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- Covered California partnering with GoogleAI.
- Biden Administration finalizes rule to give DACA recipients access to ACA plans.

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California: CoveredCA Becomes 2nd ACA Exchange To Announce Al Integration, ACASignups.net
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<u>Covered CA's Karen Johnson on how AI is transforming health insurance for</u> <u>Californians</u> , StateScoop
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Immigrants With DACA Protections Will Be Eligible for Obamacare, New York Times
Also: Washington Post, Politico, Axios, Reuters, NBC News and KTVU



News Release

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Covered California Collaborates with Google Public Sector to Accelerate and Simplify Health Insurance Enrollment Using Al

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Covered California, California's health insurance marketplace, announced today that it is leveraging Google Cloud's AI solutions to help streamline the organization's efforts to provide California residents with affordable, quality health insurance.

Google Cloud's AI solution, Document AI, will help improve the consumer and employee experience by automating parts of the documentation and verification process when residents apply for coverage. Once the solution is live in June, residents will be able to securely upload their documents through the Covered California online application and receive instant verification status, simplifying access to health insurance.

In 2013, 17.2 percent of the state's 39 million residents lacked access to basic health insurance. By 2022, that number was 6.5 percent. Covered California launched a pilot program in 2023, with Google Cloud and Deloitte, to test the viability of Document AI. This AI-powered solution uses machine learning (ML) to automate the repetitive task of verifying resident information, improving speed and accuracy of data extraction, and gaining insights for data-driven decision making.

The initial results proved successful, with Covered California achieving a document verification rate of 80 to 96 percent, depending on the document type, for an average of 84 percent. The previous solution had a completion rate of only 18 to 20 percent. And Covered California officials believe the new Google Cloud-powered system's success rates will only continue to improve.

"This whole journey started with broad conversations about what Google Cloud can do and where AI is going," said Karen Johnson, Covered California's chief deputy executive director. "The effectiveness of Google Cloud's solutions on its open-cloud infrastructure enabled our team to automate document verification, meet high validation thresholds and consistently keep up with shifting state legislation. We are very pleased with these initial results; Document AI has reliably fulfilled its promises and we are confident in our ability to effectively leverage it."

Processing a significant volume of documents manually, Covered California recognized the lag that manual systems have historically created in getting people the coverage they need. While essential to authenticating sensitive, personally identifiable information (PII) such as identity and income, health insurance verification processes have traditionally been time consuming. To improve the experience of both its customers and employees, this new solution will meet accuracy, efficiency, and scalability requirements.

Covered California is also using Google Cloud's <u>Assured Workloads</u> to manage and maintain FedRAMP compliance and <u>Google Security Operations</u> to help eliminate security blind spots and safeguard against attacks, part of the organization's broader efforts to protect the integrity of consumer personal information.

"We are excited to collaborate with Covered California in its mission to make healthcare more accessible and affordable for all Californians," said Brent Mitchell, Google Public Sector's vice president, U.S. state and local government and education. "Our Alpowered solutions, including Document Al, are helping to streamline the enrollment process and ensure that residents can get the coverage they need more seamlessly. We are committed to working with Covered California to help the organization continue to find innovative ways to improve the enrollment experience for everyone across the state."

To learn more about Covered California's mission to ensure Californians have access to high-quality, affordable insurance, please visit <u>www.CoveredCA.com</u>.

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