

Sunset Advisory Commission

Board and Commission Review of Blueprint for Health Payer Implementation Work Group

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation. The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

The work group meets once a month by conference call. Generally, the calls are held on first Wednesday of every month. Work group information is posted on the following Blueprint's website, under the section [Payment Implementation](#).

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

The Blueprint (BP) state team, BP Program Managers, BP Community Health Team managers, and representatives from the participating health insurers all attend this meeting. They do not receive any per diem and there is no term length or expiration.

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

The work group's purpose is to design the medical home and community health team enhanced payments, including modifications over time, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee (now combined with the expansion design and evaluation committee). When payments are not being redesigned, the work group convenes to review and discuss payment operational updates and issues. As a result of those regular operational reviews, issues may be identified that inform payment redesign proposals.

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

Yes, that purpose is still needed. If the work group did not meet by telephone monthly, there would be a greatly diminished opportunity for insurers (payers) and provider representatives to review and troubleshoot Blueprint payment operations and designs, and much more limited communications related to Blueprint payments.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

In the course of a year, both insurers (payers) and provider representatives ask questions and raise issues regarding Blueprint payment operations that are either clarified or resolved in the work group or are investigated and resolved as a result of the work group's discussion.

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

The combination of email communications and a monthly check-in call has been the most effective and efficient method of communications and coordination found to date.

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

The Payment Implementation Work Group is still the best entity to fulfill this purpose, and there is very little overlap with any other group.

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law to continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

Yes.

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

Not applicable. The State hosts the conference call and participants contribute their own staff time.

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

No reports are required.

11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?

The performance of the work group can be measured in terms of attendance and discussion participation. Attendance is relatively complete and steady from month to month, and discussion participation varies throughout the year based on current payment operations and stakeholder needs.