Market Research: Critical Input to Exchange Success

Market Research Areas	Questions Every State Should Be Able to Answer		
COMPETITION	 □ Which issuers are in the individual and small group markets? ○ In which service areas? ○ Are they likely to participate in Exchanges in current services areas? In new ones? □ Which geographic areas are most in need of additional 		
	competitors? ☐ What additional players might enter local markets (e.g., national issuers, Medicaid MCOs, integrated provider networks, CO-OPs)? What are the barriers for them doing so?		
COVERAGE	☐ What are the current levels of enrollment in health coverage by category (e.g. individual, Medicaid)? In 2014?		
	☐ What are the demographics of people less likely to enroll in 2014 (e.g. age, income, geography)?		
	☐ Which distribution channels are best suited to respond to new populations in 2014?		
	☐ What is churn estimated to be in 2014 (e.g. between sources of coverage, issuers, provider networks)?		
COST	☐ What are the estimate premiums by product level (e.g. silver)? After subsidies? Total Out of Pocket after cost sharing reduction?		
	☐ How will premiums vary by demographic (e.g. age, geography)? Compared to previous premium levels?		
	☐ Where is there vulnerability to adverse selection?		

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PROVIDER ACCESS	 □ What is current provider access? ○ By provider types (e.g., primary care, specialists, facility)? ○ By geographic areas? □ What is utilization projected to be in 2014 and beyond as more consumers have access to insurance? ○ Potential impact on provider capacity? 			
QUALITY & INNOVATION	☐ What are the current quality reporting requirements or standards for issuers in your State (e.g., HEDIS measures, NCQA accreditation)?			
	☐ How else will your State monitor and identify gaps in quality (e.g., # of complaints, # of appeals, disenrollment, and consumer satisfaction) in 2014?			
	 □ Will existing consumer assistance programs meet future customer needs? ○ Are consumers using current report cards? (e.g., number of web site hits)? ○ Do consumers find this information helpful? How can it be improved? 			
	 What kind of reporting will new Exchange consumers want or need? 			

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