Maine Health Data Organization

CONSUMER ADVISORY GROUP SUGGESTIONS AND RESPONSES- SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING.

Content

1. Provide more information on prescription medications such as the cost of medication, providers' costs, providers' contracts, the efficacy of medications, and reimbursement rates.

We are researching the relevant links that we may add to the resource page so that individuals have access to this type of information.

Function

1. Ensure the website is accessible.

State web accessibility policy and standards require that our website is Section 508 compliant and follows the majority of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) -

This ensures individuals with disabilities (visual, cognitive, motor skills, etc.) have access to the same online information, and assists those with technology limitations such as low-end processors, slow modem connections and/or have no multi-media capabilities on their computer. The requirements cover everything from the size and color of text, the users ability to change the size of text, color contrast, when color should not be used, size of a page, users ability to change the screen size, captioning with all audio, text for images conveying information, clearly identified links, ability for users to skip repetitive page links, specific coding of forms and their labels, specific coding for data tables, ability to use the site with no mouse, and requirements involving scripts which open a menu or change location of the cursor.

2. Technology

With funds from the CMS Cycle IV Grant we will explore making the site accessible through a variety of technology including hand held devices and touch screens.

Miscellaneous

1. Define the Purpose of the MHDO Website-see separate handout