



## State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Health Insurance Advisory Council 2011 to 2012 Goals and Progress Update

### Goals

The Health Insurance Advisory Council's (HIAC) to the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) goals for 2011 to 2012 are listed below.

#### 1. Affordability

- a. Monitor insurer implementation of OHIC Affordability Standards and priorities. Review standards and suggest any revisions.
- b. Advise OHIC on following question:
  - i. Under what conditions should OHIC set a medical trend target for insurers in rate factor filings?
  - ii. In those circumstances, how would the process work?

#### 2. Monitor Rhode Island implementation of commercial health insurance reforms under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

A review of activities undertaken to make progress toward achieving these goals follows.

### Progress Update

Activities are listed by HIAC meeting with new information shown in italics.

#### September 2011 Meeting

- Council charge, membership and leadership
- Schedule of meetings and locations
- Overview of Rate Review Cycle II Gran application
- Review OHIC rate factor review decision
- Review, modify, and approve suggested agenda for year

#### October 2011 Meeting

- Affordability Standards compliance, review report
- Introduction of community partner, review expectations
- Kick-off of medical expense trend target work

**November 2011 Meeting**

- Medical expense trend target work
- *Work on medical expense trend target commenced in November 2011 because of delays in procurement and contracting with the consultant*

**December 2011 Meeting**

- Third quarter 2011 Affordability Standards compliance
- Medical expense trend target work
- *Overview and benchmarks of other states, work on medical expense trend target*
- *Introduction of community partners*
- *Review of insurer compliance with Affordability Standards*
- *Review of federal rate review grants and budget*

**January 2012 Meeting**

- Rate factor review, process this spring and suggested changes
- Updates: work from the federal rate review grants
- *Models for implementation of a medical expense trend target, key policy decisions*

**February 2012 Meeting**

- Final medical expense trend target work
- *Development of initial recommendations for setting a medical expense trend target*

**March 2012 Meeting**

- State legislative update (including compliance with ACA)
- *Reactions from insurers to a medical expense trend target*

**April 2012, May 2012, and June 2012 Meetings**

- Affordability Standards
  - 2011 performance
  - Final plans for 2012
- Small and large group rate factor review process

**April 2012 Meeting**

- *Council discussion of technical issues relating to setting a medical expense trend target*
- *Overview of 2012 rate factor review process*
- *Introduction of new staff*

**May 2012 Meeting**

- *Review of draft recommendations for medical expense trend target*
- *Reactions from providers to a medical expense trend target*

**June 2012 Meeting**

- *Separate public meeting on 2012 rate factor review process—staffed by community partner*
- *Lessons from 2012 rate factor review process on use of medical expense trend target*
- *Reactions from state official*
- *Planning for 2012 to 2013*