Plan Management New Proposed Rule Updates; Policies and Procedures: Application Evaluation Process

Arkansas Plan Management Advisory Committee December 14, 2012



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Agenda

- New Proposed Rules Overview
- Essential Health Benefit Rule Updates
- OPM Plan Rule Updates
- Policies and Procedures Application Evaluation
 - Updates on development of policies and procedures
 - SERFF Updates from NAIC Conference
 - Evaluation Criteria and Checklists
 - Outstanding Questions
 - Next Steps



New Proposed Rules Overview

- November 26, 2012 Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value, and Accreditation
- November 26, 2012 Health Insurance Market Rules
- November 26, 2012 Incentives for Wellness Programs
- November 30, 2012 HHS Benefit and Payment Parameters
- December 10, 2012 Frequently Asked Questions



Essential Health Benefit Rule Updates

- Habilitative Services
 - December 16, 2011 bulletin specified that habilitative services may be supplemented by the following process:
 - Habilitative services would be offered at parity with rehabilitative services as defined by the benchmark, or
 - As a transitional approach, plans would decide which habilitative services to cover and report to HHS.
 - November 20, 2012 proposed rule adds an additional option under which States may define the set of habilitative services offered directly.
 - Arkansas Health Committee was tasked with examining this option and proposing a solution.



Essential Health Benefit Rule Updates

- Pediatric Services
 - The November proposed rule states that HHS interprets pediatric to mean individuals under age 19.
- Pediatric Vision
 - December guidance allowed states to supplement benchmark based on Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) benefits.
 - November proposed rule added the option of supplementing based on CHIP coverage.
 - AR Kids B covers up to age 19. The following table compares AR Kids B coverage to the FEDVIP coverage.



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Services	Description	Limitations	Services	Description	Limitations
Diagnostic	Eye exam	1X per year	Diagnostic	Eye exam	1X per year, \$10 copay
				Surgical evaluation	if meets specific diagnoses
Glasses/ Lenses	Prescription glasses or contacts		Glasses/ Lenses	Eye wear	1X per year, \$10 copay
	Lenses: single, conventional bifocal/trifocal, lenticular	1 pair per year		Lenses	plastic or polycarbonate only
	Frame	1 frame per every other year		Eye glass repair	if originally purchased through program
	Contact lens care	1 pair per year in lieu of eyeglasses		Lost or broken eyewear replacement	1X only within benefit period, each additiona pair req. prior authorization
Other	Low vision coverage	needs preauthorization		Contact lenses	only if medically necessary, prior authorization
	Various lens types/coating	subject to copay	Other	Eye prosthesis	prior authorization
	Polarized lenses			Polishing services	prior authorization
	Medically necessary contact lenses			EPSDT program	Covers services medically necessary,
	Low vision evaluation	1 eval/5 years, follow ups (4 visits/5 years), allowance			that are permitted under federal Medicaid regulations

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Essential Health Benefit Rule Updates

- Pediatric Dental
 - AR Kids B coverage was chosen as the supplement option for pediatric dental.
 - AR Kids B covers children up to age 19 currently, in agreement with CCIIO's new stance on pediatric services.
- Prescription Drugs
 - Pharmacy benefits are included under the chosen benchmark plan for Arkansas.
 - Issuers must ensure coverage for 1) at least one drug in every category and class or 2) the same number of drugs per category and class as the benchmark, whichever is greater.



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Office of Personal Management Rule

- Office of Personal Management (OPM) is required to contract with multi-state plans that will offer QHPs in every state.
- Essential Health Benefits
 - Multi State Plans (MSPs) must offer benefits that are substantially equal to either:
 - The EHB plan in each State where the product is offered; or
 - One of the three largest Federal Employees benefit plans plus state mandates.
 - Should the state choose to define the set of habilitative services required, MSPs will be required to follow that definition.



Office of Personal Management Rule

- Additional MSP Requirements
 - Must comply with State laws as long as such laws are not inconsistent with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and Public Health Services Act;
 - Must comply with ACA-defined QHP certification standards;
 - MSP will submit rate, benefit, and value information to OPM for review. OPM will conduct premium negotiations and review all submitted information;
 - States will have the opportunity to review all plans following OPM review and work with OPM to resolve any disputes or inconsistencies.
 - MSP must comply with standards set forth for reinsurance, risk adjustment, and risk corridors; and
 - Must offer a child-only plan at the same plan level as other QHPs offered, consistent with requirements of State-specific QHPs.



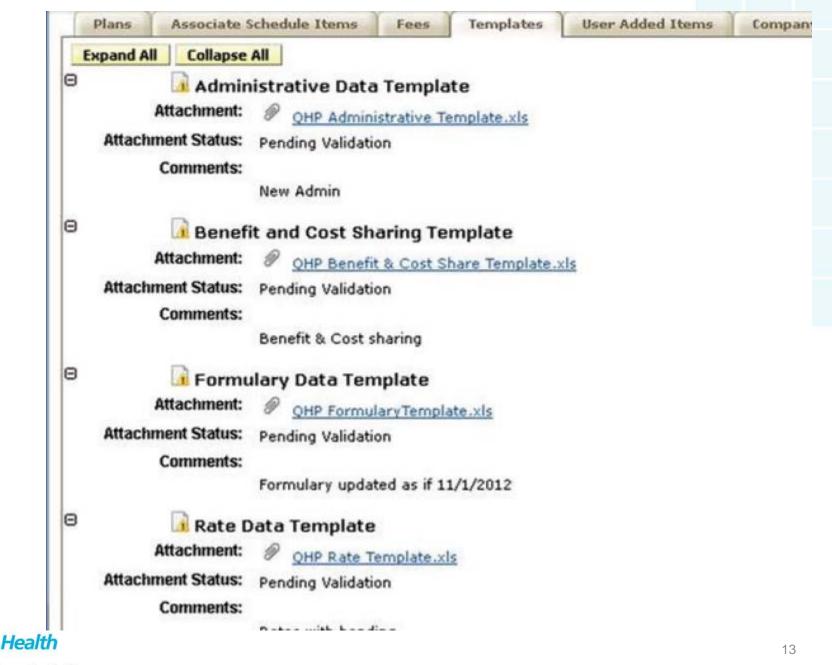
- Progress Update: Met with Life and Health, Legal, Finance, and Exchange Divisions to define policies and procedures for application evaluation
- Next steps include completion of application and rate and form filing checklists and development of policies and procedures for oversight and monitoring functions
- CCIIO has indicated that there will be guidance on the QHP evaluation process (TBD)



- SERFF Updates from NAIC Conference
 - March 28th Release Date
 - Included Features
 - Required application data elements forthcoming
 - Plans inside/outside exchange submitted once
 - Accreditation information will be available in SERFF



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• Additional Screenshots and information can be found here:

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Application Review Checklists

Plan Number: XXXXXXXX	SERFF Number:	XXXXX	(XX
QHP Issuer Application Receipt	Rule/regulation/statute	Yes	No
Application data is complete			
Received Final QHP Issuer Application Submission Attestation			
QHP Issuer Notified of Application Acceptance			
Evaluation of QHP Issuer Application	Rule/regulation/statute	Yes	No
Accreditation and Quality Standards	45 CFR 156.275		
Applicant has exchange accreditation through NCQA and/or URAC, or:			
Year 1- Applicant has applied for exchange accreditation through NCQA and/or URAC			
Year 2- Issuer procedures and policies are accredited			
Attestations and supporting documentation are accurate and complete or accreditation			
is verified in SERFF			
Complaint and Compliance			
Requested complaint and compliance information received and reviewed			
Cost-Sharing Reductions			
TBD			
Benefit Design	45 CFR 156.225		
Checklist received			
Inclusion of all 10 Essential Health Benefits that meet or exceed benchmark plan,			
including:			
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- Outstanding Questions
 - Awaiting clarification from SERFF regarding the separation of application review for plans inside and outside the exchange
 - Awaiting clarification from CCIIO on cost-sharing reductions how will states verify plan compliance with cost-sharing reduction requirements?
 - Are states required to submit marketing materials/content to CCIIO for approval?



Next Steps

- Finalize checklists and procedures for application evaluation
- PMAC topic for 2013: Policies and Procedures Manual for oversight and monitoring functions



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