

The Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

This issue of *Issuer Insights* includes information about the Market Stabilization Final Rule, special enrollment periods (SEPs), Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Application materials, and agents and brokers. *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 the Market Stabilization Final Rule**
[This rule](#) finalizes changes that will help stabilize the individual and small group markets, and affirm the traditional role of state regulators. The rule amends standards relating to SEPs, guaranteed availability, the timing of Open Enrollment in the individual market for the 2018 plan year, QHP standards on network adequacy and essential community providers, and rules around actuarial value requirements.
- **CMS Released Guidance on Ending SEPs for Coverage for Calendar Year 2016**
[This document](#) notes that as of April 1, 2017, CMS is no longer accepting new requests for an SEP that would enable consumers to enroll in a qualified health plan (QHP) with 2016 coverage effective dates through the Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM). This practice is consistent with prior years.
- **CMS Posted Final Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Application Materials for Plan Year (PY) 2018**
CMS posted the final application materials to the [QHP website](#). Issuers applying for certification for QHPs, including stand-alone dental plans (SADPs), should use the application instructions, corresponding supporting documentation and justification forms, and application templates when applying for PY18 certification to participate in the Federally-facilitated Marketplace (FFM).
- **Agents and Brokers Should Still Complete Registration**
There are many reasons for agents and brokers to [register](#) with the Marketplace outside of Open Enrollment. Agents and brokers who complete registration will be added to [Find Local Help](#), and can assist consumers who qualify for a SEP and help enrolled clients make effective use of their Marketplace coverage. Registered agents and brokers will also be eligible to take the refresher training next year, which takes only half the amount of time as the full training. Additionally, the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Marketplace is open year-round, which means agents and brokers can still earn commissions on SHOP plan sales now.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

FF-SHOP Enrollment/ Reconciliation File Submissions for 2015 and 2016 Plan Years
DEADLINE: 5/12/2017
Files for 2015 and 2016 plan years are due by the second Friday of every month. For more information, visit [REGTAP](#) or contact shoprecon@cms.hhs.gov.



RECENTLY RELEASED:

- **Distributed Data Collection for RI and RA/Edge Server**
 - [EDGE Server Maintenance Release Notes \(4/28/17\)](#)
 - [EDGE Server Timeline \(4/11/17\)](#)
- **FAQs Regarding Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Periodic Data Matching**

These FAQs are intended to provide issuers, agents, and brokers with information about technical and operational aspects of Medicaid/CHIP periodic data matching. [Download](#).
- **Additional Recently Published FAQs**

New FAQs published on tax readiness, including Form 1095-As, Form 8962, and results from the Lowest Cost Bronze Plan Tool. [Search](#).
- **Training Materials (Presentation Slides)**
 - [Data Matching Issues \(DMI\) Outreach File Delivery Update \(3/13/17\)](#)
 - [Medicaid CHIP Periodic Data Matching \(PDM\) Overview for Issuers \(3/13/17\)](#)
 - [2016 Benefit Year Audit Tool Overview, Registration Activities & IVA Entity Designation \(4/12/17\)](#)
 - [HHS-RADV IVA Entity Selection and Conflict of Interest \(3/1/17\)](#)
 - [Data Integrity Tool \(4/4/17\)](#)
 - [RA New Issuer Series: RA User Fees and RA Default Charges \(4/6/17\)](#)
 - [Technical Assistance Call for Reconciliation of the CSR Component of Advance Payments for BY 2016](#)
 - [Update: Erroneous 2016 Terminations & 2017 Passive Cancels Background and Resolution](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRAININGS:

- **2017 Qualified Health Plan (QHP) April Series IV [Register](#)**
(Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET, Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET)
 - 04/18/2017, 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET
 - 04/20/2017, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET
 - 04/25/2017, 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET
 - 04/27/2017, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET
- **Cost-sharing Reduction (CSR) Reconciliation Technical Assistance Series II [Register](#)**
 - 04/19/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
 - 04/24/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
 - 04/26/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
 - 05/01/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
- **ACA HHS-Operated Risk Adjustment Data Validation Webinar Series II [Register](#)**
(Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET)
 - 04/19/2017, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET
 - 04/26/2017, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET
- **Federally-facilitated Small Business Health Options Program (FF-SHOP) Webinar Series X [Register](#)**
 - 04/25/2017, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

- **Enrollment Bi-weekly Issuer Call Series IX [Register](#)**
 - 04/24/2017, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

- **FM Payment Processing Series II [Register](#)**
(Mondays, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET)
 - 04/17/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
 - 05/01/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

- **EDGE Server Webinar Series VI [Register](#)**
(Tuesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET)
 - 04/25/2017, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET

- **CMS-Issuer Technical Workgroup**
Details on [CMSzONE Issuer Community Calendar](#)
1-877-267-1577; ID: 2284-2124
(Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET)
 - 04/18/2017, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET
 - 04/25/2017, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

- **HIOS User Group**
1-888-455-8828; Passcode 6714482
(Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET)
 - 04/19/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
 - 04/26/2017, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

- **CMS Data Reconciliation Workgroup** (formerly the Enrollment Data Baseline call)
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