

**Legislative Commission on Health Care Access  
Health Insurance Exchange Working Group**

Responses to Homework Questions  
September 23, 2010

**SUMMARY**

Based on sixteen responses

**Governance**

1) Which governance model do you think Minnesota should select for the exchange and why? State governmental agency, non-profit, quasi non-profit with a public governing board, federal government on behalf of the state, or some other model?

Responses:

- Quasi non-profit with public governing board (8.5)
- Non-profit (4)
- State agency (3.5)

**Structure**

2) Which structure would best serve Minnesota and why? It seemed a single state exchange was the predominant view, but please indicate your preference and the reasons why. Multiple subsidiary exchanges, single state exchange, or regional exchange?

Responses:

- Single state exchange (15)
- Regional exchange (1)

A number of individuals (5) suggested Minnesota consider a regional exchange, gathering more information now or exploring a regional or multi-state exchange once Minnesota has established its own exchange.

## Basic Health Program

3) Next meeting we'll be discussing the pros and cons regarding the adoption of a basic health plan option for individuals between 133 and 200% FPG. What do you believe are some of the pros and cons of establishing a basic health option for this population versus having these individuals purchase insurance through the exchange? What questions do we need answered before making this decision?

Responses:

- Prefer a basic health program option (5)
- Prefer private coverage through the exchange (3)
- Undecided (8)

While some working group members indicated their preference for either the basic health program option or private coverage through the exchange, most members expressed the need for additional information and posed questions that need to be considered.

Among them:

- What will the essential benefit set look like?
- Which option will ensure choice?
- Which option will maximize leverage of federal funding?
- Will there be maintenance of effort?
- What will be the interaction between a basic health program, the private market, and the Exchange?
- Which will create greater consumer engagement?
- Should the basic health program option replace MinnesotaCare or complement it?
- What is the potential risk for adverse selection?
- Which option will have greater administrative costs?
- Will the number of uninsured be higher without a basic health program?
- Which option will ensure a seamless transition from Medicaid?
- Which option will provide the most comprehensive and affordable health coverage?