
Request for Proposals (RFP) – Vendor Presentation Guidelines Template

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DESCRIPTION: This document, developed by the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, provides a template guideline for health insurance exchange (Exchange) IT vendor presentations as part of state procurement processes. The template outlines sample parameters and logistics for vendor presentations. It also offers three “test” case scenarios that vendors are required to use to demonstrate the capability / functionality of their solution. The scenarios are intended to provide a representative sample of the requisite functionality of Exchange IT systems. States may amend or add to these scenarios as necessary and appropriate for their specific procurement or architecture approach. This template has already been adapted and reused by other states including Massachusetts.

ORAL PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Offerors must confirm in writing any substantive oral clarification of their proposals made in the course of the oral presentation. Any such written clarification then becomes part of the Offeror's proposal and is binding if the Contract is awarded. The Procurement Officer will notify Offerors of the time and place of oral presentations. Oral presentations are tentatively scheduled for the week of [Date].

Offerors are to demonstrate their capability / functionality in the context of achieving the Scenarios provided by the State. The Scenarios are included in subsequent sections of this document and serve as a representative sample of the requisite capability / functionality the Exchange anticipates the Health Insurance Exchange (HIX) supporting. The Scenarios are by no means all inclusive of the requirements included in the RFP nor do they depict all of the traits of the anticipated user community.

Offerors are to provide their own hardware/software and will not have access to any State supplied equipment with the exception of a projector. Any software / application will need to be installed on the Offerors equipment. In addition, Offerors are responsible for populating their demonstrations with sample data as the Exchange will not provide such data. All demonstrations must abide by all security and compliance regulations stated within the RFP.

Offerors will be given three and a half (3.5) hours for their oral presentations. This time includes any necessary set-up and break-down time associated with the Offerors HIX solution. The Exchange is not responsible for nor will grant additional time for any technical difficulties / interruptions that may occur during the oral presentation on behalf of the Vendor. The following items will be provided by the Exchange:

- Projector
- Wired or Wi-Fi connection

During the oral presentation, additional questions of the Offeror's HIX solution capability / functionality, other than those supporting the attached Scenarios, may be asked by attendees.

A suggested schedule for the Oral Presentation is below:

- 5-minute set-up
- 45-minute Introduction

The introduction should include, but is not limited to:

- Corporate background for prime contractor and partners including each entity's role, relevant experience, and how Exchanges fit into their business model / corporate strategy
 - Introduction of key personnel (offerors are limited to a total of 10 individuals for their presentations inclusive of other non-key corporate representatives)
 - Overview of the Offerors technical architecture: major technical components of the solution including underlying DBMS, software components for business logic programming, security, workflow, messaging, presentation layer, etc.
 - Overview of the Offerors system development lifecycle (SDLC) process and tools
 - Discussion of hosting solution and business model inclusive of the process for COTS product changes and options for migrating to State-based facilities and operations over time
- 2-hour Demonstration

Offerors will demonstrate their solution's capability via the scenarios in this document.

- 30-minute Q&A

To facilitate evaluation, it is important that the oral presentations follow the Scenarios included in this document. Based on the limited time for the presentations and the number of Scenarios, Offerors are responsible to manage their time. The expectation is that the Offerors will complete the demonstration Scenarios in their entirety. During the presentation, the Offeror should stipulate any steps that the solution cannot perform, and then resume with the next step.

The Offeror should make reasonable judgments about the level of detail to include, and by what process to proceed, while covering each Scenario. The Exchange expects that each Scenario item will be individually addressed, with the Offeror identifying the item. The Offeror should also make every effort to demonstrate items in the same order in which they appear in the Scenarios. Any changes to the order of the Scenarios should be indicated.

The expectation is that each Offeror will provide a demonstration of an integrated solution. This means if certain transactions affect information in another module or trigger another transaction elsewhere in the system, the Offeror should demonstrate the integration of the modules.

The solution used in the demonstration must be the same as that included in the response to the RFP. If certain requirements described in these Scenarios are provided by third-party software as part of the Offerors solution proposal, the Offeror is expected to demonstrate the third party product and so indicate during the demonstration. Only products included in the Offerors proposal should be used in the demonstration.

In addition to demonstrating the attached Scenarios, the Offerors solution will also be evaluated on the following:

Technical Capability	Functional Capability
Data Dictionary / Master Data Index	Third party products shown and demonstrated
Saving / Account Creation & Retrieval	Account Administrative Tools (Creation, Deletion, and Management of Account)
Configurability of System / Application	Rules Engine
Response Time	Error Handling
Technical Architecture	Demonstration of an integrated solution
Ability of the solution to handle the business and technical requirements	How well the solution meets future needs of the Exchange
Database, Application, and Presentation Layer	Audit Log Functionality
Printing	Quality of User Experience
Flexibility, Tailorability, and Extensibility of the solution	
Analytics or Specialized Tools for Customization	
User Access Reset	
Carrier Integration	
Data Level Security Capabilities	
Table Update Functionality	
Security and Identity Management	
Database, Application, and Presentation Layer	

SCENARIOS

Scenario 1 - Francia Family in Need of Coverage [Actor: Individual/Family]

Household

- Anna Francia lives with her husband, Carlos, and three children:
- Grace, 11-years old, Anna's child from an earlier marriage to Alec Smith
- Cecelia, 3-years old
- Sammy, 1-year old

Employment & Income*

- Anna has an office job that pays \$2,000 per month
- Carlos works part-time in construction making around \$1,200 per month, but is currently between jobs. He is expecting to be re-hired in about a month.
- Alec Smith makes \$4,000 a month, pays Anna \$200 a month in child support, claims Grace as a dependent on his tax form

Citizenship Information

Anna and all three children are citizens. Carlos is a lawful resident who entered the country in 2008

Insurance Coverage

No one in the family has coverage. Anna's job offers a plan that will cover her, but she has not taken up the offer because it costs \$360 per month

Health Status

Anna has diabetes and feels strongly about continuing to see her doctor and maintain her medications. Carlos, Grace and Cecelia are healthy and Sammy has some significant developmental delays.

Questions

- How would you help the Francia family to secure coverage?
- What information would you gather to help this family assess its eligibility for affordability programs? How would you gather it?
- How would you verify the information?
- How would you help the Francias select health plans compatible with their priorities and needs?
- How would you carry out enrollment of the Francias into health coverage?
- How would you help the Francias pair their health plans with dental or other ancillary coverage?
- How would you protect the privacy and security of the information that the Francias provide?
- How would you interact with other entities (issuers, other state agencies, employers) to gather and share enrollment information on the Francias?
- What tools would you offer to allow the Francias to update information on their circumstances over time, such as when Carlos gets a job or if there is a new addition to the family?
- What notices would you anticipate providing to this family over the course of its efforts to find, enroll in and use health care coverage? What would they look like and how would you provide them?

- Assuming the Francias secure health coverage, what does next year’s renewal process look like to them?
- Please illustrate how you might help the Francias secure assistance for other benefit programs in later phases (e.g., SNAP, child care costs)

**In addressing this scenario, please make sure to demonstrate your interface and workflow for Medicaid/CHIP eligibility, Exchange coverage, and advance premium tax credits/cost-sharing reductions.*

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Scenario 2 - Louise Brooks, a Case Worker [Actor: Case Worker]

User

Louise Brooke works with limited English proficiency families in securing and keeping coverage. One of her families, the Smiths, are a married couple with two children. They receive an advance premium tax credit to buy coverage, but Mr. Smith recently lost a job and now the family can’t make its premium payments.

Questions

- In general, what tools would the HIX provide to Louise to track and manage the Smiths’ and her other cases?
- What would her “screen” look like and how would it vary from the screen with which individual users interact with the Exchange?
- How would Louise gain access to the Smiths’ account? What security requirements would she need to meet?
- What information would be available to Louise on her caseload as a whole?
- What kinds of reminders would the HIX provide to Louise to help her track and manage cases over time?
- What if the Smiths get a divorce? What tools will be available to help Louise split the case into two?

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Scenario 3 – HealthCo Corporation [Actor: Insurer]

Background

HealthCo is an issuer that already offers QHPs on the Exchange and Medicaid managed care plans. Now, HealthCo wants to offer a new silver-level plan.

Questions

- What will the user screen look like for HealthCo?
- How will HealthCo submit data on its new Silver plan to the exchange so that the Exchange can evaluate it?

- What will HealthCo have to submit so that the Exchange can adequately factor in premium and cost share subsidy information in the plan shopping experience when a subscriber qualifies for them?
- How will HealthCo submit quality data on its existing plans to the Exchange?
- What tools will be available to enable HealthCo to verify enrollment of customers in its Exchange plans and Medicaid managed care products?
- How will HealthCo receive enrollment and subsidy information from the Exchange for individuals and families that purchased through the Exchange?
- What security controls will be placed on HealthCo's access to its account?
- How will HealthCo submit data needed by the Exchange to monitor insurance premium increases? What about data needed to administer risk adjustment?
- How will billing, premium, and subsidy information be shown to HealthCo?
- How does HealthCo address/view renewal and change in circumstance information?

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NOTE: The Exchange reserves the right to update this document with additional details/scenarios prior to the proposal due date of [date]. Any additions/revisions will be posted on the state website and included in any addenda that follow.