

To: OHS partners

From: OHS Executive Director Vicki Veltri

Date: September 29, 2020

Re: Request for comment on Preliminary Recommendations of the Healthcare Cost Growth

Benchmark Technical Team

Attention: Stakeholders in healthcare cost growth, primary care, and quality of care:

Governor Lamont issued Executive Order 5 in January, directing the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to develop annual healthcare cost growth benchmarks for calendar years (CY) 2021-2025. with the goal of slowing the growth of healthcare spending and making healthcare more affordable for state residents. That order also included development of a primary care spending target.

Today, we are releasing for public comment a draft version of the technical team's report, "Preliminary Recommendations of the Healthcare Cost Growth Benchmark Technical Team," which is accessible here. You are invited to review this draft, share with others, and send back any comments or suggestions about its contents by the close of business Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Your feedback should be sent electronically to laurence.grotheer@ct.gov with 'CGBTT report comment' in the subject line. Receipt of your input will be acknowledged electronically as well.

All comments submitted will be posted on the OHS website; in addition, they will be reviewed and considered ahead of a final report, set to be issued in November.

Thank you for participating in efforts to refine this important document.

Sincerely,

Vicki Veltri
Executive Director – CT Office of Health Strategy