

Sales Division Webinar #11

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Agenda

- Close of 2015 Open Enrollment Period
- New Enrollment & Overall Numbers
- Enrollment by Channel & Demographic Highlights
- Special Enrollment Periods, Qualifying Life Events, & New Qualifying Life Event: Informed of Tax Penalty Risk
- Immigration and the Tax Penalty
- ► RECAP:1095-A Dispute Form Process
- ► REMIDNER: Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) Slider
- Medi-Cal Payment Update



Close of 2015 Open Enrollment Period

NOVEMBER 15, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Resources to Help You Keep and Use Your

Insurance Plan

Covered California Health

2015 Open Enrollment Period closed February 15, 2015

- ▶ Grace period to complete applications ended February 16-22, 2015
- Consumer applications assisted by CEC/PBE during grace period have been finalized by Covered California
- ▶ Binder payments due February 24, 2015 for March 1, 2015 effective date of coverage



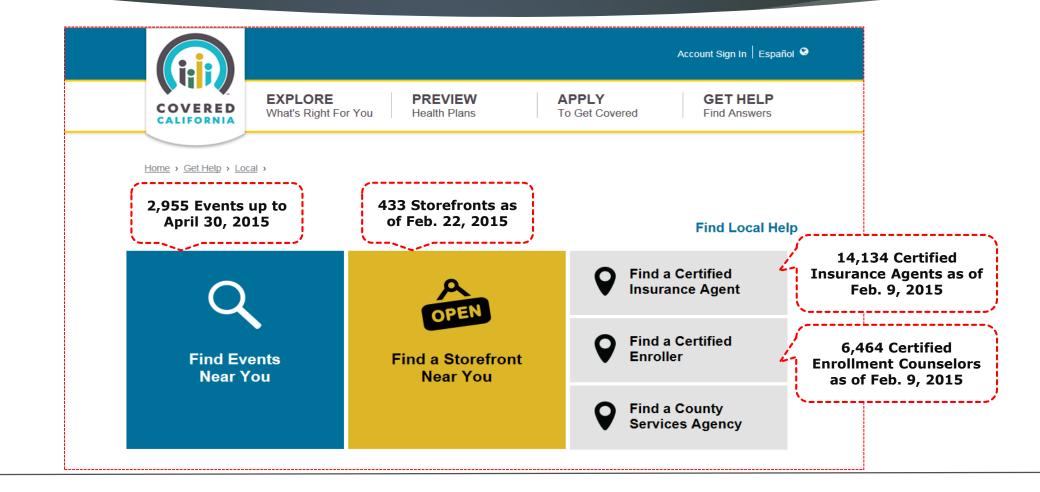
NEW ENROLLMENT

COVERED CALIFORNIA 2015 ENROLLMENT EVENTS



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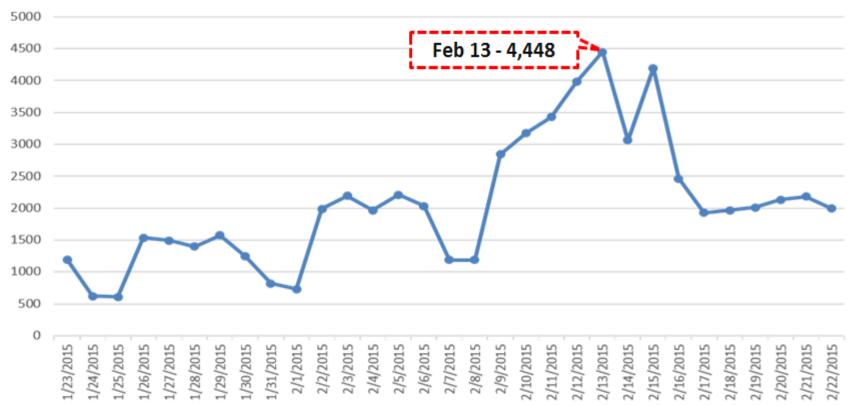
Covered California's Website: Find Local Help





Visitors to Storefront Webpage





Total Hits: 72,344



Open Enrollment Update

COVERED CALIFORNIA ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

Open Enrollment Update



474,000*

people selected health plans by midnight Sunday, February 22nd including more than 36,000 on Sunday

*Preliminary



Qualifying Life
Events & Special
Enrollment Periods

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT
LIMITED-TERM SPECIAL
ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY
2/23/15 TO 4/30/15

Special Enrollment Periods

What is Special Enrollment?

- ► Consumers who want to sign up for a Covered California Health Plan after the close of the Open Enrollment Period <u>must</u> experience a "Qualifying Life Event" (QLE).
- ▶ A QLE provides consumers 60 days from the date of the life event to sign up for coverage in a Covered California Health Plan. This is known as the **Special Enrollment Period (SEP)**.

New! Limited-Term Special Enrollment Opportunity

- ▶ Effective Monday, February 23, 2015 through April 30, 2015
- Qualifying Life Event: "Informed of Tax Penalty Risk"
- QLE, "Informed of Tax Penalty Risk", has been added to the application QLE drop-down menu.
- ► Consumers attest that they became aware of the tax penalty after the 2015 Open Enrollment Period closed.



Who can apply during a Special Enrollment Period?

Currently enrolled Covered California Health Plan members:

May change their existing health insurance plan if they have an applicable Qualifying Life Event (QLE)

New consumers:

Can apply and enroll in a Covered California Health Insurance Plan if they have a QLE.

IMPORTANT:

- ▶ If consumers do not have a situation that is a QLE, they will have to wait until the next openenrollment period in the fall of 2015 to sign up for health insurance that starts in the 2016 calendar year.
- Medi-Cal eligible applicants can apply at any time of the year by selecting the QLE drop-down choice "None of the Above."



Qualifying Life Event (QLE) Examples

Enroll within 60 days of a Qualifying Life Event (QLE)



DIDN'T REALIZE THERE IS A TAX PENALTY FOR BEING UNINSURED?

Find out if you qualify for coverage now.

NEW Qualifying Life Event for a limited of time. Applicants must attest to the fact that they did not realize there was a tax penalty by selecting "Informed of Tax Penalty Risk" on the drop-down menu.

Effective Only February 23, 2015 to April 30, 2015

http://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/special-enrollment/qualifying-life-events/



Qualifying Life Event (QLE) Drop-Down

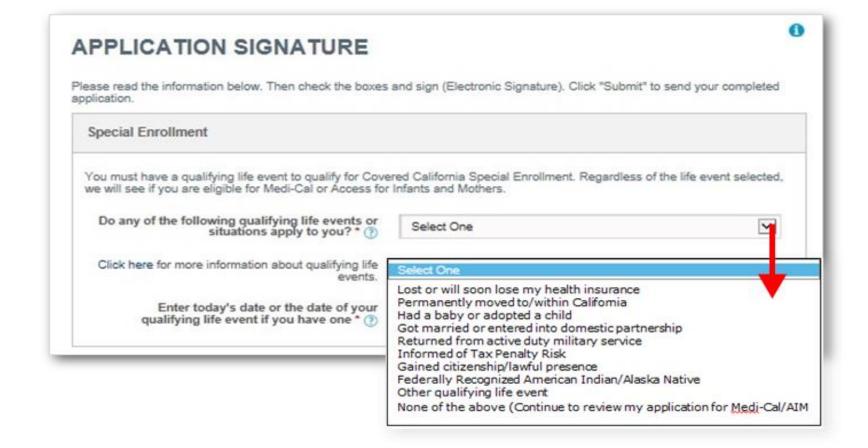
Screenshot of the Application
 Signature displays
 the new QLE
 "Informed of Tax
 Penalty Risk", from
 the QLE drop-down
 menu.





Qualifying Life Event (QLE) Drop-Down Change

QLE, "Released from jail or prison", has been removed from the drop-down menu. Consumers who have experienced this QLE will now have to select the QLE, "Other qualifying life event" to start their SEP application.





Special Enrollment Reminders

- Consumers can enroll online (self-service) if they have a QLE.
- ▶ May contact the Covered California Service Center, county social services offices, Certified Enrollment Counselors (CECs), Plan-Based Enrollers (PBEs), or Certified Insurance Agents (CIAs) for enrollment assistance during their SEP
- ▶ If "Other" is chosen as the QLE, administrative review and approval is required. Consumers will be contacted by a Covered California representative to finalize plan selection.
- Medi-Cal eligible applicants may apply at any time during the year.
- ► Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives can apply for Covered California at any time during the year. They must select the QLE, "Federally Recognized American Indian/Alaska Native", from the QLE drop-down menu.



Special Enrollment Reminders

Certified Insurance Agents, Certified Enrollment Counselors, and Plan-Based Enrollers

- Covered California Press Release
- ▶ Review the Covered California Job Aid Special Enrollment Processing, dated February 20, 2015
- ▶ Help consumers enroll if the consumer has a change of circumstances or a QLE.

Additional information or questions:

- Consumers Covered California Consumer Service Center at: 1-800-300-1506 and speak with a Service Center Representative
- Certified Insurance Agents Agent Service Center at: 1-877-453-9198
- ▶ Certified Enrollment Counselors and Plan-Based Enrollers CEC/PBE Help Desk at: 1-855-324-3147



Immigration and the Tax Penalty

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Immigration and the Tax Penalty

- If you are ineligible to buy a Covered California Health Plan because of your immigration status:
 - ➤ You are NOT required to get insured or pay the tax penalty for being uninsured even if you have a Social Security Number
 - Includes consumers that have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and/or are undocumented
- ▶ Visit the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) website (www.nilc.org) for more information on how to proceed during tax-filing season
 - Available both in English and Spanish
 - How consumers can amend their tax return
 - Request a refund if they have already filed their taxes and paid a tax penalty for being uninsured



RECAP: 1095-A
Dispute Form

DISPUTE FORM 1095-A FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA CONSUMER

RECAP: 1095-A Dispute Form Process

Consumers should use this form:

- ▶ To dispute the information on their IRS Form 1095-A or
- ▶ To request an IRS Form 1095-A if you did not receive one

Consumers should include with the form:

- Invoices from health plans that show the amount of premium assistance (tax credits or APTC) received and the monthly premium that was paid, or
- Covered California notices that show eligibility for premium assistance

Covered California:

- Reviews and checks the new information reported on the Dispute Form
- ▶ If, after review, Covered California determines that the updated information provided is correct, we will send a new, corrected IRS Form 1095-A, indicated by a checkbox on the top of the form



RECAP: 1095-A Dispute Form Process

- ▶ Do I have to use this form to make all changes to information on my Form 1095-A?
 - ▶ No. If you would like to correct any of the following information on your Form 1095-A, you may do so by calling Covered California's Service Center or contacting your local County Social Services office.
 - ▶ You do not need to complete this form for the following types of changes. The information a Service Center Representative or local County Social Services official can change is:
 - Your name
 - Your date of birth
 - Your social security number
 - Your address
- ► How can I get a copy of the Dispute Form 1095-A for Covered California Consumer?
 - http://www.coveredca.com/PDFs/1095-A-Dispute-Form.pdf



RECAP: 1095-A Dispute Form Process

- ▶ When will I receive a corrected Form 1095-A after I submitted the 1095-A Dispute Form?
 - ► The postmark date on the envelope or the date of a fax will be considered the date of receipt for this form.
 - Covered California will respond to you within 60 days of the date of receipt.
 - ▶ If Covered California is able to verify that the *changes you report on this form are correct, we will send you a corrected Form 1095-A* within 60 days.
 - ▶ If Covered California <u>can't verify</u> the changes you requested, a Covered California Service Center Representative will call you within 60 days of the date of receipt to tell you that you will <u>not</u> get an updated Form 1095-A.
 - ▶ If you do not get a new, corrected Form 1095-A, you must use the original Form 1095-A Covered California sent you to complete Form 8962 to file your tax return.
 - ▶ **NOTE:** Medi-Cal recipients and individuals who purchased plans through Covered California's Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) will not get an IRS Form 1095 for tax year 2014.



RECAP: 1095-A Dispute Form Process RESOURCES

- Assistance in the Spanish language or need a Spanish Form, call 1-800-300-0213.
- Assistance in other languages other than English or Spanish, please click on this webpage link: http://www.coveredca.com/PDFs/1095-A-Dispute-Form.pdf for the language-specific telephone numbers.
- Additional Information on the IRS Form 1095-A, please visit: www.coveredca.com
- ► Information about filing your taxes, please visit: www.irs.gov/aca
- ▶ Free tax advice is also available through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance at 1-800-906-9887 or if you are over 60 years old there is free Tax Counseling for the Elderly at 1-800-906-9887.



Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) Slider

CONSUMERS CAN ELECT ON HOW MUCH APTC THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE NOW

REMINDER: Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) Slider

- Covered California consumers can make changes to the amount of Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC), or premium assistance, they receive at any time during the plan year.
- Additional resources to help consumers adjust their APTC amount:
 - Changing APTC Job Aid
 - Changing APTC Recorded Webinar
 - Changing APTC PDF of Webinar Presentation



Medi-Cal Payment Update

DHCS & COVERED CALIFORNIA UPDATES

Medi-Cal Payment Update

- For Certified Insurance Agents (CIAs) only:
 - Medi-Cal commission payments will be issued at the end of February for approved cases through September 30, 2014
 - ▶ By mid-April, commission payments will be issued for approved cases through November 30, 2014, for those CIAs with an approved contract on file.
- Check the status of a Medi-Cal application by calling the county office where the applicant was enrolled
- DHCS will send Medi-Cal Payment Remittance Notices after September 2014.
- ► Remittance letter inquiries (for Medi-Cal checks issued after September 2014) should be submitted directly to DHCS via email to DHCSoutreach@dhcs.ca.gov
- ▶ Thank you for your continued support and partnership with Covered California



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