

# Affordable Care Act Implementation Updates

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# Federal regulations/actions

- HHS re-launched [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) emphasizing eligibility and open enrollment
- Final regulations governing wellness programs in group health plans
- Immigration overhaul legislation - a 10 year wait for Medicaid or Exchange

# State Legislative ACA Update

- ABX1 2 and SBX1 2 (signed into law)
  - Prevents plans from denying coverage to individuals with **pre-existing conditions**
  - Establishes **community rating** measures,
  - requires **guaranteed issue/renewal of health insurance** in individual and small group markets
  - Establishes **19 geographic regions** for setting insurance rates

# State Legislative ACA Update

ABX1 1/SBX1 1 - MEDI-CAL EXPANSION - awaiting signature

- **Full-scope Medi-Cal for Adults with income up to 138% FPL**
  - *asset test for long-term care services, if approved,*
- **Mental health services and substance use disorder services included in the 'benchmark' Kaiser plan added for all Medi-Cal populations**
- **Foster care 18 year olds to receive Medi-Cal until age 26 regardless of income**
- **New healthcare application will link to a new federal verification hub and state data sources**

# State Legislative Medi-Cal Update

## AB 82, Omnibus Health Trailer Bill

- Partial restoration of dental services for adults in Medi-Cal beginning May 2014
- Restoration of enteral nutrition benefit beginning May 2014
- Requires DHCS to accept \$26.5 million in Medi-Cal Enrollment Assistance from The California Endowment for enrollment assistors (\$14M) and community based organizations (\$12.5M), and to seek federal match of \$26.5 million to ensure low-income Californians receive the same assistance and outreach as Exchange
- Continuing funding for the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) to provide consumer assistance activities
- Rescission of 10% Medi-Cal provider cut not part of agreement

# State Legislative Realignment update

- AB 85 establishes a new mechanism to determine county realignment funding for health care
- And now, a word from our Health Department Director...

# Covered California

- Application assister regulations still pending - due 8/22
- Navigator grant program \$5million RFP - Sept. 10
- Certified Enrollment Entity Interest Form
  - <https://assisters.ccgrantsandassisters.org>
- Revised public website:
  - <http://www.coveredca.com/>
- PowerPoint presentation
  - <http://www.coveredca.com/news/index.html>
- Pediatric dental plans announced
  - Not mandatory; no subsidies; Advocates not happy
  - Anthem Dental, Blue Shield of California, Delta Dental of California, Health Net Dental, LIBERTY Dental Plan and Premier Access Dental.

# Covered CA - Dental Plans

## Pricing Region 10

San Joaquin, Stanislaus,  
Merced, Mariposa, Tulare



STAND-ALONE CHILDREN'S RATES		
PLAN	PRICE @ 70%	PRICE @ 85%
Anthem DPO	\$22	\$27
Blue Shield DHMO	\$10	\$11
Blue Shield DPO	\$20	\$22
Delta DHMO	\$12	\$15
Delta DPO	\$30	\$37
LIBERTY DEPO	\$16	\$20
Premier Access* DHMO	\$14	\$15
Premier Access DPO	\$22	\$25

\*Only in Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties



# Covered CA - Dental Plans

## Pricing Region 11

Fresno, Kings, Madera



STAND-ALONE CHILDREN'S RATES		
PLAN	PRICE @ 70%	PRICE @ 85%
Anthem DPPPO	\$21	\$25
Blue Shield DHMO	\$10	\$11
Blue Shield DPPPO	\$19	\$21
Delta DHMO	\$11	\$15
Delta DPPPO	\$29	\$36
LIBERTY DEPO	\$14	\$18
Premier Access* DHMO	\$14	\$15
Premier Access DPPPO	\$22	\$25

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