

Affordable Care Act Implementation Updates

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Federal regulations/actions

- Proposed and final regulations furiously flying:
 - Exchange Navigator and non-Navigator programs
 - Simplified applications
 - “Bridge” plans for Medicaid “churn”
 - MAGI – another new term
- Federal, federal/state and state run exchanges
 - 26 federal exchanges, 7 partnership exchanges, 17 state exchanges
 - SHOP exchanges to be delayed (not in CA)

Covered California

- 3 State call centers established in Fresno, Contra Costa and Sacramento
 - Different than County social services Consortia call centers
 - Hiring now; to be operational in October 2013
- Actuarial analysis of premium costs
 - Lower income individuals (<400% FPL) purchasing an individual plan next year are likely to pay about 47 to 84 percent less in monthly premiums compared to 2013.
 - Those earning above 400% FPL may see a cost increase that would average 20 percent due to increases in their monthly premiums but would be partially offset by reduced out-of-pocket cost.

Covered California

- California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS)
 - Consolidated system for eligibility, enrollment, and retention for the Exchange and Medi-Cal
 - To be available October 1, 2013 with additional functionality to be implemented later
 - Health-e-App to be re-routed to Covered CA
 - Target audience: Californians, 6th grade literacy, English proficient, Online proficient; urban/rural. Agents, assisters, individuals and families.
 - Ongoing cases handled at the “agency of record” (e.g., Medi-Cal handled by counties; Exchange by Central Service Center)

Covered California

- Outreach and education grants
 - Received 177 application for \$116 million total requested (\$40 million available)
 - Mid-May decisions to begin July 1, 2013
 - Round 2 process to be determined at May 23 Exchange Board meeting

Covered California

- Application assistance
 - In-person Assister Program
 - Flat fee compensation for successful applications and renewals - beginning Oct 2013
 - Funded by federal grant
 - Applications Summer 2013; Training August 2013
 - Navigator Program
 - Grant based program beginning later in December 2013
 - Funded by health plan assessments
 - Grant RFP - Late June 2013
 - Applications due August 2013; Awards - October 2013
 - Enrollment Assistance - December 2013
 - Agents - non compensated

Medi-Cal Expansion and County Re-alignment

- No clear route to Medi-Cal expansion
 - Probably a statewide approach
 - Will probably be part of State Budget process
 - Lots of negotiation
- Legislative proposal to re-allocate \$700 million of the projected \$1.4 billion savings from the shift of county indigent patients to Medi-Cal to care for the remaining uninsured -
 - approximately 2 million legal residents and 1 million undocumented residents.
 - No position from Administration.



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