



COVERED CALIFORNIA POLICY AND ACTION ITEMS

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QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN CERTIFICATION AND CONTRACTING STRATEGY FOR PLAN YEAR 2020 AND BEYOND

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Action

MODEL CONTRACT 2017-2019

- Covered California is currently in second year of three-year contract period
- Typical certification cycle: For 2019 Certification process, applications would apply to next three-year contract period (2020-2022)
- Request extending current contract period for one year as Covered California plans to significantly refresh its requirements related to Quality, Network Management, and Delivery System Standards
 - Application during 2019 for 2020 plan year will be a continuation of the current contract
- Plan Year 2020 Certification Applications will be open to:
 - All licensed health and dental issuers
 - New entrants are eligible for one year contract term only - 2020
 - Covered California continues to encourage Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to apply as new entrants
 - Covered California encourages existing issuers to expand to areas with less coverage
- Certification process in 2020 will apply to a new contract period 2021-2023

RATIONALE FOR EXTENSION

Evaluation of Attachment 7 articles identified the need for more time to analyze data and collect external data; and may result in significant revisions for the new contract period. This will not delay quality improvement strategy (QIS) work by issuers in the current cycle.

Extension would allow:

- Better engagement and alignment with other large purchasers
- Gathering additional data and analyses and conducting benchmarks (where applicable)
- Essential time to summarize and share results (as appropriate) with external stakeholders, solicit input, and incorporate feedback in new model contracts and attachments

BETTER ENGAGEMENT AND ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER LARGE PURCHASERS

- Increase engagement and alignment with other large purchasers in California: CalPERS, Medi-Cal/DHCS.
- Review efforts by large national purchasers: e.g., Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, CMS, and large employers.
- What metrics and areas of service are other larger purchasers focused on and how to increase alignment?

EXTENSION ALLOWS TIME TO REVIEW RELEVANT ANALYSES AND INCREASE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- March 2019 – Share outcomes (as appropriate) with external stakeholders
- March/April - Obtain feedback
- May – July – Staff time dedicated to annual rate negotiation
- Aug/Sept – Integrate stakeholder feedback with development of new model contract and engage with stakeholders for review and feedback
- October – Final draft of New Model Contract
- November – Board presentation of 2021 New Model Contract
- January 2020 – Board approval of 2021 Model Contract

2021 MODEL CONTRACT TIMELINE

