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FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM ♀

Health Care Reform: Get It Right for Maryland

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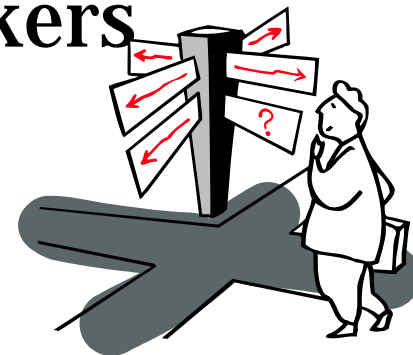
Policy & Legislative Watch List

1. Navigator Program
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3. Essential Health Benefit Package (EHB)
4. Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure
5. Basic Health Plan
6. Outreach, Education & Communications
7. Essential Community Providers



Navigator Program

- First step: Determine eligibility
- Second step: compare plans - apples to apples
- Can't decide between a Fuji and a Rome?
- Individual Exchanges = Community Based Organizations certification
- SHOP Exchange = producers/brokers



What to Watch - Navigator



Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) = What to Watch

- Support the maximization of health insurance plan options for employees
- Provide two options:
 - Employers select metal level & employees choose among carriers at that level
 - Employers select one carrier & employees select the metal level that meets their needs
 - Consider additional options in 2016

Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Package

- Maryland's benchmark plan and its mandated benefits should reflect the Coalition's proposed principles

What to Watch - EHB

- **Our Principals:**

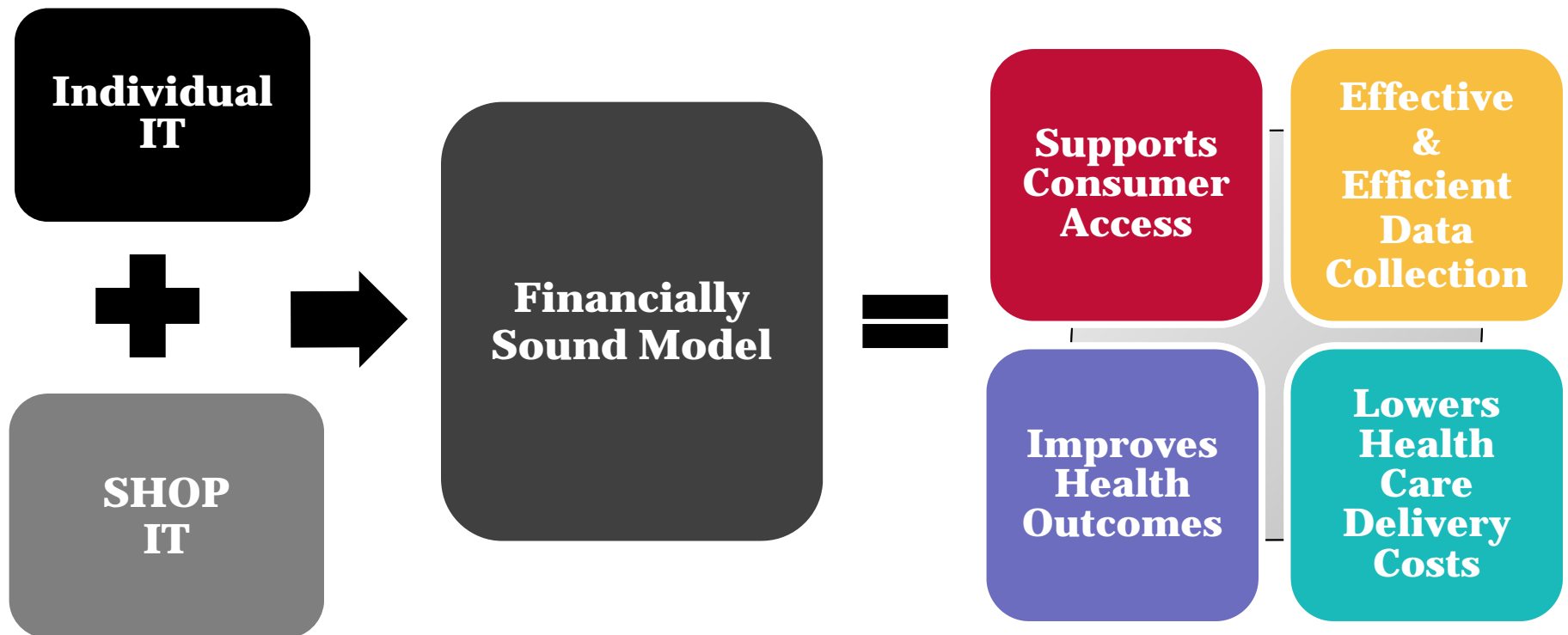


Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure

For individual and SHOP Health Benefit Exchanges, we must provide a **consumer-friendly** interface that supports a seamless “no wrong door” approach for determining eligibility and ensuring full enrollment in appropriate programs.



What to Watch - IT



Basic Health Plan

- Creation of a plan, separate from the Exchange, for those between 138% to 200% of Federal Poverty Level
- There may be both advantages and disadvantages to Maryland's adopting this approach.

Outreach, Education, Communications Plan

- **Statewide Plan Overseen by Office of Health Care Reform**
 - Benefits of the ACA and State Implementation
- **Plan for Individual and SHOP Exchange**
 - 1st step - to reach eligible uninsured individuals and small businesses
 - 2nd step – to get them enrolled

What to Watch - Communications

- All efforts to inform the public about the benefits of the ACA and how to access them must be integrated and designed to reach identified target audiences.



What to Watch – Essential Community Providers

- Ensure that Community Providers are provided necessary resources and role to ensure individuals have access to the full range of care they need

Resources You Can Use

- **Maryland**

- Health Care Reform – Main Page

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/healthreform/SitePages/Home.aspx>

- Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

www.dhmh.maryland.gov

- Maryland Health Insurance Plan (MHIP)

www.marylandhealthinsuranceplan.state.md.us

- **Federal**

- Department of Health & Human Services

www.healthcare.gov



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