Agent Newsletter

2018-19 Partner Agent Contracts have been selected

Congratulations to the following agencies, which have been selected to participate in the 2018-19 Partner Agent Program for plan year 2019. These agencies have been awarded grants to help the Marketplace serve consumers throughout the state, reaching and enrolling Oregonians in coverage.

Central Oregon
- Barlow Insurance, La Pine
- Central Financial Services of Oregon, Bend
- Country Financial, Sisters
- High Desert Insurance, Bend
- Klamath Financial, Klamath Falls
- Columbia George
  - Rennt-Coy Insurance, Moscow (R)
  - Columbia Crossroads
    - Bennett Insurance Agency, Enterprise
    - The Simmons Agency, Hermiston
    - Valley Insurance, La Grande

North Coast
- Exchange Insurance Services, St. Helens
- Linda Ougler Insurance, Astoria
- Portland Metro
  - Exchange Insurance Services, Hillsboro
  - FG Insurance, Portland
  - HealthPlan NW, Milwaukee
  - Healthwise Insurance Planning, Portland
  - Health Plans in Oregon, Portland
  - HE Cosa Company, Portland
  - Healthy, Wealthy & Wise, Portland
  - Insurance Lounge, Beaverton & Lakeside
  - Premier NW Insurance, Oregon City & Sandy
- Southern Oregon and South Coast
  - Abel Insurance Agency, Coos Bay & Gold Beach
  - Centrury Insurance, Ashland
  - Insurance Lounge, Medford & Grants Pass
  - Health Insurance Place, Grants Pass
  - The Health Insurance Store, Roseburg
  - Waxwater Valley and Cannon Coast
    - Aaron Burns Insurance, Eugene
    - Abel Insurance Agency, Florence & Newport
    - Balsone Insurance, MaMerville
    - Bozic Insurance Associates, Eugene
    - Bredimus Insurance Agency, Salem
    - Chelalem Insurance Associates, Newberg
    - Cover Oregon, Albany
    - Matthew Woodbridge Insurance, Salem
    - Pfiff-Karen Insurance, Independence
    - Tamar Baird Planning, Eugene
  - RUS & Associates Insurance Services, Philomath
  - OSHP Open Year 2018: Reconciliation and Training

If you have not already done so, please complete the plan year 2019 agent registration and training at your earliest convenience. Agents and brokers must access training via the CMS

http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Documents/2017-exiting-carriers.xlsx

For assistance with registration and training, contact the Agent/Broker Help Desk at FNHPProducer-AccesstoCareDesk@cms.hhs.gov.

CMS: Some day care coverage termination in affect

The Oregon Division for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMMS) now allows consumers to request some-day care coverage terminations (i.e., the termination takes effect on the date of request) instead of the previous requirement to give a 14 days prior notice. Consumers can also select that Marketplace coverage end date is to a day in the future. More information is available here.

Once consumers and their Marketplace coverage, they cannot re-enroll in a Marketplace plan until the next annual Open Enrollment period (unless they qualify for a special enrollment period).

Here’s how the new policy affects two types of consumers you may assist with terminating Marketplace coverage:

- If you are helping a consumer end coverage for just one person on the application, in most cases the coverage for the terminated household members will end immediately. The best way to make sure their coverage ends on the right date is to instruct the consumer to contact the Marketplace Call Center and request the coverage be terminated.

- If you are helping a consumer end coverage for everyone on the application, the termination can take effect as soon as the day the consumer cancels, he or she can go to the Marketplace coverage and end it to a day in the future. A consumer might want this if he or she knows a household’s new coverage will start on the first of the following month.

New guidance on short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) reviewed the federal rule about short-term, limited-duration insurance. The Oregon Division suggests that any consumer who market, sell, or offer short-term health plans to Oregon consumers should be aware of the federal rule does not apply to a state’s ability to regulate these plans.

It is a violation of Oregon law to market, sell, or offer short-term health insurance policies that exceed three months, including renewals, and a new policy cannot be issued to a customer within 60 days of expiration.

More information on this guidance is available on the DFR website.

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