

Consumer Information Subcommittee Meeting  
July 24, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

- Final review of Consumer terms and descriptions
- Final review of health cost information currently available to Maine consumers and/or in the planning stage (Poppy)
- Cost Transparency Grant update (Karynlee)
- Discuss CMS like data release through the MHDO Healthcost website (Andy)
- Draft report recommendations

**List of potential recommendations for improvements to support relevancy and meaningful use of the MHDO HealthCost website by consumers and other stakeholders.**

1. Improve to offer a master list of statewide health costs. The list will be updated every six months and include health services (i.e. Office Visit) and procedures (i.e. Colonoscopy). A statewide list of providers for each service and procedure will also be provided. Using the master service and procedure cost and provider lists users of the website will be able to factor in their personal insurance status, health plan type, and zip code to access comparative cost estimates. As such the Health cost website may be used as a:

- A primary cost information site for the uninsured.
- A primary cost information site for the insured whose payer does not provide member health cost calculator information
- A secondary site for the insured whose payer does not provide a master list of statewide health cost calculator information

2. Improve to offer linkage to Maine payer's cost calculator sites.

3. Improve to offer Blue Button linkage to personal health information.

4. Improve and provide linkage to payer and Blue Button partners.

5. Offer public data release similar to CMS (more to come from Andy)

6. Offer healthcost site user feedback function to support meaningful, robust, statewide public use of MHDO cost data

- Other