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Carrier & ACA Updates 11.28.16

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- **New Email Address** - Contact customer service at small.group@Anthem.com
- **EOCs** - Now online, no more mailed copies.
- **Special Open Enrollment (SEP) for Small Groups only for 1/1/17 Effective Date** - Complete submission of all employer and employee forms are due 12/15/16. Employee minimum participation and employer contribution requirements are waived. All other underwriting requirements still apply.
- **2017 Rx Changes** - The Select Drug List will replace the National formulary and will apply to all plans in the 2017 portfolio. Members with an impacted drug will receive a notification in the mail.
- **SBCs** - View instructions on how to download them.
- **Relaxed Participation Through 3/15/17** - Reduced to 30% participation when 5 or more enroll.
- **DE9C Not Required with 6 or More Enrolling Through 3/15/17** - Groups with prior carrier coverage must submit prior carrier bill. Excludes virgin groups.
- **HMO Dual Network Selection Through 3/15/17** - Offer one or both HMO networks. All groups must select only one PPO Network.
- **Same Day Turnaround for New Business Enrollment** - Case must use the Census Enrollment Tool, case must be clean with no missing information or documents.
- **2017 New Plan Offerings** - 4 new HMOs and 1 new PPO plan.
- **Discontinued Plans and Networks effective 1/1/17** - No more HRA plans and no Priority Select Network.
- **2017 Pharmacy Changes** - New 90 day retail benefit and copay changes.
- **2017 ACA to ACA Mapping Grid** - Now available on Easy Renew, [click here](#).
- **2016 Updated SG HMO Network Guide** - Includes a list of participating medical groups and Independent Practice Associations for CaliforniaCare, Select HMO and Priority Select HMO, [click here](#). Reminder, effective 1/1/17 contracts, there will only be two HMO networks, not three.
- **Renewal Reminders** - view/download renewals through [Producer Toolbox](#) and utilize the [Easy Renew](#) website.
- **Groups 51-100 Renewing January 2017** – Large group renewals were automatically issued on October 4, 2016, which included a Renewal Acceptance/Attestation Notification. If the Acceptance/Attestation is not received, a small group renewal will generate and the transition to small group will automatically commence during the 1st week of December.
- **How to Make a Plan Change at Renewal** - 1) Use the applicable plan change request form, 2) Get a letter on company letter head or 3) Complete the renewal packet forms and have the group sign it. Send requests to Small.Group@Anthem.com.
- **Best Way to Submit Small Group Employee Changes and Enrollments** - Submit changes 1) Using the [E-Submit web portal](#), New to E-Submit? [View the E-Submit Guide](#), 2) Fax forms to 855-750-2227 or 3) Email them to Small.Group@Anthem.com.
- **2017 Renewal Quote Enhancements** - Several new features have been added or updated, making it easier to renew your group and submit plan change selections.
- **Early Renewal/Anniversary Date Change Cut-off Dates** - View the cut-off dates for requesting an early renewal (only allowed once in a 12-month period).
- **LiveHealth** - Board-certified doctors are available online 24/7 to assess your health condition and even provide a prescription. Prescription availability is defined by physician judgment and state regulations. View the [LiveHealth flier](#). Currently available on all PPO plans. Available to new HMO contracts effective 1/1/17 or to existing HMO groups upon renewal. Want to "meet" a doctor to see how the service works? Email sacramento@rogersbenefit.com and ask for a coupon.
- **Anthem Connect Team** - View contact information for the California Connect Team for new business and renewals.
- **2017 Small Group Guide** - Now available to order.

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Broker Alert

- **ACA** - Responding to ACA questions after the Presidential election.

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Federal Law Alert

- **ACA Reporting** - IRS extends the due date to distribute ACA form 1095-C/1095-B to employees from January 31, 2017 to March 22, 2017.

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Compliance Alert

- **PCORI Fees** - For plan years ending on or after October 1, 2016 and before October 1, 2017, the fee is \$2.26. Prior rate was \$2.17. Fees are required for all group health plans including Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs), but are not required for Healthcare flexible spending accounts (FSAs) that are considered excepted benefits.

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