MINNESOTA HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE WORK GROUP REPORT

Small Employer and Employees

April 20, 2012

Work Group Focus

The purpose of the work group is to provide technical assistance and information on the options related to coverage choices, services, processes, and assistance for small employers and employees through a Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange. The Advisory Task Force will use this information to inform their recommendations to the Commissioner of Commerce.

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Meeting Update

Since the last update, the work group met on April 18, 2012 and discussed the following:

- Report from Task Force meetings (March 30th & April 20th)
- Report on work of other Work Groups
- Review of Gruber/Gorman updated work
- Presentation of SHOP Final Regulations (with a focus on what items do states have options or decisions to make.
- Revised work plan focus

The revised work plan will focus on those areas of state options/choices.

The work group plans on meeting twice a month with the goal of providing recommendations to the Task Force from each meeting. Projected topics for the May meetings include: the premium calculator requirement and the integration of tax-advantaged vehicles in the SHOP portion of the Exchange.

Other possible upcoming topics: should the exchange offer additional services to employers? If so, what? What should the definition of the small group market? What role should brokers play? What assistance, if any, should the exchange provide employers with respect to the tax credit?

Should the task force have other items we should review, we look forward to their feedback.