



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Peter V. Lee, Executive Director | October 24, 2013 Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

David Panush, Director of External Affairs

KEY LEGISLATION

- **MRMIP Information Sharing for Outreach**
SB 28 (Hernandez)
- **Stop-Loss Insurance Coverage**
SB 161 (Hernandez)
- **Transparency**
SB 332 (Emmerson & DeSaulnier)
- **Health Care Coverage – Cost Sharing**
SB 639 (Hernandez)
- **Exchange Eligible Parents of Medi-Cal/Healthy Families Kids**
SB 800 (Lara)

KEY LEGISLATION

- **Co-pay Cap for Cancer Treatment**
AB 219 (Perea)
- **School Lunch Program – Health Coverage Notice**
AB 422 (Nazarian)

FEDERAL RULES UPDATE

Katie Ravel, Director of Program Policy

COVERED CALIFORNIA KEY ISSUES

- **Basic Health Program (Proposed Rule – Comments due 11/25/13)**
 - Optional program to begin in 2015
 - Health benefits coverage program for low-income consumers who do not qualify for Medicaid but whose income does not exceed 200 percent of FPL
 - Outlines federal requirements for Basic Health Programs
 - Details procedures for developing a Basic Health Program Blueprint
 - Draft comments will be shared at the November Board meeting

COVERED CALIFORNIA KEY ISSUES

- **Individual Shared Responsibility Payment Exemption Application Issues Identified to Date (Request for Comment – Comments due 11/15/13)**
 - CMS requests comments regarding draft HHS applications for individual mandate exemptions
 - California will use HHS to determine eligibility exemptions
 - Comments may include:
 - Potential revision to make consumer experience simpler
 - Suggestions for coordinating the affordability exemption with application for minimum essential coverage

OTHER FEDERAL ISSUES

- **Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Members of Congress and Congressional Staff (Final Rule)**
 - Given the location of Congress in Washington, DC, Members of Congress and their staff will be able to purchase health insurance through the DC SHOP.
 - Federal government contributions will remain the same as they are under the current Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.
- **Impact of Legislation Ending the Government Shutdown**
 - HR 2775 ended the government shutdown and it includes a small section that increases oversight of verification mechanisms for Exchange applicants. This will only affect the federal government and will not directly impact Covered California.

POTENTIAL FEDERAL LAW/RULE CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Ensure individuals can sign up throughout the initial open enrollment period without a tax penalty
- Restructure pediatric dental benefits to allow embedded plans without offering “9.5” Plans
- Exempt states with competitive exchanges from multistate plan requirements
- Eliminate the “family glitch”
- Allow provisional enrollment in a catastrophic plan pending receipt of penalty exemption
- Allow states to determine whether insurers can offer supplemental coverage (supplemental vision coverage, for example)

Additional changes for consideration can be submitted to info@covered.ca.gov by Wednesday, October 30th