

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

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2. Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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3. Maine Center for Economic Policy

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4. Maine Equal Justice Partners

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5. Maine Health Access Foundation

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6. Maine Peoples Alliance

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7. Prescription Policy Choices

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8. The Advocacy Initiative Network of Maine

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*** 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.