

**9/17/2012 – Arkansas Federally-facilitated Exchange Partnership (FFE-P)  
Open Marketplace/Active Purchaser Recommendations**

The Recommendations by the Plan Management Advisory Committee (PMAC), Steering Committee (SC) and Actions by Commissioner are presented as follows:

X.1 Plan Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) Recommendation to Steering Committee **08/09/2012**

X.2 Steering Committee (SC) Recommendation to Commissioner **8/30/2012**

X.3 Commissioner Action on Steering Committee Recommendation on **9/17/2012**

1. 1 PMAC recommends that the Arkansas FFE-P not require network adequacy standards that exceed federal ACA requirements in the first year.

- **This was decided by a vote of 13 in favor and 1 opposed.**

1. 2 The Steering Committee recommends that the Arkansas FFE-P not require network adequacy standards that exceed federal ACA requirements in the first year.

- **This was passed unanimously with no changes.**

**1. 3 Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

2.1. PMAC recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) Exchange may engage or require carriers to adopt specific quality improvement strategies as a condition of having their QHPs certified to be marketed and sold in the Exchange.

- **This was decided by a vote of 14 in favor and 4 opposed.**

2.2. *The Steering Committee acknowledges the emerging importance of Arkansas's Payment Improvement Initiative in advancing quality and affordability and recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) Exchange may engage or require carriers to adopt specific quality improvement strategies as a condition of having their QHPs certified to be marketed and sold on the Exchange.*

- **This was passed unanimously with changes as noted.**

**2.3. Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

3.1 PMAC recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) Exchange should not require carriers to offer their QHPs statewide as a condition of Exchange certification.

- **This was decided by a vote of 15 in favor and 2 opposed.**

3.2 The Steering Committee recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) Exchange should not require carriers to offer their QHPs statewide as a condition of Exchange certification in year one, but also recommends consideration of a regional approach with the goal of statewide coverage.

- **This was passed unanimously with changes as noted.**

**3.3 Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

4.1 PMAC recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) Exchange will not limit the number of plans or benefit designs that may be offered by carriers in the Exchange.

- **This was decided by a vote of 14 in favor with 5 opposed.**

4.2 The Steering Committee recommends that the Arkansas (FFE) *may* limit the number of plans or benefit designs that may be offered by carrier on the exchange.

- **This was passed 7 in favor and 4 opposed with changes as noted to PMAC recommendation.**

**4.3 Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

5.1 PMAC recommends passing on the options related to incentivizing carriers.

- **This vote was unanimous.**
- **The PMAC voted this way due to the carrier survey that indicated that the likely incentives would require modifying federal law.**

5.2 The Steering Committee recommends passing on the options related to incentivizing carriers.

- **This vote was unanimous with no changes.**

**5.3 Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

6.1 PMAC recommended that accreditation standards not be required outside of the Exchange.

- **This vote was unanimous.**

6.2 The Steering Committee recommended that accreditation standards not be required outside of the Exchange.

- **This vote was unanimous with no changes.**

**6.3. Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

7.1 PMAC recommended that the Arkansas Exchange utilize ACA quality standards on day 1 of the Exchange.

- **This vote was unanimous.**

7.2 The Steering Committee recommended that the Arkansas Exchange utilize ACA quality standards on day 1 of the Exchange.

- **This vote was unanimous with no changes.**

**7.3 Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

8.1 PMAC recommended that the Arkansas Exchange utilize a certification approach to selective contracting.

- **This vote was unanimous.**

8.2 The Steering Committee recommended that the Arkansas Exchange utilize a certification approach *for plan selection*.

- **This vote was unanimous with changes.**

**8.3 The Commissioner accepted SC recommendation.**

9.1 PMAC recommended that the Arkansas Exchange not require participation by carriers in payment reform initiatives.

- **This vote was unanimous.**

9.2 The Steering Committee recommended deleting this PMAC recommendation as not necessary by unanimous consensus by SC.