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**Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver Meeting**  
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# STATE INNOVATION WAIVER (1332) – INTRODUCTION

The “1332 Waiver” allows states to pursue innovative strategies for providing residents with access to quality, affordable insurance while retaining the basic protections of the Affordable Care Act.

- No specific deadline; proposals can start on or after 1/1/17
- Proposals must not add to the U.S. Treasury’s 10 year deficit
- Requires authorizing state legislation
- The waiver is for 5 years

# COVERED CALIFORNIA'S ABILITY TO INNOVATE AND DELIVER ON MISSION INDEPENDENT OF THE WAIVER

Covered California engages in continuous improvement efforts within its existing federal and state authority that do not require a waiver, such as:

- Revising the certification, selection and contractual requirements for Qualified Health Plans
- Analyzing how Covered California's enrollees are receiving care by sponsoring a claims database
- Modifying standard benefit designs to continue to promote timely access to care without undue financial burdens
- Build on and expand quality, delivery reform, health equity and patient-centered information initiatives

# PROPOSED 1332 WAIVER FRAMEWORK/CRITERIA

The primary focus of Covered California should be on the continued effective implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California. Pursuing a 1332 waiver would require significant time and resources to vet and craft the application, which will necessarily divert resources for improvements and advancement that are possible independent of getting a waiver. In considering whether to pursue a 1332 Waiver the following factors should be considered:

- Proposals should be directly related to Covered California's mission;
- Proposals should achieve cost savings or administrative simplification for Covered California's enrollees and potential enrollees, for Covered California and for the providers and health plans we contract with.
- Given Covered California's existing strategic priorities, the primary focus should be to improve processes rather than completely redesign them

Proposals should not be considered if they either violate the Treasury's budget neutrality requirement or add liabilities to California's general funds.

# 1332 PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

- Public comment during today's meeting will be summarized and publically posted
- Additional public comments can be submitted until **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to [1332@covered.ca.gov](mailto:1332@covered.ca.gov)
- Covered California staff will confer with DHCS and present summary of public input and potentially make recommendations at April 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting