

Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Issuers Expected to Submit a Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS) During the 2017 QHP Application Submission and Review Period

Background

An issuer participating in a Marketplace for two or more consecutive years must implement and report on a QIS, in accordance with section 1311(g) of the Affordable Care Act entitled “Rewarding Quality Through Market-Based Incentives.” A QIS should incentivize quality by tying payments to measures of performance when providers meet specific quality indicators or enrollees make certain choices or exhibit behaviors associated with improved health. The QIS requirements apply to all issuers offering QHPs and Multi-state Plan (MSP) options through a Marketplace, whether through the individual market or through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Marketplace.

Eligibility

An issuer must submit at least one QIS to a Marketplace for the 2017 coverage year if the following participation criteria are met:

- **The issuer offered coverage through a Marketplace in 2014 and 2015.**
- **The issuer provides family and/or adult-only medical coverage.**
The QIS (or more than one QIS) should cover all eligible QHPs, which are QHPs offered through the Marketplace at all levels of coverage (bronze, silver, gold, platinum, and catastrophic) for all of the following product types: health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred provider organizations (PPOs), point of service (POS) plans, exclusive provider organizations (EPOs), and indemnity plans. At this time, the QIS requirements do not apply to child-only plans, stand-alone dental plans (SADPs), or QHPs that are compatible with health savings accounts (HSAs).
- **The issuer meets the QIS minimum enrollment threshold.**
An issuer must submit at least one QIS if it had more than 500 enrollees within a product type per state as of July 1, 2015. Furthermore, for any product type that has more than 500 enrollees as of July 1, 2015, all QHPs within that type must be covered by a QIS.

An issuer has the option of implementing one QIS that covers multiple health plans and product types, or having multiple quality improvement strategies to cover all eligible health plans and product types.

Timeline

Issuers applying for QHP certification in the Federally-facilitated Marketplaces (FFMs) for the 2017 coverage year are expected to submit a completed [QIS Implementation Plan and Progress Report form](#) during the 2017 QHP Application Submission and Review Period. Issuers’ quality improvement strategies should start no later than January 1, 2017.

Additional Information

Additional information about the requirements and the submission criteria can be found in the [QIS Technical Guidance and User Guide for the 2017 Coverage Year](#), which is available on [CMS’ Health Insurance Marketplace Quality Initiatives website](#).

QHP Issuers Expected to Submit at Least One QIS

Based on application of the QIS participation criteria, the following issuers are expected to submit at least one QIS per Marketplace for the 2017 coverage year. Issuers that are included on the list, but believe they do not meet the QIS participation criteria, should contact their Account Managers.

HIOS Issuer ID	State	Issuer Name
73836	AK	Moda Health Plan, Inc.
46944	AL	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
44580	AL	Humana Insurance Company
75293	AR	Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield
62141	AR	Celtic Insurance Company
70525	AR	QCA Health Plan, Inc.
53901	AZ	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Arizona, Inc.
70239	AZ	Health Choice Insurance Co.
51485	AZ	Health Net Life Insurance Company
91450	AZ	Health Net of Arizona, Inc.
23307	AZ	Humana Health Plan, Inc.
60761	AZ	Meritus Health Partners
92045	AZ	Meritus Mutual Health Partners
76168	DE	Highmark BCBSD Inc.
16842	FL	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida
57451	FL	Coventry Health Care of Florida, Inc.
56503	FL	Florida Health Care Plan, Inc.
27357	FL	Health First Health Plans, Inc.
77150	FL	Health First Insurance, Inc.
30252	FL	Health Options, Inc.
35783	FL	Humana Medical Plan, Inc.
54172	FL	Molina Healthcare of Florida, Inc
83761	GA	Alliant Health Plans
49046	GA	Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan of Georgia, Inc.
50491	GA	Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company
93332	GA	Humana Employers Health Plan of Georgia, Inc.
89942	GA	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia
18973	IA	Coventry Health Care of Iowa Inc.
36096	IL	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
35670	IL	Coventry Health & Life Co.
96601	IL	Coventry Health Care of Illinois, Inc.
20129	IL	Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc.
58288	IL	Humana Health Plan, Inc.
79763	IL	Land of Lincoln Mutual Health Insurance Company
17575	IN	Anthem Ins Companies Inc(Anthem BCBS)

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50816	IN	Physicians Health Plan of Northern Indiana, Inc.
94248	KS	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
18558	KS	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Inc.
19636	LA	HMO Louisiana, Inc.
44965	LA	Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana, Inc.
97176	LA	Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company
67243	LA	Vantage Health Plan, Inc.
48396	ME	Anthem Health Plans of ME(Anthem BCBS)
33653	ME	Maine Community Health Options
67577	MI	Alliance Health and Life Insurance Company
98185	MI	Blue Care Network of Michigan
15560	MI	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Mutual Insurance Company
37651	MI	Health Alliance Plan (HAP)
46275	MI	Humana Medical Plan of Michigan, Inc.
40047	MI	Molina Healthcare of Michigan, Inc.
60829	MI	Physicians Health Plan
29698	MI	Priority Health
29241	MI	Priority Health Insurance Company (PHIC)
67183	MI	Total Health Care USA, Inc.
34762	MO	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City
44527	MO	Coventry Health & Life Insurance Co.
44240	MO	Coventry Health and Life
32753	MO	Healthy Alliance Life Co(Anthem BCBS)
30613	MO	Humana Insurance Company
48963	MS	Humana Insurance Company
30751	MT	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana
32225	MT	Montana Health Cooperative
23603	MT	PacificSource Health Plans
11512	NC	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC
37160	ND	Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota
73751	ND	Medica Health Plans
89364	ND	Sanford Health Plan
29678	NE	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
15438	NE	Coventry Health Care of Nebraska Inc.
96751	NH	Matthew Thornton Hlth Plan(Anthem BCBS)
77606	NJ	AmeriHealth HMO, Inc.
91762	NJ	AmeriHealth Ins Company of New Jersey
10191	NJ	Freelancers CO-OP of New Jersey, Inc.
91661	NJ	Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc.
19722	NM	Molina Health Care of New Mexico, Inc.

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93091	NM	New Mexico Health Connections
57173	NM	Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc.
67129	OH	Aetna Life Insurance Company
28162	OH	AultCare Insurance Company
41047	OH	Buckeye Community Health Plan
77552	OH	CareSource
29276	OH	Community Insurance Company(Anthem BCBS)
92036	OH	HealthSpan
20126	OH	HealthSpan Integrated Care
66083	OH	Humana Health Plan of Ohio, Inc.
99969	OH	Medical Health Insuring Corp. of Ohio
64353	OH	MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF OHIO
74313	OH	Paramount Insurance Company
52664	OH	Summa Insurance Company, Inc.
87571	OK	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma
98905	OK	CommunityCare HMO Inc.
64844	PA	Aetna Health Inc. (a PA corp.)
45127	PA	Capital Advantage Assurance Company
55957	PA	First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.
22444	PA	Geisinger Health Plan
75729	PA	Geisinger Quality Options
70194	PA	Highmark Health Insurance Company
33709	PA	Highmark Inc.
31609	PA	Independence Blue Cross (QCC Ins. Co.)
53789	PA	Keystone Health Plan Central
33871	PA	Keystone Health Plan East, Inc.
26065	SC	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina
49532	SC	BlueChoice HealthPlan of South Carolina, Inc.
65122	SC	Consumers' Choice Health Insurance Company
60536	SD	Avera Health Plans, Inc.
31195	SD	Sanford Health Plan
14002	TN	BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
99248	TN	Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company
82120	TN	Humana Insurance Company
91716	TX	Aetna Life Insurance Company
33602	TX	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
55409	TX	Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company
46224	TX	Community First Health Plans, Inc.
27248	TX	Community Health Choice, Inc.
32673	TX	Humana Health Plan of Texas, Inc.

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63141	TX	Humana Insurance Company
45786	TX	Molina Healthcare of Texas
40788	TX	Scott and White Health Plan
71837	TX	Sendero Health Plans, inc.
26539	TX	SHA, LLC DBA FirstCare Health Plans
56764	UT	Humana Medical Plan of Utah, Inc.
18167	UT	Molina Healthcare of Utah
68781	UT	SelectHealth
38234	VA	Aetna Life Insurance Company
10207	VA	CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc.
99663	VA	Coventry Health Care of Virginia, Inc
40308	VA	Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.
88380	VA	HealthKeepers, Inc.
12028	VA	Innovation Health Insurance Company
95185	VA	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
20507	VA	Optima Health Plan
15668	VA	Piedmont Community HealthCare, Inc.
87416	WI	Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative
79475	WI	Compcare Health Serv Ins Co(Anthem BCBS)
38345	WI	Dean Health Plan
94529	WI	Group Health Cooperative- SCW
91058	WI	Gundersen Health Plan, Inc.
47342	WI	Health Tradition Health Plan
57845	WI	Medica Health Plans of Wisconsin
58326	WI	MercyCare HMO, Inc.
52697	WI	Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin, Inc.
38166	WI	Security Health Plan of Wisconsin, Inc.
37833	WI	Unity Health Plans Insurance Corporation
84670	WI	WPS Health Plan, Inc.
31274	WV	Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia
11269	WY	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming