

CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

Policy: Small Employers Health Options Program (SHOP) Policy

The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (the “Exchange”) shall establish a small business health options program (“SHOP”) for small employers that is designed to assist qualified employers and facilitate the enrollment of qualified employees into qualified health plans in accordance with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), 45 CFR Parts 155 – 157 and CGS §§38a-1080 et seq. (the “Exchange Act”).

Procedure:

The Board of the Exchange shall appoint an advisory committee to be known as the Small Employer’s Health Options Program (SHOP) Advisory Committee, (the “Committee”), comprised of no less than ten (10) and no more than fifteen (15) members, including representatives from the Exchange Board and a broad range of stakeholders, including, without limitation, small businesses owners and insurance providers, health care providers and consumer advocates. The Committee will be co-chaired by a member of the Exchange Board and a member from the stakeholder community. The Connecticut Insurance Department shall designate a subject matter expert to work with the Committee.

Members of the Exchange staff (the “Staff”), in consultation with the Committee, are charged with evaluating options and making recommendations to the Board of the Exchange regarding elements of the SHOP. The Staff and the Committee shall take into account the regulations contained in 45 CFR 155 - 157 regarding SHOP requirements, and the requirements of the Exchange Act, each as may be amended from time to time, as well as any additional guidance bulletins from HHS.

The Committee will meet at such times and places as the Co-Chairperson from the Exchange’s Board shall designate. All meetings will be open to the public and notice of all meetings will be published on the Exchange’s website.

Members of the public will be afforded an opportunity to address the Committee during a public comment section of the Committee’s meetings, but will not be allowed to participate in the Committee’s discussions or deliberations unless invited to do so by the Committee Chair. Written comments may be submitted to the Committee by any interested party at any time, directed to the attention of: Julie Lyons, Director of Policy and Plan Management, Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.