State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

California Health Benefit Exchange

Regulatory Action:

Title 10, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

6464

Amend sections: Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6

OAL Matter Number: 2016-1116-02

OAL Matter Type: Emergency Readopt (EE)

The California Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange), submitted this emergency readopt action to amend the regulations adopted in OAL File No. 2014-0908-02E. The emergency rulemaking action adopted section 6464 in Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations regarding identity verification requirements. This action expands the acceptable proof of identity required prior to initiating an application for enrollment in the Exchange.

OAL approves this emergency regulatory action pursuant to sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code.

This emergency regulatory action is effective on 11/28/2016 and will expire on 9/19/2019. The Certificate of Compliance for this action is due no later than 9/18/2019.

Date:

November 28, 2016

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA-OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE L For use by Secretary of State only ee instructions on NOTICE PUBLICATION **ENDORSED - FILED** NOTICE FILE NUMBER OAL FILE EMERGENCY NUMBER REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER in the office of the Secretary of State NUMBERS 2016-1116-02FE of the State of California For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only NOV 28 2016 142 P.M. 2016 NOV 16 P 3: 02 NOTICE REGULATIONS AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any) California Health Benefit Exchange A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register) 1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE TITLE(S) FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE 3. NOTICE TYPE
Notice re Proposed TELEPHONE NUMBER 4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FAX NUMBER (Optional) Other Regulatory Action ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE OAL USE NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER PUBLICATION DATE ONLY B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations) 1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) 1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S) **Identity Proofing Requirements** 2014-0908-02E 2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related) ADOP SECTION(S) AFFECTED 6464 (List all section number(s) AMEND individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.) TITLE(S) 10 3. TYPE OF FILING Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h)) **Changes Without Regulatory** Code §11346) below certifies that this agency complied with the Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title Resubmittal of disapproved or provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either 1, §100) withdrawn nonemergency before the emergency regulation was adopted or File & Print filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, Print Only within the time period required by statute. 11349.4) Emergency (Gov. Code, Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn Other (Specify) emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1) §11346.1(b)) 4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, \$44 and Gov. Code §11347.1) 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100) Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or Effective on filing with §100 Changes Without Effective October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a)) Regulatory Effect other (Specify) Secretary of State 6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY Fair Political Practices Commission State Fire Marshal Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660) Other (Specify) 7. CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER (Optional) E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) Tessa Hammer (916) 228-8232 tessa.hammer@covered.ca.gov For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only 8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, **ENDORSED APPROVED** or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OF 10/3/16 NOV 2.8 2013 TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY

Office of Administrative Law

Peter V. Lee, Executive Director

§ 6464. Identity Verification Requirement.

- (a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - (1) RIDP: Remote Identity Proofing service;
 - (2) FDSH: Federal Data Service Hub;
 - (3) Certified Representative:
 - (A) Service Center Representative: an Exchange employee operating in a call center as set forth in 45 C.F.R. section 155.205 (a);
 - (B) Certified Enrollment Counselor as defined in section 6650;
 - (C) Certified Application Counselor as defined in 45 C.F.R. section 155.225;
 - (D) Certified Insurance Agent as defined in section 6800;
 - (E) Certified Plan-Based Enroller as defined in section 6410.

(b) Paper Applications

- (1) The Exchange shall accept only paper applications for health insurance coverage that are accompanied by a signature in ink, under penalty of perjury in the declaration and signature section of the Exchange's paper application as defined in section 6470.
- (2) The Exchange shall not accept or process any paper application lacking an attestation of identity signed by the applicant in ink under penalty of perjury.

(c) Non-paper applications

- (1) Prior to initiating an application as set forth in section 6470, an applicant must consent to having his or her identity verified in one of the following ways:
 - (A) If the applicant applies through CalHEERS without the assistance of a Certified Representative, the applicant shall consent by clicking the "Yes" button on the CalHEERS Screen in response to being asked, "Do you give your permission to Covered California to confirm your identity?"
 - (B) If the applicant applies through CalHEERS with the assistance of a Certified Representative, he or she shall provide this consent to the Certified Representative orally. The Certified Representative shall attest to having received this consent from the applicant in one of the following ways:
 - 1. Clicking the "Yes" button next to the statement "I attest that I have visually verified this person's identity";
 - 2. Clicking the "Yes" button next to the statement "I have the consumer's consent to access their identity information through the Federal Data Services Hub Remote Identity Proofing service."
- (2) Prior to initiating an application as set forth in section 6470, an applicant shall submit his or her identity for verification using one of the following methods:
 - (A) Visual Verification
 - 1. An applicant shall mail, present in person, or electronically transmit through CalHEERS to the Exchange or to a Certified Representative acceptable proof of identity as follows:
 - (i) A copy of a valid identification card issued by a federal, state, or local governmental entity that bears a recognizable photograph of the applicant or other identifying information of the individual such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, or address, including school identification card, voter registration card, Military Dependent's identification card, Native American Tribal document, U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card, a Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570), Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561), Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551), employment authorization document that includes a photograph (Form I-766), Foreign Passport or identification card issued by a foreign embassy or consulate that contains a photograph, or

- (ii) Two of the following: a birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage certificate, divorce decree, employer identification card, high school or college diploma (including high school equivalency diplomas), property deed or title, an adoption decree for the adoptee, foreign school record that includes a photograph, notice from a public benefits agency, or a union or worker center identification card.
- 2. If submitted in person or by mail, a Certified Representative shall upload a copy of the identity documents to CalHEERS.
- (B) Federal Data Service Hub Remote Identity Proofing service
 - 1. If the applicant does not elect to have his or her identity verified pursuant to subdivision (c)(2)(A), he or she shall consent to allowing the Exchange or Certified Representative to use the FDSH RIDP service to access his or her identity information.
 - 2. The applicant shall answer a number of questions generated by the FDSH RIDP service. Examples of these questions include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Please select the number of bedrooms in your home from the following choices. If the number of bedrooms in your home is not one of the choices please select 'NONE OF THE ABOVE.'
 - (ii) Please select the county for the address you provided.
 - (iii) Please select the range that includes the year the home was built for the address that you provided.
 - 3. Based on the accuracy of the applicant's answers to the questions referenced in (c)(2)(B)2. of this section the FDSH RIDP service will either verify the applicant's identity or provide information on how to complete an alternative identity verification process.
- (3) If the Exchange is unable to verify the identity of an applicant in accordance with subdivision (c)(2) of this section, neither the Exchange nor a Certified Representative shall accept an application for health insurance from that same applicant until one of the following is satisfied:
 - (A) The applicant successfully completes the alternative identity verification process by calling the Experian Help Desk number listed in CalHEERS and successfully answers additional personalized questions, and the FDSH RIDP service informs the Exchange or Certified Representative of such;
 - (B) The applicant completes the visual verification process as set forth in (c)(2)(A) of this section; or
 - (C) The applicant submits a paper application in accordance with subdivision (b) of this section.
- (d) An applicant who successfully completes the identity verification requirements set forth in this section may, if otherwise permitted, apply for health insurance for himself or herself and for members of his or her household, without those household members also satisfying the requirements set forth in this section.
- (e) Consumers who submitted an application prior to the effective date of this section are subject to the requirements of this section if they make a change to the Primary Contact screen.
- (f) This section shall not apply to individuals applying through <u>CCSB</u> SHOP (<u>as defined in</u> section 64106540 et seq).

AUTHORITY: Gov't Code § 100504(a) (6).

REFERENCE: Gov't Code § 100503(a), (h), and (s).