## **Legislative Update**

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## **CalHEERS Update**

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### CalHEERS Update: Gate Review

- Conducted Gate Review with CMCS Sept 6-7
  - Focused on dependencies between CalHEERS project and subprojects (i.e. SAWS systems updates, MEDS updates, and MAXe2) from a technical and project management perspective
  - Outbrief by CMCS indicated it was a good review and were appreciative of our efforts and progress to date
  - Follow up Technical Interchange Meeting with CCIIO on September 20<sup>th</sup>

### CalHEERS Update: Project Status

- Project Status
  - Conducting Joint Application Design (JAD) sessions
  - JADs include CalHEERS, Exchange, DHCS, MRMIB, OSI and SAWS Consortia staff
  - JAD Schedule and Status:
    - September 7 October 29, 2012
    - All JADs planned to date completed per schedule
    - All requirements validated per schedule
  - Initiated Release 1 General System Design
  - Conducted Walkthrough of Primary Data Center

### CalHEERS Update: Release of Funds

- Request to Release Funds Restriction
  - Submitted on July 11, 2012 against 1.2 Federal Establishment Grant
  - Received Notice of Award on September 11, 2012
  - Total approved for release: \$27,824,882

## Naming/Tagline Exploration Board Status Update

#### **Chris Kelly**

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### **Review Proposed Names**

- CaliHealth
- CalAccess
- Welquest/Wellquest
- Covered, CA/Covered, Cal
- PACcess
- Ursa
- Healthifornia
- Eureka
- Avocado

### Key Considerations on Naming

- 1. The brand name will never exist on its own in a vacuum. It is just one part of big system. There will always be supporting creative surrounding the name that will provide context and added meaning.
  - Name. Tagline. Logo. Color. Images. Body Copy. Advertisements. Web sites
- 2. Adding a modifier such as "Healthlink" or "Health Connector" could dilute the inherent quality of the brand name that makes it memorable. It's the exact opposite of the progressive, historic spirit of the law itself.
  - i.e., these interesting names feel less so with the addition of the modifier: Golden State Healthcare. Sunshine Healthcare. Plumtree Health Solutions (a nursing home)
  - And the opposite, popular brand names we all use and know, i.e., Google and Amazon, aren't called "Google Search Engine" or "Amazon Marketplace"

### Name / Tagline Qualitative Focus Groups Demographics

- Total number of people: 66
  - 37 in Los Angeles (September 11, 2012)
  - 29 in Sacramento (September 12, 2012)

#### Age Range

- 22-30: 19 total
- 31-40: 27 total
- 41-54: 20 total

- Languages
  - Spanish-only: 22
  - English: 44 (Many Bilingual)

 Spanish, Tagalog, Russian, German, Ukrainian, French, Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese

- Ethnicities
  - African American
  - American Indian
  - Caucasian
  - Hispanic/Latino
    - Mexican, Mexican-American, El Salvadorian, Nicaraguan
  - Asian/Pacific Islander
    - Philippino, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese

### **Top Names from Focus Groups**

- Covered, CA
- CaliHealth
- Ursa
- Eureka
  - They all have their own strengths and weaknesses that arose during the Focus Group discussions, but these were the ones that bubbled to the top.
  - Spanish names did not test well with Hispanic/Latino

### **Next Steps**

- Qualitative Name/Tagline final report and review: 9/19-21
- Final selection of 1-2 names/taglines (3 at most): w/o 9/24
- Legal trademark review and domain purchase: w/o 9/24-w/o 10/1
- Logo Creative Development/Review (2-3 logos per name): w/o 10/1- w/o 10/15
- Quanti-Quali Focus Group testing: mid-October
- Quanti-Quali results/review: mid-October
- Final revisions to chosen Logo design: end of October
- Final approval of logo: early November
- Legal review: early November

### California Health Benefit Exchange: Outreach and Education Grant Program Preliminary Concepts

Sponsored by:

California Health Benefit Exchange Department of Health Care Services Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board

> California Health Benefit Exchange Board Meeting September 18, 2012

### Agenda

- Introduction
- Purpose of the Outreach and Education Grant Program
- Goals and Objectives
- Grant Application Timeline
- Guiding Principles
- Outreach and Education Grant Program Timeline
- Key Issues and Considerations

### Introduction

The California Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) anticipates \$40 million in Federal funding to establish and facilitate the Outreach and Education Grant Program over a two year period to include:

- \$20M in 2013 (Level 1.2 Establishment Grant approved 6.5M for period through 6/2013)
- \$20M in 2014 (Future Federal Grant)

The program will engage organizations and entities with trusted relationships with California's uninsured markets to increase awareness and understanding of health coverage options, promote a culture of coverage, motivate Californians to take the next step to enroll and remove barriers to enrollment.

#### **Preliminary Concepts**

#### **Purpose of the Outreach and Education Grant Program**

- Promote awareness of the benefits of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Provide consumers information and tools where individuals can enroll on their own.
- Complement the broader marketing strategy where specific areas may not be reached (e.g. areas not reached by paid media).
- Complement and build capacity for the Assisters Program.
- Remove barriers to enrollment that keep eligible consumers from applying.
- Drive consumers to Assisters Program resources.

### **Preliminary Concepts Goals and Objectives**

- Ensure participation of non-profit organizations with trusted relationships with uninsured markets in the Project Sponsors' approved Outreach and Education Grant Program to be administered during 2013 and 2014.
- Establish a linguistically and culturally diverse statewide network of outreach and education grantees to target regions and market segments.
- 3. Deliver a cost-effective program that promotes and maximizes enrollment.

### Preliminary Concepts Goals and Objectives (continued)

- 4. Ensure the network of grantees will perform the following program priorities, collectively and independently:
  - A. Target outreach and education resources to the counties, employment sectors and organizations with access to market segments with the most opportunity to enroll.
  - B. Access populations with a variety of health status who are eligible for affordable health insurance programs (e.g. Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Exchange with subsidies), including the Exchange program without subsidies.
  - C. Deliver culturally and linguistically competent outreach and education messages that respond to the preferences, motivations and challenges of the target market.

### Preliminary Concepts Goals and Objectives (continued)

- D. Employ outreach and education techniques likely to increase awareness of the opportunity to enroll in affordable health insurance in 2014.
- E. Ensure that grantees disseminate clear, accurate and consistent messages to target audiences that eliminate barriers, increase interest and motivate people to enroll in coverage.

### **Grant Application Timeline**

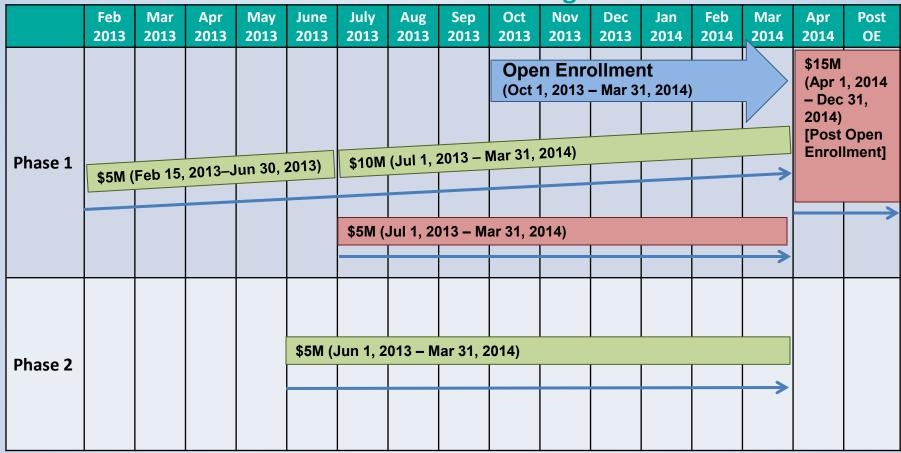
Task	Date
Present Preliminary Concepts from Project Sponsors	Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Stakeholder Webinar	Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Final Written Comments from Stakeholders Due	Friday, October 5, 2012
Board Review first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) draft of comprehensive Grant Application Process	Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Phase I Grant Application Release	Friday, November 16, 2012
Bidders / Grantees Conference	TBD
Phase I Grant Application Response Due	Friday, January 4, 2013
Announcement of Phase I Awards	Friday, February 15, 2013
Phase II Grant Application Release	Monday, April 1, 2013
Bidders / Grantees Conference	TBD
Phase II Grant Application Response Due	Monday, April 29, 2013
Announcement of Phase II Award	Wednesday, May 22, 2013

### Preliminary Concepts Guiding Principles

- Target resources based on the greatest opportunity where the highest number of uninsured and subsidy eligible individuals can be reached (e.g. targeting where uninsured and subsidy eligible individuals live, work, play and shop).
- Ensure that all regions and markets in the state, including the hard-to-move (e.g. "invincibles"), rural and limited English proficient populations are reached through the program.
- Complement the Assisters Program and the broader marketing strategy, including plan marketing.

#### **Preliminary Concepts**

**Outreach and Education Grant Program Timeline** 



*Level 1.2 Establishment Gr	ant : \$6.5M	\$5M (02/15/2013 – 06/30/2013)	\$15M (07/01/2013 – 03/31/2014)
**Future Federal Grant :	\$33.5M	\$5M (07/01/2013 – 03/31/2014)	\$15M (04/01/2014 – 12/31/2014)
	\$40M	(Total for 2 Years)	

### **Issues and Considerations**

Outreach and Education Grant Program issues currently being considered include:

- 1. Funding Allocation
- 2. Grant Award Size and Period
- 3. Required Grant Activities and Statement of Work
- 4. Selection Criterion and Process
- 5. Eligible Entities and Organizations

#### **1. Funding Allocation**

Options	Considerations
Geographic	Allocate a higher amount of funding to geographic areas with the greatest opportunity
	Allocate an equal amount to all geographic areas
	• Ensure that all geographic areas get a minimum amount of Outreach and Education Grant dollars. However, establish a list of priorities for geographic areas that receive a higher grant amount based on the number of uninsured
Non-Geographic	<ul> <li>Establish a "special priorities fund " to target other markets that are non-geographic such as:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Specific sectors experiencing disproportionately high rates of uninsured (e.g. restaurant workers, truckers, construction, etc.)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Specific cultural and linguistic groups that are disproportionately represented among California's uninsured, including hard-to-move communities</li> </ul>
	✓ Newly eligible groups

#### **Recommendation: Hybrid**

Geographic and Non-Geographic

- Targets resources to maximize opportunity in locations with the highest uninsured population density.
- Ensures dissemination of grant dollars among all regions and markets in the state, including hard-tomove, rural, limited English proficient and other specialty populations.

#### 2. Grant Award Size and Period

Options	Considerations
<ul> <li>Offer a range of grant award sizes, that might include:</li> <li>Small Grants: Up to \$15,000</li> <li>Medium Grants: Up to \$100,000</li> <li>Larger Grants: Up to \$250,000</li> <li>(e.g. grant to a collaborative and allow grantee to disperse funding within their collaborative)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Preference for multi-year Awards, with following elements:         <ul> <li>✓ Work concentrated at open enrollment</li> <li>✓ Contingent on good performance</li> <li>✓ Contingent on federal funding approval</li> </ul> </li> <li>Grant management costs.</li> <li>Organizational administrative costs for small awards.</li> <li>Allowing organizations with access to small target</li> </ul>
Allow applicants to establish their proposed budget within their grant size. (e.g. applicants applying for the smaller award could request less than \$50,000)	<ul> <li>Allowing organizations with access to small target markets to participate.</li> <li>Reaching every region in the state and target markets with limited funding.</li> <li>Cost-effectiveness of proposed scope of work.</li> </ul>

#### **Recommendation: Hybrid**

Offer a variety of small, medium, and large grant awards. Offer a range of grant award sizes with the following "up to" amounts:

• \$15,000 • \$50,000 • \$100,000 • \$175,000 • \$250,000

#### 3. Required Grant Activities and Statement of Work

Options	Considerations
Allow organizations to propose their own scope of work.	<ul> <li>Ensuring that organizations employ methods likely to produce the desired result - increased awareness,</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Mandate specific deliverables per award size and establish allowable outreach and education activities including, at a minimum, the following examples:</li> <li>Providing Information</li> <li>Checking for Understanding</li> <li>Call to Action</li> <li>Ethnic Media Events</li> <li>Community Events</li> <li>Distribution of Brochures and Flyers</li> <li>Consumer referrals to affordable health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>decreased barriers and a readiness to act.</li> <li>Allowing for innovative and creative approaches to reaching diverse markets.</li> <li>Delivering a cost-effective, accountable and effective program.</li> <li>Providing accurate, clear and consistent messages and information to consumers.</li> <li>Ensuring that organizations provide reporting requirements.</li> </ul>
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#### **Recommendation: Hybrid**

Provide broad guidelines, minimum deliverables and allow organizations to propose their own specific creative approaches and tactics for reaching their target audience.

#### 4. Eligible Entities and Organizations

Options	Considerations
501(c)(3) and non-profit organizations	Level of access to target markets and ability to leverage
School districts or community colleges	<ul> <li>Federal or state guidelines restricting eligibility to</li> </ul>
Trade, Industry, and professional organizations	receive federal funds.
Public agencies	<ul> <li>Alignment of vision, mission and values with the Project Sponsors.</li> </ul>
Allow specific for-profit companies (e.g. pharmacies, for-profit urgent care clinics) - TBD	<ul> <li>Established relationships with target markets.</li> </ul>
Allow collaboratives that have demonstrated capacity to coordinate services and are under the coordination of a 501(c)(3) or other public agency	

#### 5. Selection Criterion and Process

#### Considerations

- Demonstrate experience performing outreach activities .
- Provide access to those counties and markets where the greatest opportunity exists in terms of number of uninsured and eligible Californians.
- Ensure that all regions of the state, including hard-to-move (e.g. "invincibles"), limited-English proficiency, and rural populations will benefit from the program.
- Reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of the target markets.
- Demonstrate the capacity to deliver a cost-effective and evidence-based program likely to result in increased awareness, fewer perceived barriers and ultimately, a commitment to act.

## Questions/Comments Outreach and Education Grant Program

## Federal Establishment Support and Exchange Blueprint

# Federal Establishment Grant Application Timelines and Decision for California

Quarterly Application Dates (	Level I and Level 2)
2013	2014
• February 15	• February 15
• May 15	• May 15
• August 15	• August 15
November 15	November 15
	2013 • February 15 • May 15 • August 15

Federal Establishment Support Next Steps:

- Exchange plans to submit grant application on November 15
- Need to determine whether Level 1 or Level 2 request best meets Exchange needs
- Exchange staff will make a recommendation to the Board at October meeting

### Blueprint Application Structure and Key Dates

#### Exchange Activities include:

- 1. Legal Authority & Governance
- Consumer & Stakeholder Engagement
   & Support
- 3. Eligibility & Enrollment
- 4. Plan Management
- Financial Management, Risk Adjustment & Reinsurance
- 6. SHOP
- 7. Organization & Human Resources
- 8. Finance & Accounting
- 9. Technology
- 10. Privacy & Security
- 11. Oversight, Monitoring, & Reporting
- 12. Contracting, Outsourcing, & Agreements
- 13. State Partnership Exchange Activities

**Blueprint Key Dates:** 

- Completed Blueprint and Model
   Declaration Letter submitted to CCIIO November 16, 2012
- Approval Letters to States; Conditional Approval begins - January 1, 2013

January 17 February 21 March 21 April 25 May 23 June 20 July 25 – Tentative August 22 September 19 October 24 November 28 December 19 – Tentative

All Thursday meetings Locations to be determined

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