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RBG Tip Sheet Carrier Updates 9.19.16

BLUE SHIELD OF CA

- **REMINDER - Health Plan Docs by Email and Online Only:** Starting in September, Small Business customers will receive their post-enrollment materials via links in an email sent directly to them. Brokers will have access to the post-enrollment materials via the Shield Renewal Center. [View the SB Update.](#)

CALIFORNIA CHOICE

- **Two New Western Health Advantage Plans:** [Effective 12/1/16 two new plans are available](#), they are the Western Health Advantage (WHA) Gold HMO D (Gateway 2000 HSA) and the Gold HMO C (Gateway 4010).

COVERED CALIFORNIA

[News Release 9.15.16](#)

- **Rate Changes:** Statewide average rate increase is less than 6%.
- **Expanded Coverage Choices for 2017:** Blue Shield of CA expands to Full PPO network statewide and will offer the HMO Trio Network. Kaiser Permanente moves into Santa Cruz.
- **Processing Update:** New groups are being enrolled within three days of filing an application.
- **New General Agent Relationship:** Rogers Benefit Group effective immediately!
- **Return of Existing Carriers for 2017:** Blue Shield of California, Chinese Community Health Plan, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, Sharp Health Plan and Western Health Advantage.
- **End of the Temporary Reinsurance Program:** Review of Impact on the market.
- **Federal Tax Credits:** Some small business may still qualify for the Federal Tax Credits.
- **Family Dental Plans:** Covered CA Plans are not required to include Family Dental Coverage. Carrier/network options include Access Dental, Delta Dental, Liberty Dental, Dental Health Services, Premier Access Dental and California Dental Network.

ROGERS BENEFIT GROUP UNDERWRITING UPDATES

- **Updated [2016 Underwriting Guidelines](#) for Medical Carriers**

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