



Washington State Health Care Authority

Washington's Health Benefit Exchange

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Agenda

- What is a Health Benefit Exchange?
- How might the Exchange affect you?
- How can you stay up-to-date on the building of the Exchange?
- **Your questions**

Who has access to the Health Benefit Exchange?

An easily accessible, central online marketplace to buy health insurance for:

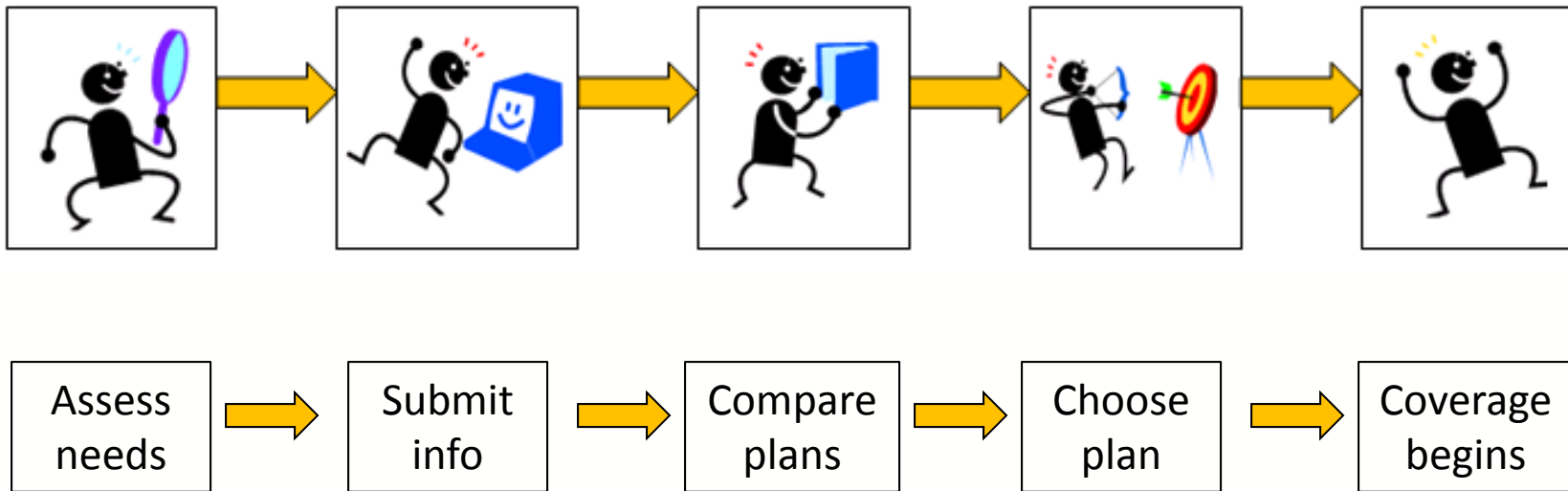
- **individuals**
- **families**
- **small businesses**

Through the Exchange, Washingtonians will be able to:

- **Compare** health plans
- **Check** qualifications for tax credits or cheaper co-pays and deductibles
- **Choose and enroll** in a health plan that
 - Fits your personal health needs
 - Has your choice of doctors

How might the Exchange affect you?

In 2014, you may shop for health insurance this way:



How can you stay up-to-date on the building of the Exchange?

Visit the HCA website for updates

www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/exchange

On the website, you can sign up for our electronic mailing list

Exchange Timeline: Board Appointments

- October 1: Caucuses submit Exchange Board nominations to Governor
- By December 15: Governor appoints Board; names Chair
- December 15-March 15: Board orientation, operational decision-making, weighing in on Exchange legislation
- March 15, 2012: Exchange becomes its own public-private partnership and Exchange Board is given governing authority

Exchange Milestones

- November 2011: Introduction of Governor-request legislation
- November/December 2011: Release of proposed federal rules; potential release of final rules
- January-March 2012: Legislative decisions on many of the policy issues will need to be made
- March 15, 2012: Exchange becomes its own governed entity
- January 1, 2013: Exchange must be certified by HHS

Exchange Milestones

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- January-April 2013: Additional legislative action is taken, as needed, to prepare for running the Exchange
- October 1, 2013: Open enrollment for the Exchange begins
- January 1, 2014: Coverage purchased through the Exchange begins
- February 20, 2014: Open enrollment period ends

Exchange Near-Term Timeline: Policy Papers

- Basic Health Option: Draft paper released week of Oct. 3
- Criteria for Qualified Health Plans: Draft paper released week of Oct. 10
- Market Rules Inside vs. Outside Exchange: Policy options and discussion questions released week of Oct. 3
- Future of WSHIP and risk leveling: Policy options and discussion questions released in October

Exchange Near-Term Timeline: Policy Papers

- Small Business Exchange Functions: October
- Role of Navigators: October
- Exchange Financing: November
- Medicaid/Exchange Integration: November
- Governor-Request Legislation: November

Feedback on Policy Issues

- JSC meetings
- HCA technical advisory committee (TAC)
- Tribal consultation
- Public comment period
- Continued conversations leading up to legislation for the 2012 session