

Broker News - October 5, 2017

1/1/2018 Rates Not Yet Available

Health Insurance carriers in the District of Columbia submit rates to the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB). Once submitted, the carriers and DISB go through rounds of negotiations to ensure the residents and small employers in the District of Columbia receive the best plans available at the lowest rates possible. This year those negotiations have been extended into the month of October and we will share with the community once those rates have been approved.

In the DC Health Link Small Business Marketplace, new groups and renewal groups cannot be processed at this time as rates are not yet available. We will notify all of our Broker and GA partners when the final rates are available and in the system so your new groups and renewal groups can set up their January 1, 2018 coverage.

In the DC Health Link Individual and Family Marketplace, consumers cannot yet see the potential costs of their 2018 coverage. We will notify all of our Broker and GA partners when the final rates are available and in the system so your individual and family market clients can set up their January 1, 2018 coverage.

We appreciate your patience with this process. Thank you.

Change in 2018 SHOP Dental Carrier Plan Offerings

MetLife and Delta Dental have notified the DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority of their decision to cease new sales in the Small Business market as of January 1, 2018. To mitigate confusion and gaps in coverage among enrollees, DCHBX is finalizing an outreach strategy to engage employers and employees affected by this change. Timed around a group's renewal period, this phone and email campaign will look to provide consumers with tools and ample time to make informed decisions about their dental coverage going forward.

Groups who decide to offer dental coverage through DC Health Link will continue to have the following products as options in Plan Year 2018: CareFirst's BlueDental Traditional (PPO) and

BlueDental Preferred High (PPO), as well as Dominion's Select Plan Premium (HMO), Choice PPO Basic (PPO), and Choice PPO Premium (PPO).

Broker Webinar

The next Broker Webinar will not be held next week, but rather the following--Tuesday, October 17th, broadcast from Potomac Basin Group.

When: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Time: 1-2pm EDT

Webinar Link: click on — [JOIN MEETING](#)

Phone Line: 1-650-479-3208

Webinar Meeting Number/Access Code: 735 351 578

Enrollment Deadlines

[Small Business Marketplace](#)

Initial Groups

November 1 Coverage Effective Date:

- October 10 — Last day of employee open enrollment period; invoices emailed to employers the next business day
- October 12 — Last day to pay initial premium

Renewal Groups

November 1 Coverage Effective Date:

- October 5 — Last day to complete employer renewal application
- October 13 — Last day of employee open enrollment period
- Premium Payments — Continue to pay monthly invoice as received by mail and also available online in employers' accounts.