

Consulting support – Purchasing Role of the Exchange

Wakely Consulting Group (Wakely) has been providing ongoing consultative advice and assistance to New York State relative to the refinement of a purchasing strategy and implementation plan for the certification of Qualified Health Plans (QHPs). This work is the result of a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by New York State, and subsequent award to Wakely.

Prior to the start of work under the RFP, New York State policymakers decided upon the preferred purchasing model for the exchange. As the primary work of the RFP was to analyze and develop a number of purchasing models for New York State's consideration, New York State and Wakely mutually agreed to modify the work defined in the RFP to better reflect the current needs of the state. As a result, the work performed by Wakely has been in the following areas:

1. The development of a options paper for Implementing ACA Required Standards and a Map of ACA Certification Requirements to Existing New York Regulatory Structure

This document identified gaps in current New York statute relative to implementing QHP Certification standards consistent with the ACA for both Issuers of QHPs and QHPs.

2. Consultative advice, guidance and review of issue briefs prepared by New York State exchange staff regarding strategic and tactical considerations to ensure health plan participation on the exchange and how to best structure certification criteria to maximize state flexibility.
3. Review of CCIIO required blueprint documents relative to Plan Management.
4. Ongoing consultative advice which may include the creation of an RFP and related documents for QHP Certification.