

	Confirmations on the State EHB-benchmark Plan		OMB Control Number: 0938-1174 Expiration Date: 02/28/2024
Instructions: All fields on this template are required to be completed. Please make sure to answer all fields and confirm that the new EHB-benchmark Plan covers all 10 EHB categories: (1) ambulatory patient services; (2) emergency services; (3) hospitalization; (4) maternity and newborn care; (5) mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment; (6) prescription drugs; (7) rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; (8) laboratory services; (9) preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and (10) pediatric services, including oral and vision care. Under Section D, please complete the "Explanation" column with sentences describing how the State is complying with the specific requirement; single word responses such as Yes, No, or N/A are not sufficient responses.			
SECTION A			
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SECTION B			
EHB-Benchmark Plan Selection Options	State's Selections		
State	Washington		
Under which option of 45 CFR 156.111(a), is the State selecting its new EHB-benchmark Plan?	§156.111(a)(3) - Select a set of benefits that would become the State's EHB-benchmark plan		
For what plan year is the State selecting its new EHB-benchmark Plan to begin applying?	Plan Year 2026		
If using §156.111(a)(1), which other State's EHB-benchmark Plan is the State using for its EHB-benchmark plan?	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option		
SECTION C			
EHB Category Criteria for a State EHB-benchmark Plan at 45 CFR 156.111	Does the State's EHB-benchmark Plan cover the category?	If the State's is using §156.111(a)(2), select the other State's EHB-benchmark Plan being used for the particular category	
Ambulatory patient services	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Emergency services	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Hospitalization	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Maternity and newborn care	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Prescription drugs*	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
If the State is using the option under §156.111(a)(3), did the State provide a complete and accurate formulary drug list under the Appendix D entitled "Rx Template" in this workbook?	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Laboratory services	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Preventative, wellness, and chronic disease management	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
Pediatric services, including oral and vision care	Yes	Not Applicable to State's Selection Option	
* Note: Due to the availability of drugs in the market, the exact drug count for a given State will be established in the EHB drug count tool, but for the purposes of the State's EHB- benchmark Plan, the display will be the same drug count as the 2017 EHB-benchmark plan.			
SECTION D			
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EHB-Benchmark Plan Requirements	State's Confirmations	Explanation
Does the State's EHB-benchmark Plan definition meet the requirements of §156.111(b)(1) with regard to scope of benefits?	Yes	Wakely has determined that the proposed EHB-benchmark plan meets the requirements of 156.111 (b)(1) with regard to scope of benefits.
Is the State's EHB-benchmark Plan equal to, or greater than, to the extent any supplementation is required to provide coverage within each EHB category at §156.110(a), the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan as defined and established at §156.111(b)(2)(i)?	Yes	Wakely has determined that the proposed EHB-benchmark plan is equal to or greater than the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan.
Has an actuary, who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and methodologies, affirmed that the State's new EHB-benchmark plan provides a scope of benefits that is equal to, or greater than, to the extent any supplementation is required to provide coverage within each EHB category at §156.110(a), to the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan as defined at §156.111(b)(2)(i) and in accordance with §156.111(e)(2)?	Yes	Wakely has affirmed that the State's new EHB-benchmark plan provides a scope of benefits that is equal to the scope of benefits provided under a typical employer plan and in accordance with 156.111 (e) (2)
Does the State's EHB-benchmark Plan not exceed the generosity of the most generous the plans listed at §156.111(b)(2)(iii) ?	Yes	Wakely has determined that the State's EHB-benchmark plan does not exceed the generosity of the most generous plans listed at 156.111 (b) (2) (ii)
Has an actuary, who is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and methodologies, affirmed that the new EHB-benchmark plan does not exceed the generosity of the most generous the plans listed at §156.111(b)(2)(ii) and in accordance with §156.111(e)(2)?	Yes	Yes, Wakely has affirmed that the new EHB-benchmark plan does not exceed the generosity of the most generous the plans listed at §156.111(b)(2)(ii) and in accordance with §156.111(e)(2)?
Is the State's EHB-benchmark Plan unduly weighting benefits towards any of the categories of benefits (§156.111(b)(2)(iii))?	No	No, the State's EHB-benchmark Plan is not unduly weighting benefits towards any of the categories of benefits (§156.111(b)(2)(iii))
Does the State's EHB-benchmark Plan provide benefits for diverse segments of the population in accordance with §156.111(b)(2)(iv)?	Yes	Yes, the State's EHB-benchmark plan provides benefits for diverse segments of the population in accordance with §156.111(b)(2)(iv)
Did the State provide reasonable public notice and an opportunity for public comment on the State's selection of its EHB-benchmark Plan that includes posting a notice on its opportunity for public comment with associated information on a relevant State Web site in accordance with §156.111(c)? Please provide the public notice dates and applicable website address in the "Explanation" column.	Yes	Public comment period held April 1st, 2024 - April 12th, 2024.
Are non-EHB benefits excluded from the EHB-benchmark Plan in accordance with §156.115(d)? (Non-EHB benefits include adult vision, adult dental, long-term care, cosmetic orthodontia)	Yes	Yes, non-EHB benefits are excluded from the EHB-benchmark plan in accordance with 156.115(d)
Has the State converted any benefits in its EHB-benchmark Plan restricted by annual or lifetime dollar limits as defined by §147.126 to non-dollar limit benefits?	No	No, the state has not converted any benefits in its EHB-benchmark plan restricted by annual or lifetime dollar limits to non-dollar limit benefits.
Does the EHB-benchmark Plan include benefits mandated by State action taking place after 2011, other than for purposes of compliance with Federal requirements, for which payment is required under §155.170?	No	No, the State's EHB-benchmark plan does not include benefits mandated after 2011 other than for the purposes of compliance with Federal requirements.
Are the EHB-benchmark Plan's benefits designed such that they do not discriminate based on an individual's age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health conditions as prohibited by §156.125 and in accordance with §156.111(b)(2)(v)?	Yes	Yes, the EHB-benchmark plan benefits are designed such that they do not discriminate based on an individual's age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health conditions as prohibited by §156.125 and in accordance with §156.111(b)(2)(v)
Is there any additional information CMS should know?	No	See Wakely report and analysis.
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