**Consumer Descriptions**

**Healthcare Consumer:**
Healthcare consumer describes anyone who may utilize healthcare goods and services.

**Healthcare Consumer Board Members:**
Membership on the MHDO Board of Directors will include (one) independent and (one) organizational consumer, neither of which may be an employee or business associate of a provider, payer or regulator entity *.

Independent consumers must have significant personal experience as a healthcare consumer and be committed to providing the consumer perspective in multi stakeholder settings. They will serve independently of any organization or employer.

Organizational consumers must be an employee or representative of an organization whose mission includes advancing the interests of healthcare consumers and a commitment to providing the consumer perspective in multi stakeholder settings.

**Examples of Healthcare Consumer Organizations in Maine**

1. **Consumers for Affordable Healthcare**
   Joe Ditre, Executive Director
   P.O. Box 2490
   Augusta, ME 04338-2490
   (207) 622-7083
   jditre@mainecahc.org

2. **Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging**
   Jessica Maurer, Executive Director
   PO Box 5415
   Augusta, Maine 04332,
   (207) 626-0972
   jmaurer@spectrumgenerations.org

3. **Maine Center for Economic Policy**
   Garrett Martin, Executive Director (MHDO Board Member)
   P.O. Box 437
   Augusta, ME 04332
   (207) 622-7381
   gmartin@mecep.org

4. **Maine Equal Justice Partners**
   Sara Gagné Holmes, Executive Director
   126 Sewall Street
   Augusta ME 04330
   (207) 626-7058
5. Maine Health Access Foundation  
Wendy J. Wolf, President and CEO  
150 Capitol Street, Suite 4  
Augusta, Maine 04330  
(207) 620-8266 x 101  
wwolf@mehaf.org

6. Maine Peoples Alliance  
Jennie Pirkl, Healthcare Organizer  
565 Congress Street, Suite 200  
Portland, Me 04101  
207-797-0967

7. Prescription Policy Choices  
Diane Boas, Project Manager  
Hallowell, ME 04347  
(207) 512-2138  
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8. The Advocacy Initiative Network of Maine  
Lydia Richard, Administrative Assistant  
PO Box 878  
Bangor, ME 04402  
(207) 941-0092 office  
(207) 478-1046 cell  
www.thenetwork123.com

* AF4Q’s Description of Consumer Representative  
Although it may seem like a health plan, research entity, employer group, or provider related organization and the individuals they employ, could act as consumer representatives, while they may aim to speak for consumers and patients, these groups and individuals have additional interests to consider, and as such cannot be regarded as representatives of the consumer perspective.