

Title 10, California Code of Regulations

Adopt Section 6432 to read:

Applicants for QHP certification or recertification in the SHOP for the 2016 Plan Year pursuant to sections 6428 and 6430 may submit health plan proposals for an effective date of October 1, 2015 by submitting the application in Section 6428 or 6430 with proposed premium rates to the Exchange by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on May 1, 2015. The application response and proposed premium rates for health plan proposals effective October 1, 2015 must utilize the 2015 Standard Plan Designs identified in section 6460.

Adopt Section 6434 to read:

Section 6434: Qualified Dental Plan (QDP) Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015

Qualified Dental Plans (QDP) are either a Children's Dental Plan or Family Dental Plan as defined in the QDP Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015, a form which is incorporated by reference. The purpose of this section is to set forth the requirements for eligible applicants to request recertification of QDPs for the Plan Year 2016 for the individual Exchange or for the SHOP Exchange. Applicants must complete the QDP Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015 in order to request recertification of its proposed QDP plan offerings for Plan Year 2016. If an applicant meets the requirements for recertification as a QDP, that issuer will be certified to offer, market and sell certified QDPs through Covered California for the Plan Year 2016. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification as a QDP for 2016, Covered California, in its sole discretion, may decline to recertify applicant's QDPs. Covered California, in its sole discretion, shall determine if the applicant's request to offer a QDP in a given geographic service area, is necessary.

(a) The definitions included in 10 CCR 6410 shall govern this section unless a conflict exists. If a conflict exists, definitions in Section 6434 shall prevail.

(b) Applicants eligible to complete the QDP Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015 to be certified to participate in the Individual or SHOP Exchange in 2016 are limited to entities below:

- (1) Access Dental Plan, Inc.
- (2) Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health Insurance Company
- (3) California Physicians' Service dba Blue Shield of California
- (4) Delta Dental of California
- (5) Dental Health Services Inc.
- (6) Guardian Life Insurance Company

- (7) Liberty Dental Plan of California, Inc.
- (8) Managed Dental Care of California
- (9) SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc.
- (10) Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
- (11) Premier Access Insurance Company

(c) Submission Requirements: Entities eligible to apply for QDP recertification to participate in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must comply with the submission dates and requirements below:

- (1) Submit a notice to Covered California indicating intent to request recertification no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on March 18, 2015.
- (2) Complete the application in subdivision (d) and submit to Covered California in its entirety no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on May 1, 2015.

(d) Qualified Dental Plan (QDP) Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016: Applicants who are eligible to complete the Qualified Dental Plan (QDP) Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015 for participation in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must complete the following: QDP Issuer Recertification Application for Plan Year 2016 dated March 5, 2015.

Authority: Government Code Sections 100504 and 100505

Reference: Government Code Sections 100502, 100503, 100504 and 100505