Affordable Care Act Implementation Updates

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Covered California

- 3 State call centers established in Fresno, Contra Costa and Sacramento
  - Different than County social services Consortia call centers
  - Hiring now; to be operational in October 2013

- Actuarial analysis of premium costs
  - Lower income individuals (<400% FPL) purchasing an individual plan next year are likely to pay about 47 to 84 percent less in monthly premiums compared to 2013.
  - Those earning above 400% FPL may see a cost increase that would average 20 percent due to increases in their monthly premiums but would be partially offset by reduced out-of-pocket cost.

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- California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS)
  - consolidated system for eligibility, enrollment, and retention for the Exchange and Medi-Cal
  - To be available October 1, 2013 with additional functionality to be implemented later
  - Health-e-App to be re-routed to Covered CA
  - Target audience: Californians, 6th grade literacy, English proficient, Online proficient; urban/rural. Agents, assisters, individuals and families.
  - Ongoing cases handled at the "agency of record" (e.g., Medi-Cal handled by counties; Exchange by Central Service Center)

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- Outreach and education grants
  - Received 177 application for $116 million total requested ($40 million available)
  - Mid-May decisions to begin July 1, 2013
  - Round 2 process to be determined at May 23 Exchange Board meeting

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- Application assistance
  - In-person Assister Program
    - Flat fee compensation for successful applications and renewals – beginning Oct 2013
    - Funded by federal grant
    - Applications Summer 2013; Training August 2013
  - Navigator Program
    - Grant based program beginning later in December 2013
    - Funded by health plan assessments
    - Grant RFP – Late June 2013
    - Applications due August 2013; Awards – October 2013
    - Enrollment Assistance – December 2013
  - Agents – non compensated

Medi-Cal Expansion and County Re-alignment

- No clear route to Medi-Cal expansion
  - Probably a statewide approach
  - Will probably be part of State Budget process

- Legislative proposal to re-allocate $700 million of the projected $1.4 billion savings from the shift of county indigent patients to Medi-Cal to care for the remaining uninsured –
  - approximately 2 million legal residents and 1 million undocumented residents.
  - No position from Administration.

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