



California Health Benefit Exchange

MEMORANDUM

NOTICE TO SUPPLEMENTAL DENTAL AND VISION BIDDERS:

Date: February 26, 2013

Re: Supplemental Benefits: Bidders Update

Covered California's board is committed to offering consumers the option of purchasing supplemental vision and dental benefits. We are also committed to providing consumers the same level of ease and access to enroll in supplemental coverage that we offer for our affordable coverage options. However, we have determined that CalHEERS will not be able to offer supplemental vision and dental options with the first open enrollment in the fall of 2013.

Processing the enrollment of individuals in Qualified Health Plans offering essential health benefits is the system's core functionality and Covered California's first priority. This core functionality must be developed, tested, and implemented for fall enrollment, with coverage effective January 1, 2014, as mandated by law.

Concurrently, the CalHEERS team will develop and test the enrollment process for purchasing supplemental coverage. The launch of that system will take place after the initial enrollment launch for essential health benefits. This staged implementation will allow for a more seamless implementation and successful end-user experience.

We are evaluating dates for offering the supplemental coverage options, and assessing pathways to link consumers who will have already enrolled in Covered California. This change in deployment may also impact the timing of our solicitations for supplemental vision and dental coverage.

Covered California indeed recognizes the potential benefits of offering consumers the option of purchasing vision and dental supplemental benefit plans. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to working with you and receiving your perspective.

We appreciate the work that your plan has invested in this process, and look forward to continuing our relationship. Please feel free to contact Michael Lujan at (916) 323-3615 with questions or concerns.



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The HBEX 15 – Exchange Dental Benefits Solicitation and HBEX 16 – Exchange Vision Benefits Solicitation were amended on February 26, 2013 and contain the following changes:

G. KEY ACTION DATES (**Revised 2/26/13**)

Listed below is a series of key actions related to this solicitation, along with the corresponding dates and times by which each key action must be taken or completed. If the Exchange finds it necessary to change any of these dates, such changes will be accomplished through addenda to this solicitation. All dates subsequent to the final response submission deadline are approximate and may be adjusted as conditions warrant, without addenda to this solicitation.

Action	Date/Time
Release of Solicitation	01/08/2013
Questions from bidders due to the Exchange	01/16/2013
Intent to Bid notifications due to Exchange	01/16/2013
Revised Benefit Designs posted for Supplemental Dental and Vision Submission of bidder responses (12:00 noon PST)	New: 3/08/2013 Revised: 3/31/13
Tentative Certification notices to be sent to bidders	05/15/2013
Execution of contracts with the selected dental and vision plan issuers (projected)	06/01/2013

Bidders responding to both Pediatric EHB and Supplemental dental solicitations do not need to repeat common components of the solicitation response. Separate bids relate to the premium rates and benefit designs offered.