
Federal Proposed Rules

California Health Benefit Exchange Board Meeting
December 18, 2012

Draft Federal Rules Release

Comment Deadline	Subject
December 26, 2012	Health Insurance Market Rules
December 26, 2012	Standards Related to Essential Health Benefits, Actuarial Value and Accreditation
January 4, 2013	Establishment of Multi-State Plans
January 7, 2013	Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2014
January 25, 2013	Incentives for Wellness Programs in Group Health Plans

Commenting on Federal Proposed Rules

- Analyzing impact of rules
- Coordinating with Department of Managed Health Care and California Department of Insurance to develop joint comments
- Comments will be posted on Covered California website

Key Areas for Comment

- Geographic rating areas
 - Proposed rule limits states to 7 rating areas but allows states such as California to request more than 7 rating areas
- Essential health benefit substitution
 - California law prohibits substitution of essential health benefits but proposed rule is unclear regarding state authority to prohibit substitution
- Actuarial value (AV) calculator
 - Calculator will be used to verify actuarial value of QHPs
 - AV calculator does not account for California's lower utilization of health care service
- Risk adjustment
 - Federal proposed risk adjustment methodology does not account California's delegated group model
- Proposed rules on stand alone pediatric vision essential health benefits may be pending.