



## *AB 1296 Stakeholder Process*

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## **AB 1296 (Chapter 641, Statutes of 2011)**

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- Enacted the Care Reform Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention Planning Act
- Implements selected provisions of the ACA in California
- Requires:
  - CHHSA to plan and develop standardized application forms and renewal procedures for state health subsidy programs
  - Stakeholders from state and county governments, health care services plans, and consumer advocates be included in process
  - Report to Legislature by July 1, 2012 the policy and statutory changes needed to develop and implement the proposed system



# Issues Required to Consider

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- Application Planning and Development
  - Whether to use the federal application or develop one
- Eligibility Determination
  - Non-MAGI population eligibility determination process
  - Whether to use a supplemental form and procedures for non-MAGI population
- Presumptive Eligibility/Deemed Infants
  - Whether to adopt a process for hospitals to enroll



# Issues Required to Consider

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- Data Collection

- What standards to utilize for the collection of race, ethnicity, primary language, and disability status

- Renewal

- Whether to allow recipient updates to eligibility information in between renewal dates and to have the option to renew eligibility at the time of the update, resetting the renewal date
- Whether to renew eligibility for a state health subsidy program based on information from a public benefits program, if the recipient is otherwise eligible.



# Issues Required to Consider

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- Applicant Confidentiality
  - Protections for the confidentiality of personal information
- Health Plan Selection
  - What process to use to enable applicants determined eligible for and recipients of a state health subsidy program to choose a health plan, if applicable



# AB 1296 Planning Process

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- CHHSA and DHCS leading the activities
- Organized a planning group that includes:
  - CA Health Benefits Exchange, MRMIB, legislative staff, Western Center on Law & Poverty, California Welfare Directors Association, and Dpt of Finance
- Grant from The California Endowment supports consultants & meeting facilitation



# AB1296 and Eligibility Expansion Stakeholder Workgroups

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- DHCS and the planning group have organized a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss the issues in AB 1296, as well as Medi-Cal eligibility expansion
- Opportunity for stakeholders to provide meaningful input into the planning and development of the aspects of eligibility, enrollment, and retention



# Stakeholder Meetings Schedule

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- April 9 – Eligibility
- May 3 – Data Collection & Confidentiality Protections
- May 10 – Health Plan Selection
- May 22 – Presumptive Eligibility/Deemed Infants
- June 11 – Application Forms
- June 27 – Renewal



# Stakeholders

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- California Association of Public Hospitals
- California Welfare Directors Association
- County eligibility workers
- Maternal & Child Health Access
- National Health Law Program
- Project Inform
- The Children's Partnership
- SEIU
- SAWS Systems
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- Consumers Union
- National Immigration Law Center
- Disability Rights California
- Health Access
- California Primary Care Association
- Western Center on Law & Poverty



# Resources

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- AB 1296 and Eligibility Expansion Stakeholder Workgroups webpage:
  - <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/AB1296EligibilityExpansion.aspx>
  - Includes related links, background material for each meeting and will include meeting notes

