

GOAL: Study Health Insurance Market and Current Public Programs to Inform Health Benefit Exchange Design.

Task or milestone	Person responsible for ensuring task is completed	When will this task be completed?	Comments
Identify key policy decisions that must be made, the order in which such decisions must be made, and by when	Commissioner of Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA), Currently: Susan Besio; Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, Currently: Christine Oliver	December 2010	This should result in the roadmap for Exchange design.
Model the impact of various ACA (or other) regulatory changes on current insurance market to assess impact on premiums, accessibility and overall market dynamics	Health Care Administration Counsel (BISHCA), Currently: Rebecca Heintz)	February 2011	Sample considerations: Definition of "small employer" Open enrollment periods Grandfathered plans Catastrophic plan
Formal assessment of "churning" and strategies to reduce churning	Health Care Reform Affordability Project Director (DVHA, Currently: Betsy Forrest);	March 2011	

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In-depth study of quality and nature of insurance (or lack of insurance) coverage or other benefit programs by population and demographics.	Director of Data Analysis (BISHCA, Currently: Dian Kahn)	March 2011	Will use an existing database from a 2009 household insurance survey in Vermont
Assess current public and private programs and identify program integration opportunities	Health Care Reform Affordability Project Director (DVHA, Currently: Betsy Forrest); Health Care Administration Counsel (BISHCA, Currently: Rebecca Heintz)	March 2011	Comparison of essential health benefits for Qualified Health Plans, benchmark coverage, and Medicaid coverage Identification of most effective way to integrate application and eligibility determination process

GOAL: Identify Key Principles and Broad Goals in Health Benefit Exchange Design.

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Meet with stakeholders to assess goals and concerns relating to ACA in general and the Exchange in general	Commissioner (DVHA, Currently: Susan Besio); Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, (BISHCA, Currently: Christine Oliver)	On-going through-out process	
Conduct formal focus groups to understand stakeholder goals relating to health benefit Exchange features and design	Commissioner DVHA, (Currently: Susan Besio); Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, (BISHCA, Currently: Christine Oliver)	March 2011	
Propose legislation authorizing the planning of the Exchange and the creation of dedicated FTEs to form a preliminary Exchange infrastructure	Commissioner (DVHA, Currently: Susan Besio); Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, Currently: Christine Oliver	Legislation proposed January 2011 for adoption effective July 1, 2011	

GOAL: Prepare Legislation for Consideration by the 2012 Legislature to Authorize the Implementation of a Health Benefit Exchange.

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Formal assessment of organizational models and assessment of policy and fiscal implications of such models	Commissioner (DVHA, Currently: Susan Besio); Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, Currently: Christine Oliver	September 2011	It is anticipated that this assessment will be on-going throughout most of the grant funding period and the contract may include related analyses. Final product will be an Exchange design and an implementation plan for that design.
Identify pros and cons of various design options for the financial functions of the Exchange	Health Care Reform Affordability Project Director (DVHA, Currently: Betsy Forrest); Health Care Administration Counsel (BISHCA, Currently: Rebecca Heintz)	September 2011	
Draft design of Exchange and model legislation, including market reforms	Commissioner (DVHA, Currently: Susan Besio); Deputy Commissioner Health Care Administration Division, Currently: Christine Oliver	September 2011	