WAHBE Quality Program

Exchange Board
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Affordability Follow Up

**Board Certification**

- Timing – earlier Board involvement
- Meeting Participation – carrier or authorizing environment involvement
- OIC collaboration – input, timing or structure

**Board Authority**

- Review current Board authority and roles/authority of partners OIC and HCA
- Review State Based Exchange authority and criteria for certifying
Affordability Follow Up

WAHBE current work that impacts Affordability

• Standard Plans- improved market competition, lower out of pocket cost sharing
  • Next: Reduce # of non-standard, advanced benefit design
• Public Option to lower premium
  • Next: Partner with HCA to strengthen procurement
• Increase enrollment to expand risk pool for more affordable premiums
• Quality benchmarks and joint community initiatives (Bree/WHA/HCA) – incent high quality care that improves health and reduces overall costs
  • Primary care, care management for chronic conditions, preventative care, low back pain project
• Participate in HCA’s CHART grant – support rural care and align payment across payers
• Health Care Cost Transparency Board – setting benchmark growth target for state
• APCD analysis and participation in RAND study

Board/Staff Discussion Topics

• Increased authority for consumer centered market management
• Advocate for evidence informed, targeted cost reduction reforms (See Retreat Affordability Background on 1% Steps)