

**Connecticut Office of Health Strategy
Healthcare Benchmark Initiative Steering Committee
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The Healthcare Benchmark Initiative Steering Committee's (HBISC) charge is to provide the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) with insight and feedback on the successful implementation of the following:

1. healthcare cost growth benchmarks and cost growth mitigation strategies to ensure equitable access to affordable care;
2. quality benchmarks and quality measure alignment to ensure equitable, high-quality healthcare and improved population health;
3. advanced primary care that is patient-driven, team-based, equitable and effective and without unnecessary burdens for clinicians; and
4. use of the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) and other data sources to inform recommendations for legislative and executive branch proposals that will reduce the rate of spending growth, improve healthcare and patient outcomes, and support and sustain better primary care, all in an equitable manner.

Steps Toward Achieving the Objectives

1. Convene at intervals determined necessary by OHS to provide ongoing guidance to OHS in its implementation of the Healthcare Benchmark Initiative
2. Convene or reconvene subgroups as needed to address specific aspects of the initiative
3. Consider and incorporate stakeholder input from patients, providers, payers and employers via the Healthcare Benchmark Initiative Stakeholder Advisory Board and other councils/boards or industry groups
4. Recommend methods of analyses that ensure credibility and validity of analyses from various data sources
5. Recommend minimally burdensome data collection and analyses that are aligned across payers and providers for comparable populations
6. Guard against unintended consequences
7. Recommend how benchmark and target performance should continue to be analyzed and reported
8. Review performance information and recommend policy and purchasing actions that could be taken by the State, payers, providers and employers to support benchmark and target attainment.