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## § 6700 – Definitions

In addition to the definitions in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, for purposes of this article, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) Cold-Calling: A Plan-Based Enrollment Entity (PBEE) or Plan Based-Enroller's (PBE's) unsolicited outgoing phone calls that were not prompted by a permissible lead, to an individual that has not expressed an interest in the PBEE's QHPs in the Individual Exchange. Permissible leads include lists that are consumer opt-in and outreach to a PBEE's current or former members.
- (b) Consumer: For the purposes of this article, Consumer shall mean the following targeted populations:
  - (1) Issuer's non-group members that meet the requirements of a Qualified Individual in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter;
  - (2) Issuer's members receiving coverage required by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act of 1985 ("COBRA") and the California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act, or Health and Safety Code Section 1366.20 et seq. ("Cal-COBRA") that meet the requirements of a Qualified Individual;
  - (3) Issuer's current members meeting the requirements of a Qualified Individual, or those current members terminating their individual or group coverage including 25 year old dependents;
  - (4) Qualified Individuals interested in obtaining health care coverage through the Exchange; and
  - (5) Individuals eligible for other Insurance Affordability Programs, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter (e.g. Medi-Cal).
- (c) Enrollment Assistance: A ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE may provide the following direct enrollment assistance to Consumers in the Individual Exchange, provided that the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE meets the requirements set forth in this article:
  - (1) Applying for an eligibility determination or redetermination for coverage through the Exchange;
  - (2) Applying for Insurance Affordability Programs;
  - (3) Facilitating the enrollment in a QHP offered by the Issuer; and
  - (4) If the consumer is determined eligible for Medi-Cal following the process in Section 6710(a)(11~~2~~).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.20, 155.415, 156.265, and 156.1230.

## § 6702 – Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Program Eligibility Requirements

- (a) The following entities and individuals are eligible to apply to participate in the Plan-Based Enrollment Program (PBE Program) through the Exchange (Covered California):
  - (1) Qualified Health Plan Issuers, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, under contract with the Exchange to provide at least one QHP through the Exchange that seek to provide enrollment assistance to Consumers.
  - (2) Issuer Application Assisters, as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 155.20, or Captive Agents, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, that are employed or contracted by a ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE.

(b) Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity An entity who is eligible pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this Section may apply to become certified in the PBE Program as a Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity (PBEE) according to the following process:

- (1) Complete the application for the PBE Program pursuant to Section 6704.
- (2) Complete training through the Exchange as required under Section 6706 to become eligible to register to provide enrollment assistance to consumers and help them apply for health coverage in a manner considered to be through the Exchange.
- (3) Demonstrate access to Consumers, as defined in Section 6700, for the PBE Program.

(c) An individual who is eligible pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this Section may apply to become certified in the PBE Program as a Certified Plan-Based Enroller (PBE) according to the following process:

- (1) Be employed or contracted by a registered PBEE as a Captive Agent or Issuer Application Assister pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this Section.

(b) Eligibility Requirements

(1) QHP Issuers in subdivision (a)(1) shall complete the application for the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Program PBE Program pursuant to Section 6704.

- (2) Complete training through the Exchange as required under Section 6706 to become eligible to register to provide enrollment assistance to consumers and help them apply for health coverage in a manner considered to be through the Exchange.

(3) Demonstrate access to Consumers, as defined in Section 6700, for the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Program PBE Program.

(4) Certified Plan-Based Enroller PBE Eligibility Requirements

(5) Be employed or contracted by a registered Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity PBEE as a Captive Agent or Issuer Application Assister pursuant to subdivision (a)(2).

(6) Complete required training Complete on the following:

(7) QHP options and Insurance Affordability Programs, eligibility, and benefits rules and regulations;

(8)(2) Requirements of the Plan-Based Enroller PBE Training and Certification Standards in Section 6706.

(9)(3) Comply with the Exchange's privacy and security requirements in 45 C.F.R. § 155.260;

(10)(4) Comply with applicable State law related to the sale, solicitation, and negotiation of insurance products, including applicable State law related to agent, broker, and producer licensure; and conflicts of interest;

(11)(5) Pass the certification exam identified in Section 6706;

(12)(6) Sign at the code of conduct relating to confidentiality and certification required in Section 6704(d)(9)(A)-(D) -adherence with any applicable state laws and regulations, including this article and Section 6500(f) of Article 5 of this chapter;

(13)(7) Complete and pass the Exchange's fingerprinting and criminal background check process in Section 6708;

(14)(8) Complete refresher training, testing and certification renewal each year, and at other times if required by the Exchange.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415, 155.260, 156.265, and 156.1230.

## **§ 6704 – Program Application**

(a) An entity or individual who is eligible for the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment program PBE

Program may apply to become a Certified ~~Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE or a Certified ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE according to the following process.

- (1) The entity or individual shall submit all application information, documentation, and declarations required in ~~subdivision (b)~~ of this Section.
- (2) The application shall demonstrate that the entity or individual is capable of carrying out at least those duties described in the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE eligibility requirements in this Article and has existing relationships, or could readily establish relationships, with Consumers, as defined in Section 6700.
- (3) The Exchange shall review the program application and, if applicable, request any additional or missing information necessary to determine eligibility.
- (4) Entities or individuals who have submitted a completed application and demonstrated ability to meet the above requirements shall be notified of available opportunities by the Exchange for the individual or entity (via the entity's entity or individual's authorized Authorized contact Contact, or his or her designee), to complete the training requirements in Section 6706. All individuals and entities (via the entity's Authorized Contact, or his or her designee), shall have 90 days to complete and pass the training and testing requirements in Section 6706. Failure to complete training standards within 90 calendar days may result in the termination of the individual's or entity's certification application with the Exchange.

(5) Entities or individuals who complete and pass ~~the training~~ all certification requirements in paragraph (6) of this subdivision shall be ~~registered~~ certified as ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~ PBEEs or ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs, respectively, by the Exchange and assigned a ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE or ~~Enroller~~ PBE number.

~~(4) If the authorized contact, or his or her designee, fails to complete the training standards within 90 calendar days, the applicant shall be deregistered.~~

(6) All individuals who are not yet certified by the Exchange as ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs and included in the initial application of the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE shall ~~become certified~~ meet the following in accordance with the following process:

~~(5)~~ (A) Submit all information, documentation, and declarations required in subdivision (d) of this Section.

~~(A)~~ (B) Pass the Certified Plan-Based Enroller PBE Fingerprinting and Criminal Record Check process in Section 6708;

~~(B)~~ (C) Complete the required training in Section 6706; and

~~(C)~~ (D) Pass the required certification exam administered by the Exchange pursuant to Section 6706.

~~(6)~~ (7) Entities and individuals who have been denied certification by the Exchange may appeal the denial of their certification through the process established by Section 6718 or 6708.

(b) A ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE application shall contain the following information:-

(1) Entity Full name;

(2) Legal name;

~~(2)~~ (3) Date submitted;

~~(3)~~ (4) Primary e-mail address;

~~(4)~~ (5) Primary phone number;

~~(5)~~ (6) Secondary phone number;

~~(6)~~ (7) Fax number;

- ~~(7)~~(8) An indication of whether the entity prefers to communicate via e-mail, phone, fax, or mail;
- ~~(8)~~(9) Web site address;
- ~~(9)~~(10) Federal Employment Identification Number;
- ~~(10)~~(11) State Tax Identification Number;
- (12) Identification of applicant's status as a non-profit, for-profit, or governmental organization and a copy of supporting documentation;
- ~~(11)~~(13) Identification of the counties served;

Identification of the type of organization and, if applicable, a copy of the license or other certification;

~~(12)~~ An indication of whether applicant received an Outreach & Education Grant from the Exchange and/or the Department of Health Care Services and, if applicable, the Grant Contract Number and Grant Award Amount;

~~(13)~~ A certification that the applicant and all of its employees comply with the above requirements;

(14) For the primary site and each sub-site, the following information:

(A) Site Location Address;

(B) Mailing Address;

(C) County;

(D) Contact name;

(E) Primary e-mail address;

(F) Primary phone number;

(G) Secondary phone number;

~~(H)~~ An indication of whether the entity or individual wants to receive referrals for individuals seeking assistance at this site;

~~(H)~~(I) An indication of whether the entity provides in-person assistance at this site;

~~(I)~~(J) Hours of operation;

~~(J)~~(K) Estimated number of Individuals served annually;

~~(K)~~(L) Spoken languages;

~~(L)~~(M) Written languages;

~~(15)~~ Name, e-mail address, primary and secondary phone number, and an indication of the preferred method of communication for the Authorized Contact, and Primary Contact, and Financial Contact;

(15)

(16) A certification by the Authorized Primary Contact that ~~t~~The entity's mission, activities and reach align with the the Covered California Exchange goals of promoting a culture of coverage to the targeted populations, and that it:

(A) Has presented information in the application that is true and correct to the best of the Authorized Contact's knowledge;

(B) Possesses significant interaction with target population(s); and

(C) Has a Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) or appropriate license.

(17) For each Certified PBE to be affiliated with the applicant entity, a completed application for each individual as required in subdivision (d) below must be included in the entity's application.

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~~the information presented is true and correct to the best of the signer's knowledge;~~

~~Has presented information in this application that is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;~~

~~Possesses significant interaction with target population(s);~~

~~Has a Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) or appropriate license; and~~

~~The entity's mission, activities and reach align with the Covered California goals of promoting a culture of coverage to the targeted populations.~~

(A) ~~For each Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE to be affiliated with the applicant entity, A completed application for each individual as required in subdivision (d) below.~~

(17) the following must be included in the entity's application:

(A) ~~Name, e-mail address;~~

(B) ~~An indication of whether the individual is licensed in good standing as an agent with the California Department of Insurance, and if so the individual's license number;~~

~~An indication of whether or not he or she is certified by the Exchange as a Certified Insurance Agentand, if applicable, the certification number; and;~~

(C) ~~A completed application for each individual as required in subdivision (d) below.~~

(c) An individual who is not included in an initial Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE application may become a Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE according to the following process:

(1) The Certified Enrollment EntityPBEE shall notify the Exchange of the individual to be affiliated according to the process described in subdivision (f) of this Section.

(2) The individual shall:

(A) ~~Submit all information, documentation, and declarations required in subdivision (d) of this Section;~~

(B) ~~Pass the Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE Fingerprinting and Criminal Record Check in Section 6708;~~

(C) ~~Complete the required training in Section 6706; and~~

(D) ~~Pass the required certification exam administered by the Exchange in Section 6706.~~

(3) Individuals who complete the training requirements and pass the required certification exam shall be certified as Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBEs by the Exchange.

(c) An individual's application to become a Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE shall contain the following information: The Authorized Contact of the PBEE, or his or her designee, shall notify the Exchange of every individual to be added as an affiliated PBE that was not included in the entity's initial application. Such notification shall include the individual's application as required in subdivision (d) of this Section. The individual shall become certified by the process required by subdivision (a)(6) of this Section.

(d) An individual's application to become a PBE shall contain the following information:

(d)-

(1) Name;,-

(2) Business eeE-mail address;

(1)(3) Driver's license number or identification number issued by a state Department of Motor Vehicles.

(2)(4) Identification of the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE that the individual will affiliate with;

(3)(5) Affiliated Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE's primary site location address;

(4)(6) Site(s) served by the individual;

(5)(7) Mailing Address of the primary site offer the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE served by the individual;

(6)(8) An indication of the languages that the Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE can speak;

- ~~(7)~~(9) An indication of the languages that the Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE can write;
- ~~(8)~~(10) For ~~non-captive agents~~Issuer Application Assisters, as defined in 45 CFR 155.20: Disclosure of all criminal convictions and administrative actions taken against the individual, and any arrests for which the individual is currently out on bail or their own recognizance.;
- ~~(9)~~(11) A certification by the individual that:
- (A) The individual ~~complies shall comply~~ with the Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE requirements of this Article and Section 6500(f) of Article 5 of this chapter;
  - (B) The individual is a natural person of not less than 18 years of age; and
  - (C) The statements made in the application are true, correct and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief; and-
  - (D) The individual will adhere to any applicable State and federal laws and regulations.
- ~~(10)~~(12) For the individual applying to become a Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE, The signature, and date signed of the individual applying to become a Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE, and date signed; and
- (13) For the Authorized Contact from the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE thatThe the individual will be affiliated with, name and, signature of the Authorized Contact, and date signed.
- (14) An indication of whether the individual is licensed in good standing as an agent with the California Department of Insurance, and if so the individual's license number;
- ~~(11)~~(11) An indication of whether or not he or she is certified by the Exchange as a Certified Insurance Agent, Certified Enrollment Counselor, Certified Application Counselor, or serves in any other enrollment function of the Exchange including Service Center Representative, and County Eligibility Worker, and, if applicable, the certification number.
- ~~(e)~~ A Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE shall notify the Exchange of every individual to be added or removed as an affiliated Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE. Such notification shall include:
- ~~(1)~~ Name of the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE and the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity Number;
  - ~~(2)~~ Name and signature of the Authorized Contact from the Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity;
  - ~~(3)~~ Name, e-mail, and primary phone number of the individual to be added or removed;
  - ~~(4)~~ Effective date for the addition or removal of the individual; and
  - ~~(5)~~ An indication of whether the individual is certified by the Exchange as a Certified Insurance Agent, and if so, the following information:
    - ~~(A)~~ Certification number; and
- ~~(15)~~ When adding an individual, site(s) to be served by the individual.
- (e) The Authorized Contact of the PBEE, or his or her designee, shall notify the Exchange of every individual to be removed as an affiliated PBE. Such notification shall include the individual's name, certification number, and effective date of removal.
- (f) The Certified Plan-Based Enrollment EntityPBEE shall submit anhold a valid executed agreement with the Exchange to offer at least one QHP through the Exchange. conforming to the Roles and Responsibilities of the Certified Plan-Based EnrollerPBE Program.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415 and 156.1230.

## § 6706 – Training and Certification Standards

- (a) All entities who apply to become a ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~ PBEE shall have their authorized contact complete training for the management of ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs prior to any affiliated ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs carrying out any consumer assistance functions under this article.
- (b) To ensure that all ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs are knowledgeable about the Individual Exchange, all individuals or entities who carry out enrollment assistance functions shall complete training in the following subjects prior to carrying out any enrollment assistance functions pursuant to this article:
  - (1) QHPs (including the metal levels described at 45 C.F.R. § 156.140(b)) and how they operate, including benefits covered, payment processes, rights and processes for appeals and grievances;
  - (2) The range of Insurance Affordability Programs, including Medi-Cal, and other public programs;
  - (3) The tax implications of enrollment decisions;
  - (4) Eligibility requirements for APTC ~~Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC)~~, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, and cost-sharing reductions, and the impacts of APTC on the cost of premiums;
  - (5) Contact information for appropriate federal, state, and local agencies for consumers seeking additional information about specific coverage options not offered through the Exchange;
  - (6) Basic concepts about health insurance and the Exchange; the benefits of having health insurance and enrolling through the Exchange; and the individual responsibility to have health insurance;
  - (7) Eligibility and enrollment rules and procedures, including how to appeal an eligibility determination;
  - (8) Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services;
  - (9) Ensuring physical and other accessibility for people with a full range of disabilities;
  - (10) Understanding the Individual Exchange marketplace and differences among health plans;
  - (11) Privacy and security standards applicable under 45 CFR § 155.260 for handling and safeguarding consumers' personally identifiable information;
  - (12) Working effectively with, and not discriminating against, individuals of various racial and ethnic backgrounds, persons with limited English proficiency, people with a full range of disabilities, people of any gender identity, people of any sexual orientation, and vulnerable, rural, and underserved populations;
  - (13) Customer service standards;
  - (14) Outreach and education methods and strategies; and



- (15) Applicable administrative rules, processes and systems related to Exchanges and QHPs.
- (c) Training pursuant to this Section shall be provided by the Exchange through computer-based training, or through another channel at the discretion of the Exchange.
- (d) ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs shall pass the exam administered by the Exchange on an annual basis to maintain certification.

Note: Authority cited: Section 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.205(d), 155.415, 155.260, and 156.1230.

### § 6708 – Certified Plan-Based Enroller Fingerprinting and Criminal Record Checks

- (a) Roles Requiring Fingerprinting.
  - (1) ~~Individuals seeking certification as a Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE ~~that are not Captive Agents/Issuer Application Assistants, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter,~~ shall submit fingerprint images and associated criminal history information pursuant to Gov. Code 1043 and Section 6456(a)-(e) of Article 4 of this chapter.
  - (2) Captive Agents seeking certification as ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs are required to be licensed in good standing with the California Department of Insurance and shall not be subject to the fingerprinting process described in subdivision (a)(1).
- (b) Interim Fitness Determination.
  - (1) Before any final determination or certification decision is made based on the criminal record, the Exchange shall comply with the requirements of Section 6456(d)-(e) of Article 4 of this chapter.
  - (2) If the Exchange finds that an individual seeking certification as a ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE has a potentially disqualifying criminal record under Section 6456(d)-(e) of Article 4 of this chapter, the Exchange shall promptly provide the individual with a copy of his or her criminal record pursuant to Penal Code Section 11105(t), notify the individual of the specific disqualifying offense(s) for the interim determination, and provide the individual information on how to request a written appeal, including examples of the types of additional evidence the individual may provide, to dispute the accuracy and relevancy of the criminal record.
- (c) Appeal and Final Determination.
  - (1) Inaccurate or Incomplete Federal and Out of State Disqualifying Offenses.
    - (A) If the individual believes that the potentially disqualifying offense in the Federal Bureau of Investigation national criminal response identified in the notice sent pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) of this Section is inaccurate or incomplete, within 60 calendar days from the date of the notice, the individual may seek to correct or complete the response by providing information to the Exchange, including official court and law enforcement records, identifying and correcting the incomplete or inaccurate criminal history information. Within 60 days of receipt of such information, the Exchange shall reevaluate the interim fitness determination and respond to the individual with a final determination. ~~Upon receipt of such information, the Exchange shall reevaluate the interim fitness determination. The Exchange, within 60 calendar days, shall respond to the individual with a final determination.~~
  - (2) Inaccurate or Incomplete California Disqualifying Offenses.

(A) If the individual believes that the potentially disqualifying offense in the California Department of Justice state criminal response identified in the notice sent pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) is inaccurate or incomplete, within 60 calendar days from the date of the notice, the individual shall notify the Exchange and follow the procedures set forth in Penal Code Sections 11120-11127 to correct or complete the criminal response with the DOJ. The fitness determination shall not be final until the DOJ has acted to correct the state criminal response. Within 60 days of receipt of the corrected response, the Exchange shall reevaluate the interim fitness determination and respond to the individual with a final determination. ~~Upon receipt of the corrected response, the Exchange shall reevaluate the interim fitness determination. The Exchange, within 60 calendar days, shall respond to the individual with a final determination.~~

(3) If the individual determines that his or her criminal record is accurate, within 60 days from the date of the notice in subdivision (b)(2) of this Section, the individual may dispute the interim determination by producing additional written evidence of rehabilitation and mitigating circumstances related to any potentially disqualifying offense. Within 60 days of receipt of such written evidence, the Exchange shall reevaluate the interim fitness determination and respond to the individual with a final determination. ~~The Exchange, within 60 calendar days, shall respond to the individual with a final determination.~~

(A) For purposes of reevaluating the interim determination pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this Section, the Exchange shall take into account any of the following:

- (i) Any additional evidence of rehabilitation and mitigating circumstances provided by the individual in subdivision (c)(3) of this Section;
- (ii) Information received as a result of the criminal record check;
- (iii) Information received through the individual's application process for a position requiring fingerprinting in subdivision (a) of this Section.
- (iv) Information received as a result of the individual's employment history or qualifications for a position requiring fingerprinting in subdivision (a) of this Section.

(4) Absent good cause for late filing as determined by the Exchange on a case by case basis, the interim fitness determination shall become final.

(d) Costs.

(1) Background check costs for individual ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall be paid by the ~~Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1043, 100503, and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 11105, Penal Code; Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415, 155.260, and 156.1230.

## § 6710 – Roles and Responsibilities

(a) ~~A Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE and its ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall perform the following functions:

(1) Maintain expertise in eligibility, enrollment, and ~~Plan-Based Enrollment~~PBE Program specifications.

- (2) Provide enrollment assistance to consumers in a manner considered to be through the Exchange pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 156.265(b)(2) and Section 6500(f) of Article 5 of this chapter.
- (3) Provide information and services in a fair and accurate manner. Such information and services shall include assistance with other Insurance Affordability Programs (e.g., Medi-Cal).
- (4) Provide referrals to any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or health insurance ombudsman established under Section 2793 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300gg-93, or any other appropriate State agency or agencies, for any enrollee with a grievance, complaint, or question regarding their health plan, coverage, or a determination under such plan or coverage.
- (5) Comply with the privacy and security standards in 45 CFR § 155.260.
- (6) Comply with any applicable federal or state laws and regulations.
- (7) Inform all applicants of the availability of other QHP products or stand-alone dental plans offered through the Exchange through an HHS-approved universal disclaimer and display the Web link to access the Exchange Web Site on the PBEE's Web Site, and describe how to access the Exchange Web Site or the Service Center of the Exchange.
- (8) Facilitate the enrollment in a QHP offered in the Individual Exchange by the ~~entity represented by the Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBE, PBEE.
  - (A) The QHP Issuer must be able to provide applicants standardized information for its available QHPs in the Individual Exchange, including at a minimum the following data elements:
    - (i) Premium and cost-sharing information;
    - (ii) The summary of benefits and coverage established under Section 2715 of the PHS Act;
    - (iii) Identification of whether the QHP is a bronze, silver, gold or platinum level plan as defined by Section 1302(~~ed~~) of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 42 U.S.C. § 18022(d), or a catastrophic plan as defined by Section 1302(e) of the ACA, 42 U.S.C. § 18022(e);
    - (iv) The results of the enrollee satisfaction survey, as described in Section 1311(c)(4) of the ACA, 42 U.S.C. 18031, when available;
    - (v) Quality ratings assigned in accordance with Section 1311(c)(3) of the ACA, 42 U.S.C. 18031, ~~when available~~;
    - (vi) Medical loss ratio information as reported to HHS in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 158, ~~when available~~;
    - (vii) Transparency of coverage measures reported to the Exchange during certification with 45 C.F.R. § 155.1040;
    - (viii) The provider directory made available to the Exchange in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 156.230;
    - (ix) Potential total cost, including premium and out-of-pocket expenses; and
    - (x) Participation of the preferred provider of the consumer in the QHP Issuer's available QHPs.
- ~~(9) Clearly distinguish between QHPs for which the consumer is eligible and other non-QHPs that the issuer may offer, and indicate that advance payments of the premium tax credit and cost sharing reductions apply only to QHPs offered through the Exchange.~~

(9)

~~(10) Inform all applicants of the availability of stand-alone dental plans offered through the Exchange and provide the individual information on how to access the Exchange Web Site or the Service Center of the Exchange.~~

~~If the applicant's household includes children the PBE shall transfer the applicant to the Service Center of the Exchange following enrollment in a QHP offered by the PBEE.~~

~~(11)(10) Allow applicants to select and attest to an APTC amount, if applicable, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.310(d)(2) and Section 6476(c) of Article 5 of this chapter.~~

~~(12)(11) If the consumer is determined to be eligible for Medi-Cal, the PBE shall either transfer the consumer to the county of residence for enrollment in Medi-Cal or transmit all eligibility information to DHCS consistent with 45 C.F.R. § 155.310 and Section 6476(d) of Article 5 of this chapter. A PBE shall not facilitate Medi-Cal plan selection until the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) has been programmed to allow a beneficiary to select a Medi-Cal managed care plan, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, pursuant to subdivision (p) of Section 14016.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.~~

~~(13)(12) Advise all consumers found ineligible for Insurance Affordability Programs of their appeal rights, including the time limits and methods for filing appeals, in accordance with Sections 6604 and 6606 of Article 7 of this chapter.~~

~~(14)(13) Advise all consumers found ineligible for Insurance Affordability Programs that there may be other health insurance products outside of the Individual Exchange that may be suitable to their needs. The PBE shall offer to transfer the consumer to a Captive Agent or Solicitor, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1345(m), affiliated with the PBEE capable of offering the consumer the full range of health plans offered by the Issuer in the Individual Market and Individual Exchange.~~

(b) To ensure that information provided as part of any enrollment assistance is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the needs of the population being served, including individuals with limited English proficiency, all ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~ PBEEs and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs shall:

- (1) Develop and maintain general knowledge about the racial, ethnic, and cultural groups in their service area, including each group's diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other needs;
- (2) Collect and maintain updated information to help understand the composition of the communities in the service area, including the primary languages spoken;
- (3) Provide consumers with information and assistance in the consumer's preferred language, at no cost to the consumer, including the provision of oral interpretation of non-English languages and the translation of written documents in non-English languages when necessary to ensure meaningful access. Use of a consumer's family or friends as oral interpreters can satisfy the requirement to provide linguistically appropriate services only when requested by the consumer as the preferred alternative to an offer of other interpretive services;
- (4) Provide oral and written notice to consumers with limited English proficiency informing them of their right to receive language assistance services and how to obtain them;
- (5) Receive ongoing education and training in culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery; and
- (6) Implement strategies to recruit, support, and promote a staff that is representative of the demographic characteristics, including primary languages spoken, of the communities in their service area.

(c) To ensure that enrollment assistance is accessible to people with disabilities, all ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~ PBEEs and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~ PBEs shall:

- (1) Ensure that any consumer education materials, Web sites, or other tools utilized for consumer assistance purposes are accessible to people with disabilities, including those with sensory impairments, such as visual or hearing impairments, and those with mental illness, addiction, and physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities;
  - (2) Provide auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities, at no cost, where necessary for effective communication. Use of a consumer's family or friends as interpreters can satisfy the requirement to provide auxiliary aids and services only when requested by the consumer as the preferred alternative to an offer of other auxiliary aids and services;
  - (3) Provide assistance to consumers in a location and in a manner that is physically and otherwise accessible to individuals with disabilities;
  - (4) Ensure that legally authorized representatives are permitted to assist an individual with a disability to make informed decisions; and
  - (5) Acquire sufficient knowledge to refer people with disabilities to local, state, and federal long-term services and supports programs when appropriate.
- (d) All ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall provide the same level of service to all individuals regardless of age, disability, culture, race, ethnicity, income, sexual orientation, or gender identity and seek advice or experts when needed.
- (e) If capacity necessitates, for those culturally and linguistically appropriate services in this Section which are not otherwise required of the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE in federal or state law, a ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE may transfer consumers seeking those services under this Section to other Exchange resources including the Exchange Service Center and describe how to access Exchange-provided services.
- (f) All ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall complete the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE Section of a consumer's application to the Exchange, including the following:
- (1) Name, certification number of the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE, signature, and date, and PIN, if applicable; and
  - (2) Name of the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE and the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity Number~~; and
  - (3) Signature and date of signature by the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~.
- ~~(g) If any of the information listed in subdivision (f) of this Section is not included on the consumer's original application, it may not be added at a later time.~~
- ~~(h)~~(g) ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs that do not meet the definition of a Captive Agent, as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, shall report to the Exchange any criminal convictions, and administrative actions taken by any other agency, and arrests for which the individual is out on bail or his or her own recognizance, within 30 days of the date of the conviction, or action, or arrest.
- ~~(i)~~(h) ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs that are Captive Agents shall be licensed in good standing through the California Department of Insurance.
- ~~(j)~~(i) Prohibited Activities for ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs.
- (1) All ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs and their Contractors and Employees that are ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs may not:
    - (A) Conduct door-to-door marketing;
    - (B) Employ marketing practices or offer information and assistance only to certain members in a manner that will have the effect of enrolling a disproportionate number of the Issuer's non-QHP members with significant health needs in QHPs offered in the Individual Exchange;

- (C) Cold-call non-member target populations;
- (D) Mail the paper application for the consumer;
- (E) Advise the consumer to provide inaccurate information on the application regarding income, residency, immigration status and other eligibility criteria;
- (F) Select a QHP for the potential applicant while providing application assistance;
- (G) Solicit or accept any consideration from an applicant in exchange for application assistance;
- (H) Pay any part of the premium or any other type of consideration to or on behalf of the consumer;
- (I) Sponsor a person eligible for the program by paying family contribution amounts or co-payments;
- (J) Offer applicants any inducements such as gifts or monetary payments to apply for coverage in a QHP or Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan represented by the PBE;
- (K) Intentionally create multiple applications from the same household, as defined in 45 C.F.R § 435.603(f);
- (L) Invite, influence, or arrange for an individual whose existing coverage through an eligible-employer sponsored plan is affordable and provides minimum value, as described in 26 U.S.C. § 36B(c)(2)(C) and in 26 C.F.R. §§ 1.36B-2(c)(3)(v) and (vi), to separate from employer-based group health coverage;
- (M) Request, view or obtain claims data information while providing application assistance;
- (N) Request, view or obtain health status information including any pre-existing conditions for purposes other than connecting the consumer to the appropriate IAP;
- (O) Violate conflict of interest standards in Section 6712;
- (P) Be a Certified Insurance Agent through the Exchange pursuant to Section 6800 of Article 10 of this chapter, or any other certified consumer assistance function of the Exchange in Article 8 of this chapter; or
- (Q) Retain any information related to income, citizenship, immigration status, or disability.

Note: Authority cited: Section 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.205(d), 155.260, 155.415, 156.265, and 156.1230.

### § 6712 – Conflict of Interest Standards

- (a) All ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs and ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall:
  - (1) Only receive consideration pursuant to the exclusive agreement between the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE and the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE in connection with the enrollment of any individuals in the Entity's QHPs pursuant to this article.
  - ~~(2) Create a written plan to manage conflicts of interest while carrying out enrollment assistance functions which shall be provided to the Exchange as requested.~~
  - ~~(3)~~(2) Only make representations that are accurate and not misleading.

- (A) The Certified ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE may only make representations regarding the QHPs offered by the Certified ~~Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE represented by the PBE.
- ~~(4)~~(3) Disclose conflicts of interest to Consumers.
- (A) At a minimum, a Certified ~~Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE and its Certified ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs shall disclose to the consumer when contact is initiated that:
- (i) The Certified ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE is employed or contracted by a QHP Issuer and is able to provide plan details and enrollment assistance only for QHPs offered by the Certified ~~Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE represented by the PBE.
- (B) After a consumer is determined eligible for coverage through the Exchange, the PBE shall:
- (i) Disclose to the consumer that the Individual Exchange offers other QHPs sold by other QHP Issuers, and stand-alone dental plans as defined in Section 6410 of Article 2 of this chapter, that may meet the consumer's needs;
  - (ii) Provide information to consumers about the availability of the full range of QHP options and Insurance Affordability Programs for which they are eligible. It must be apparent to consumers that if determined eligible they would be free to choose among all QHPs offered in the Individual Exchange through the Service Center of the Exchange;
  - (iii) ~~Clearly distinguish between QHPs for which the consumer is eligible and other non-QHPs that the PBEE may offer outside of the Individual Exchange, and indicate that APTC and CSRs apply only to QHPs offered through the Exchange.~~Provide information required in Section 6710(a)(9); and
  - (iv) Inform the consumer that there may be an insurance agent of record in connection with any existing health insurance policy the consumer may currently have, and if the consumer acknowledges having an agent of record, offer to attach the agent to the consumer's enrollment in a QHP, unless:
    1. The consumer is determined eligible for coverage through the Exchange, and the insurance agent of record is not authorized to sell QHPs in the Individual Exchange; or
    2. The consumer would prefer not to seek further assistance from the consumer's insurance agent of record.
- ~~(5)~~(4) On the consumer's request following the Certified ~~Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE's disclosures in either subdivision (a)(43)(A) or (a)(43)(B) of this Section:
- (A) Transfer the consumer for further enrollment assistance to the Service Center of the Exchange.

~~(6)~~(5) Document that the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE has provided the required disclosures in subdivision (a)(3)(A) or (a)(3)(B) of this Section and the consumer has acknowledged that the consumer:

- (A) Understands the disclosures;
- (B) Does not want to be referred to the Service Center of the Exchange; and
- (C) Wants to receive information and enrollment assistance solely from the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE.

(b) A record of the documentation required under subdivision (a)(~~6~~5) of this Section shall be:

- (1) Retained by the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE for at least ~~3~~10 years;
- (2) Subject to the Exchange's review of program conduct at the discretion of the Exchange; and
- (3) Provided to the Exchange at its request~~on a quarterly basis~~.

(c) Where enrollment services pursuant to this article are provided to consumers over the phone, the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE shall keep copies of such conversations and shall make those records available for review by the Exchange on a quarterly basis.

(d) With regards to any QHP or other products offered in the Individual Exchange by QHP issuers other than the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE with which the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE has an exclusive appointment, a PBE:

- (1) May not provide enrollment services related to QHPs or other products not offered by the entity represented by the PBE; and
- (2) Shall at any time transfer any requests for information or enrollment services related to QHPs or stand-alone dental plans in the Individual Exchange not offered by the PBEE represented by the PBE to the Service Center of the Exchange and provide information on how to access the Exchange Web Site.

(e) With regards to any other products offered by the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE outside the Individual Exchange with which the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE has an exclusive appointment, a PBE shall cease to provide enrollment services in a manner deemed to be through the Exchange in order to provide any information or services related to other products offered by the entity.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415 and 156.1230.

## § 6714 – Compensation

(a) ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs will not receive compensation from the Exchange in exchange for application and enrollment assistance.

(b) ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entities~~PBEEs may compensate affiliated individual ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs for enrollment in their compensation agreement with their ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBEs.



Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415 and 156.1230.

### § 6716 – Suspension and Revocation

- (a) Each of the following shall be justification for the Exchange to suspend or revoke the certification of any ~~Certified Plan-Based Enrollment Entity~~PBEE or ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE:
- (1) Failure to comply with all applicable federal and state laws;
  - (2) If the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE is not a Captive Agent, a potentially disqualifying criminal record under Section 6708 of Article 4 of this chapter; and
  - (3) If the ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE is a Captive Agent, failure to maintain a license in good standing with the California Department of Insurance.
- (b) Appeals.
- (1) Individuals or entities may appeal a determination made pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this Section through the process described in Section 6718 of this Article.
  - (2) Individuals or entities may appeal a determination made pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this Section through the process described in Section 6708, subdivision (c).
  - (3) Until a final determination or decision is made regarding an individual or entity's appeal, the appellant shall be disqualified from performing any functions under this Article.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415 and 156.1230.

### § 6718 – Appeal Process

- (a) Other than a determination made pursuant to Section 6708, ~~Certified Plan-Based Enroller~~PBE Fingerprinting and Criminal Record Checks, a decision that an individual or entity is not eligible or qualified to participate or continue to participate in a program under this Article may be appealed to the Exchange in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- (b) The Exchange shall allow an applicant to request an appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of the notice of eligibility determination.
- (c) The first phase of the Appeal Process shall include an informal review by the Exchange. The Exchange shall consider the information used to determine the appellant's eligibility as well as any additional relevant evidence presented during the course of the appeal. The Exchange shall make an informal resolution decision within 45 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal. The Exchange shall notify the appellant in writing of the decision.
- (d) If the appellant is satisfied with the outcome of the informal resolution decision, the appeal may be withdrawn. If the appellant is dissatisfied with the outcome of the informal resolution, the appellant may escalate the appeal to the second phase of the Appeal Process by notifying the Exchange in writing and providing additional evidence within 45 calendar days of the date of the decision in subdivision (c). During the second phase, an independent unit within the Exchange that had no involvement in the original eligibility or qualification

determination or informal resolution decision shall review the eligibility or qualification of the appellant *de novo*. The Exchange shall consider all relevant evidence presented during the course of the appeal and notify the appellant in writing of the final decision within 60 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 100503 and 100504, Government Code. Reference: Section 100503, Government Code; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 155.415 and 156.1230.