

To: Consumer and Small Business Advisory Committee to the MNsure Board
From: Anna Odegaard, Committee Chair
Re: Draft Guidelines for Dissenting Opinions
Date: July 17, 2014

Background:

MNsure Board members have made clear that they are interested in hearing dissenting opinions as well as majority recommendations from this Advisory Committee. At the Advisory Committee meeting in June, the Committee discussed the appropriate process for articulating and presenting to the MNsure Board dissenting opinions related to the majority recommendations we offer. The Committee agreed on basic guidelines to ensure transparency and fairness in the process of formulating and presenting dissenting opinions to the Board.

Guidelines:

1. Only dissenting opinions that are voiced during an Advisory Committee meeting may be included in recommendations to the Board.
2. Voicing a dissenting opinion during an Advisory Committee meeting does not obligate the speaker to include the dissenting opinion in the final recommendations to the Board.
3. Members who voice dissenting opinions during an Advisory Committee meeting must alert the Chair on that same day if they would like to have their dissenting opinion included in the recommendations to the Board.
4. Members who would like to include their dissenting opinion in the recommendation to the Board are responsible for writing up the dissenting opinion as clearly and concisely as possible and getting the opinion to the Committee Chair in a timely fashion.
5. Two or more members who share a common dissenting opinion may write the dissenting opinion collaboratively, and the final draft of the recommendations will note the number of members contributing to the dissenting opinion.
6. The Committee Chair is responsible for including the dissenting opinions in the final recommendations to the Board and forwarding the recommendations to Committee members.