



Washington Health Benefit Exchange

Potential Changes to Exchange State Statute

Policy Committee Meeting

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Overview

- The Exchange is in the process of setting our legislative priorities for the 2018 State Legislative Session
- Priorities to date include
 - 2018 Supplemental Budget
 - Market Stabilization Initiative
- Additional priority being considered given continued federal uncertainty regarding replace/repeal
- To protect the gains that have been made in Washington State under the Affordable Care Act, and best prepare for changes under the new administration, considering a ‘technical fix’ bill to update enabling statutes



Enabling Statutes

Chapter 43.71 RCW

WASHINGTON HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

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Sections

- 43.71.005** Finding—Intent.
- 43.71.010** Definitions.
- 43.71.020** Washington health benefit exchange.
- 43.71.030** Exchange—Powers and duties.
- 43.71.035** Eligibility verification.
- 43.71.040** Authority, joint select committee on health reform, and board—Collaboration—Report—Responsibilities and duties.
- 43.71.050** Authority—Powers and duties.
- 43.71.060** Health benefit exchange account.
- 43.71.065** Qualified health plans—Certification—Criteria stand-alone dental plans—Direct primary care medical home plans—Appeals.
- 43.71.070** Rating system—Rating factors.
- 43.71.075** Navigator not soliciting or negotiating insurance—Health care information—Protection—Disclosure—Notification.
- 43.71.080** Assessment to fund exchange—Generally—Stand-alone dental plans—Performance review.
- 43.71.090** Grace period notice to issuer—Notice to enrollees delinquent on premium payments—Medicaid eligibility checks and outreach.
- 43.71.900** Conflict with federal requirements—2011 c 317.
- 43.71.901** Spiritual care services—2012 c 87.



Purpose of Technical Fix Bill

For Chapter 43.71 RCW:

1. Remove/replace ACA references
 - Remove/replace ACA citations with functional descriptions
 - *See Handout*
2. Align with Current Exchange Operations
 - E.g., update language associated with premium aggregation functionality – which has been removed



Timeline

- October-November: Finalize Legislative Priorities
- November: Committee Days (Nov. 13-17)
- December: Pre-File Bills
- January: Session Begins (Jan. 8)
 - Short Session (60 days)





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