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This issue of *Issuer Insights* includes information about recently-released guidance and reports on the Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE), eligibility redetermination and reenrollment, and risk adjustment. *Issuer Insights* is a bi-weekly e-newsletter from CMS. This newsletter will keep issuers informed on the latest CMS publications, resources, trainings, and key information updates. Issuers are encouraged to check REGTAP for the most up-to-date information. Content contains active links to take you directly to information sources. Some sites contain password requirements.



DID YOU KNOW?

- **CMS Released an Updated FFE and Federally-facilitated Small Business Health Options Program (FF-SHOP) Enrollment Manual**

[This manual](#) provides operational policy and guidance on key topics related to eligibility and enrollment activities within the FFES and FF-SHOPs, as well as within the SBE-FPs. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, initial open enrollment periods and effective dates, premium payment, direct



UPCOMING DEADLINES

**FF-SHOP
Enrollment/
Reconciliation
File Submissions
for 2017 Plan Year**
DEADLINE: 7/13/2018

enrollment, special enrollment periods, and enrollment terminations.

- **CMS Released the Final 2018 Call Letter and Version 2.0 of 2018 Technical Guidance**

The [Final 2018 Call Letter](#) and [version 2.0 of the QRS and QHP Enrollee Survey: Technical Guidance for 2018](#) are now available on the MQI website. The Final 2018 Call Letter communicates finalized refinements to the QRS and QHP Enrollee Survey programs for 2018, 2019, and beyond. Version 2.0 supersedes the initial version of Technical Guidance published in October 2017; it includes the finalized 2018 QRS rating methodology, along with additional details regarding preview and public display of the quality rating information.

Files containing 2017 plan year enrollments are due by the second Friday of every month. For more information, visit [REGTAP](#) or contact shoprecon@cms.hhs.gov.

- **CMS Released Reports on the Performance of the Exchanges and Individual Health Insurance Market**

CMS released the [Early 2018 Effectuated Enrollment Snapshot](#), [Exchange Trends Report](#), and, new for this year, [Trends in Subsidized and Unsubsidized Enrollment](#). The reports data on effectuated Exchange enrollment for 2017 and 2018, overall trends on the operational and programmatic performance of the Exchange, and trends in subsidized and unsubsidized individual market enrollment from 2014 to 2017. These data provide a number of insights on how well state individual health insurance markets and Exchanges are serving the American consumer.

- **HHS and the Department of the Treasury Determined Maryland's 1332 Waiver Is Complete**

The Departments completed a preliminary review of Maryland's application for a State Innovation Waiver under [Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \(PPACA\)](#), which the state submitted on May 31, 2018, and determined the waiver is complete. Maryland seeks to waive PPACA requirements and implement a Reinsurance Program called the Maryland State Reinsurance Program for 2019 – 2023. [This letter](#) marks the start of the 30-day federal comment period while the application is under review; the comment period is open until August 4, 2018.

- **CMS Issued Guidance on Annual Eligibility Redetermination and Reenrollment**

[This guidance](#) outlines the policies the FFE will operationalize for the upcoming Open Enrollment Period.

- **CMS Released the Benefit Year (BY) Risk Adjustment Summary Report**

[This report](#) reflects the final estimated results of the risk adjustment program for the 2017 benefit year, the fourth year this program has operated. A [press release](#) related to this report was issued on July 7, 2018.



RECENTLY RELEASED:

- **Distributed Data Collection for RI and RA/Edge Server**

- [EDGE Server Timeline \(7/05/18\)](#)
- [Interface Control Document \(ICD\) Version 02.01.15 \(7/2/18\)](#)
- [EDGE Server Annual Archive Job Aid \(7/2/18\)](#)

- **Training Materials (Presentation Slides)**

- [CSR Reconciliation Discrepancy Process Overview for BY 2017 and BY 2016 Restatements \(062718\)](#)
- [Transparency in Coverage Data \(6/28/18\)](#)
- [Ending Special Enrollment Periods \(SEPs\) for Coverage Year 2017](#)

[\(04/16/18\)](#)

- [Failure to File and Reconcile \(FTR\) Recheck \(04/16/18\)](#)
- [Part II: Marketplace Privacy & Security Requirements for Agents and Brokers](#)
- [Plan Preview: Tools and Tips \(6/21/18\)](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAININGS:

- [Qualified Health Plan \(QHP\) Series Register](#)
(Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET)
 - [07/10/2018, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET](#)
- [EDGE Server Webinar Series VII Register](#)
 - [07/10/2018, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET](#)
- [Enrollment Bi-Weekly Issuer Policy Call Series XI Register](#)
 - [07/09/2018, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET](#)
 - [07/23/2018, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET](#)
- [FM Payment Processing Series III Register](#)
 - [07/16/2018, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET](#)
- [PPACA HHS Risk Adjustment Data Validation Webinar Series III Register](#)
 - [07/11/2018, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET](#)
- [Federally-facilitated Small Business Health Options Program \(FF-SHOP\) Webinar Series XIII Register](#)
 - [07/17/2018, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET](#)
- [2018 Health Insurance Marketplace Updates for Agents and Brokers Register](#)
- [CMS-Issuer Technical Workgroup](#)
Details on CMSzONE Issuer Community Calendar
1-877-267-1577; ID: 2284-2124
(Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET)
 - [07/10/2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET](#)
 - [07/17/2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET](#)
- [HIOS User Group](#)
1-888-455-8828; Passcode 6714482
(Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET)
 - [07/11/2018, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET](#)
 - [07/18/2018, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET](#)
- [CMS Data Reconciliation Workgroup \(formerly the Enrollment Data Baseline call\)](#)
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 - [07/12/2018, 12:30 – 1:30 PM ET](#)
 - [07/19/2018, 12:30 – 1:30 PM ET](#)