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Month/Topic	Informational Presentation/Discussion	Possible Board Action
May (first of two meetings in May)		
Health Insurance Markets	• California's individual and small group market and potential Exchange enrollment	• Direct staff to develop RFP for ongoing actuarial services to develop analyses of the individual and small group markets
Program Integration	• California's public health care programs • Public health and social services programs • Federal and state requirements for coordination with public programs	• Direct staff to create a working group with DHCS and MRMIB to develop a policy agenda for program integration issues
	• Basic Health Plan option and implications for Exchange enrollment	
SHOP-specific Functions	• Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Exchange requirements	• Direct staff to begin soliciting stakeholder feedback on SHOP Exchange • Provide initial policy direction to staff on SHOP Exchange
	• Federal and state differences in small group market size	• Direct staff to develop recommendation for defining small group with respect to the Exchange

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Exchange Information Technology (IT) Systems	• Federal IT expectations and principles • Exchange-specific IT system requirements • State eligibility and enrollment systems • County IT perspective • Exchange eligibility determination business options	• Provide direction to staff on preferred eligibility determination system option for inclusion in the establishment grant • Direct staff to begin RFP for Exchange-specific IT components
Consumer Assistance, Coverage Appeals and Complaints	• California's health insurance regulatory functions • Overview of Consumer Assistance Grant • Requirements and options for consumer assistance, coverage appeals and complaints	• Provide policy direction to staff on consumer assistance strategies to be included in the establishment grant • Direct staff to create a working group with CDI and DMHC to roles and responsibilities of the Exchange and state regulators

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June		
Stakeholder Consultation	• Stakeholder consultation requirements and options including process for consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes	• Provide policy direction to staff on stakeholder consultation process • Direct staff to develop draft consultation plan including process for consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes • Direct staff to solicit stakeholder feedback on draft consultation plan
Outreach and Education	• Overview of outreach and education requirements and options	• Provide policy direction to staff on outreach and education approaches to be included in the establishment grant
Navigator Program	• Overview of Navigator requirements and options	• Provide policy direction on creation of Navigator program
Appeals	• Overview of requirements for adjudicating appeals of eligibility determinations and appeals of employer liability	• Provide policy direction to staff on development of appeals mechanisms
Exchange IT Systems	• Eligibility determination system options	• Provide direction to staff on preferred eligibility determination system option for inclusion in the establishment grant

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Certification of Qualified Health Plans	• Requirements for certification of qualified health plans • Options for selective contracting and standardization of benefits	• Direct staff to solicit stakeholder feedback on certification of qualified health plans • Direct staff to begin developing certification policy for qualified health plans • Provide direction to staff on selective contracting and standardization of benefits
Program Integration	• Discussion of coordination of plan choices in public programs and the Exchange	• Provide direction to staff on coordination of plan choices in public programs and the Exchange
Risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance	• Options for risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance requirements in ACA including discussion of inclusion of funding in establishment grant for risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance including required data collection	• Provide policy direction to staff risk adjustment and transitional reinsurance for inclusion in the establishment grant if desired
Stakeholder Consultation	• Review stakeholder consultation process developed by staff	• Approve and/or modify stakeholder consultation plan developed by staff
Exchange IT Systems	• IT Gap analysis for inclusion in the establishment grant	• Approve and/or modify IT Gap analysis for inclusion in the establishment grant

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August		
Payment reform	• Overview of options for joint purchasing strategies	• Provide policy direction to staff on joint purchasing strategies for inclusion in the establishment grant (if desired)
Oversight and Program Integrity	• Draft plan outlining steps to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse for inclusion in establishment grant	• Provide feedback to staff on draft plan
Financial Management	• Draft of initial plan for financial sustainability by 2015	• Provide feedback to staff on draft of initial plan for financial sustainability by 2015
Establishment Grant	• Draft grant application narrative • Draft work plan • Draft budget	• Provide feedback to staff on grant application narrative • Provide feedback to staff on work plan • Provide feedback to staff on budget

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September		
Establishment Grant	- Final draft grant application narrative - Final draft work plan - Final draft budget - Final draft of initial plan for financial sustainability	- Approve and/or modify grant application narrative - Approve and/or modify work plan - Approve and/or modify budget - Approve and/or modify initial plan for financial sustainability