

Draft Consumer Advisory Board Member Questions Regarding Conflict of Interest Policies

A small group of Consumer Advisory Board Members held a conference call today to develop language expressing CAB questions regarding SIM Conflict of Interest Policies. The following questions will be reviewed during tomorrow's CAB conference so they we can be forwarded to Program Management Office.

The Consumer Advisory Board seeks to promote and participate in the development of conflict of interest policies and procedures that will guide and inform those engaged in the SIM planning and activities. Ultimately we envision conflict of interest policies that will apply to all participants in the SIM planning process including the Steering Committee, CAB, and any advisory or work group that is formed to guide the SIM healthcare innovation plan. These policies need to be implemented in a way that enables SIM Advisory Workgroups to effectively gather the information and perspective needed for the healthcare innovation process.

In order to understand how SIM conflict of interest policies would comply with Connecticut law, we request that the SIM Program Management Office provide information on the following questions.

- 1. Please describe the SIM procurement process and what procedures are in place to ensure that Consumer Representatives who may participate in this process and in other venues are in compliance with all Connecticut requirements, including but not limited to transparency, bidding and conflict of interest?*
- 2. Please provide information on Connecticut conflict of interest requirements that apply to Government Advisory Committees, and the definition of official action.*
- 3. Please describe how SIM conflict of interest policies are similar to or different from those used by other Connecticut Advisory Committees?*

We look forward to working with the Program Management Office on this important issue. Thank you for your efforts and we look forward to receiving this information.

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