

Eligibility and Enrollment

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Overview of Current Activities

- The Exchange is in the process of developing a statewide web portal for Californians to easily access affordable health care coverage in the Exchange, as well as facilitate enrollment in other health coverage programs.
- The Exchange is exploring potential enrollment strategies, including the use of Navigators.

Key Provisions Impacting Tribes

- Exemption from the individual mandate. §5000A(e)(3)
- Special monthly enrollment periods. §1311(c)(6)(d)
- Special cost-sharing eligibility for households with incomes at or below 300% Federal Poverty Level. §1402(d)(1)
- Exceptions from cost-sharing for Indians enrolled in Qualified Health Plans that receive services provided directly by IHS, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization. §1402(d)(2)
- Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian organizations are eligible entities to serve as Navigators. (45 Code of Federal Regulations 155.210(c)(2))

Key Policy Considerations

- Determining the best method for verifying Indian status in the Exchange system.
- Design of an IT system that allows for special monthly enrollment periods.
- Design of an IT system that will alert providers that Indians qualify for exemptions from cost-sharing.
- Participation of Tribes and Tribal organizations as Navigators.
- Enrollment of Indians who are not members of federally-recognized Tribes.

Discussion