Recent technology and policy developments have created an environment in which it is possible to transform the delivery of care by linking systems, programs, and providers, allowing decision-makers efficient access to the information necessary to provide comprehensive care to the whole child.
 - [State Action Towards Creating a Health Insurance Exchange](#) (KFF)
 - [Risk Adjustment Under the Affordable Care Act: A Guide for Federal and State Regulators](#) (The Commonwealth Fund) This issue brief explores the challenges regulators will face, considers the consequences of the law's risk adjustment provisions, and analyzes the merits of different risk adjustment strategies.
 - [Study of Market Rules and Risk Selection](#) (MD DHMH)
 - [Modernizing Medicaid: Strategies for Managing Enrollment in Health Care Reform](#) (UMD School of Public Policy and Public Health)
 - [Maryland HealthChoice Program: Should Maryland Move to a Selective Contracting Strategy?](#)
 - [Reality Check: Defining Expectations for the State Health Insurance Exchanges](#)
 - [HHS, Treasury take new steps to help states build Affordable Insurance Exchanges](#) (HHS)
 - [Establishing Health Insurance Exchanges: An Update on State Efforts](#) (KFF)
 - [Exchange Regs: What's Important to Children and Families](#) (Center for Children and Families, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute)
 - [Market Rules and Adverse Selection: A Background Paper](#) (The Hilltop Institute)

d. Essential Health Benefits

The following is from Politico Pulse (June 17, 2011) – EHB's: THE NEXT BIG THING- Prepare for essential health benefits to be the next battle in the states. They were a hot topic at the AHIP conference: "California currently has 40 mandates on the books," said Susan Philip, of the California Health Benefits Review Program. "We are all really waiting to see what is going to overlap, what is going to be left out and states are really going to have to think long and hard about which benefits are worth the fiscal costs."

- [Study of Mandated Health Insurance Services](#) (MHCC) – Note: Page 3 of this report includes full list of 42 mandated services
- [Annual Mandated Insurance Services Evaluation](#) (MHCC)
- [Essential Health Benefits and Maryland's Mandated Benefits](#) – (The Hilltop Institute)
- [Status Indicators for Maryland Women's Access to Health Care Services](#) (NWLC)
- [Coalition for Whole Health Recommendations on Coverage of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services in the Essential Health Benefit Package](#) (Coalition for Whole Health)

e. Exchange Funding

- [Maryland's Exchange Establishment Grant](#) (MD DHMH)
- [Description of MD Exchange Planning Grant](#) (HealthCare.gov)
- [Obtaining Exchange Funding and Achieving Consumer-Friendly Outcomes: A State "To Do" List](#) (Families USA)
- [H.R. 1213](#) – Act to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in PPACA to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges (GPO)
- [Maryland: Health Insurance Exchanges](#) (KFF)
- [Financing the Exchange](#) (NAIC)
- [Maryland Announces \\$27M Federal Grant for Health Exchange](#) (Washington Post)

f. Maryland Insurance Markets Today

- [Health Care Spending in Maryland: How Does it Differ from Other States and Why?](#) (MHCC)
- [Potential Impact of the Affordable Care Act on the Current Individual and Small Group Markets](#) (MHCC)

g. Maryland's Uninsured

- [Maryland's Health Insurance Coverage Rates Relatively Stable From 2004 Through 2009](#) (MD DHMH)
- [Health Insurance Coverage in Maryland Through 2009](#) (MHCC)
- [Uninsured Rates by County](#) (County Health Rankings)
- [County Uninsured Rates](#) (County Health Rankings)
- [Percentage Reporting Not Seeing a Doctor in the Past 12 Months Because of Cost, 2010](#) (KFF)

II. Issue Areas

- a. Health Benefit Exchange/IT – GIR Goal:** To ensure that MD creates an IT infrastructure, website, applications and supporting policies, that underscore a seamless eligibility and enrollment process with access to no wrong door.
- [Guidance for Exchange and Medicaid Information Technology \(IT\) Systems, Version 2.0](#) (CMS)

- Maryland received a \$6.2 million, two-year [Early Innovator grant](#) from HHS to build web-based, Information Technology and best practices that will serve as models for other states. (MD DHMH)
- [CMS Issues Health IT Guidance on State Exchanges](#) (HealthReformGPS)

b. Affordable Health Care Coverage Options Within a Competitive Marketplace

GIR Goal: To ensure that a competitive marketplace is created within the Exchange and that health care coverage options offered both inside and outside the Exchange are fully affordable for all income levels while also ensuring high quality, culturally competent care. Included among the options to be considered would be the Basic Health Plan and Co-Ops.

- [Can Exchanges Help Consumers Get Insurance That's a Good Value?](#) (KHN)
- [Active Purchasing for Health Insurance Exchanges : An Analysis of Options](#) (National Academy of Social Insurance)
- [Bridging the Gap: Exploring the Basic Health Insurance Option for New York](#) (statereform)
- [RFP for Study of Market Rules and Risk Selection](#) (MD DHMH)
- [Co-Ops – HHS Proposed Rules](#) (DHHS)
- [The Basic Health Option: Will It Work for Low-Income Consumers in Your State?](#) (Families USA)
- [Contracting Background Paper](#) (The Hilltop Institute)

c. Education, Outreach and Communications Plan – GIR Goal: To ensure that an appropriate, comprehensive & culturally competent marketing, education and outreach program is created that builds upon already available resources.

- [Implementing National Health Reform, A Five-Part Strategy for Reaching the Eligible Uninsured](#) (RWJF) This issue brief lays out a strategy for federal policymakers to promote ACA's basic goals for expanding coverage:
 - Conducting a national campaign that gives the uninsured the option of using their federal tax returns to request health coverage;
 - Basing eligibility determinations on reliable data, whenever possible;
 - Partnering with states to help consumers receive hands-on assistance completing necessary forms;
 - Creating consumer-friendly enrollment systems; and
 - Coordinating efforts among agencies that have a role.
- [Medicaid Enrollment and Eligibility Practice Opportunities](#) (CHRT) This paper examines the structure of the Medicaid program today, describes enrollment and outreach strategies used by other states, and identifies opportunities to increase Medicaid enrollment in Michigan.
- [Public Education & Marketing Campaign to Promote State Health Insurance Exchanges](#) (RWJF) This toolkit is part of a series designed to share examples, templates, experiences, and lessons learned from Massachusetts' implementation of health reform with other states beginning their own health reform planning efforts.

- [Promoting Health Literacy to Encourage Prevention and Wellness: Workshop Summary](#) (IOM)
- d. Navigator Program – GIR Goal:** To ensure that the Navigator Program, in its final form, fully addresses the needs of all of those who will be qualifying to enter the Exchange. [Note that it is anticipated that legislation in 2012 will be required to set this up]
- [The Comparative Roles of Navigators and Producers in an Exchange: What Are the Issues?](#) (State Coverage Initiatives)
 - [Comments on the White Paper](#) (NAIC)
 - [RFP for Study of Navigator Program and Consumer Assistance](#) (MD DHMH)
 - [Adverse Selection Issues and Health Insurance Exchanges Under the Affordable Care Act](#) (NAIC)
 - [Connecting Consumers to Coverage: The Role of Navigators and Consumers Assistance Programs in Implementing Health Reform in New York](#) (NYS Health Foundation)
- e. State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) & Regional Improvement Plan (RIP): Vision Area “Ensure that all Marylanders Receive the Health Care They Need” - GIR Goal:** To support and enhance the work of the Office of Population Health Improvement to design and implement the SHIP & RIP to meet the goal.
- [State Health Improvement Plan](#) (MD DHMH)
 - [Maryland Plan to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities](#) (MD DHMH)
 - [County Health Rankings](#) (County Health Rankings)
 - [Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities](#) (HHS)
 - [National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity](#) (HHS)
- f. Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP):** To create a well-functioning health insurance marketplace providing an array of affordable, high-quality health insurance plans for small businesses and their employees.
- [SHOPping Around – Setting Up State Health Insurance Exchanges for Small Businesses: A Roadmap](#) (Center for American Progress) This report provides a roadmap for states, policymakers, health reform advocates, and small-business leaders as they begin to create these exchanges.
 - [Utah Health Exchange is Geared to Small Business Employees](#) (Kaiser Health News)
 - [RFP for Study of SHOP Exchange](#) (MD DHMH)
 - [Building Successful SHOP Exchanges – Lessons from the California Experience](#) (PBGH)

III. Conference Materials

- a. [Maintaining and Building on Gains in Children’s Coverage: A Joint Meeting of State Officials and Advocacy Organizations](#)**

IV. Maryland Health Care Reform Related Sites

- a. [Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council](#)
- b. [Maryland Health Benefit Exchange](#)
- c. [Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene](#)
- d. [Maryland Health Care Commission](#)