



## ***Background***

Consumers can *delegate* their application to Certified Insurance Agents (Agents) or Certified Enrollment Counselors (CECs) in CalHEERS to assist them with the application process, which includes filling out the application, submitting the application, making changes, terminating cases, renewing coverage, plan selection, etc.

## ***How Consumers Delegate Applications***

Consumers may delegate to an Agent or CEC at any point in the application process using the "[Find Local Help](#)" link after a consumer has created an account. They can then search for Agents and Certified Enrollment Entities (CEEs) based on location and language. Once they find the Agent or CEC of their preference, consumers can send their delegation request to the Agent or CEC.

Agents and CECs can then accept pending delegation requests once they login to their CalHEERS portal. Once the delegation is accepted, they have the ability to view the consumer's application and assist with the enrollment process.

Agents and CECs also have the ability to start a new applications on behalf of consumers from their CalHEERS portal. When an application is created directly from an Agent or CEC portal, the delegation is automatically created. The consumer can view the delegation details under the *Manage Delegates* link from their CalHEERS home screen in the footer.

## ***Consumers can Manage their Delegations***

A consumer may login to their account at any time and remove any delegation from the *Manage Delegates* link found on their CalHEERS home screen in the footer. Consumers are able to delegate to Agents or CECs and can remove delegations at any time. Consumers may also contact the consumer Service Center (800) 300-1506 to request additions or changes of a delegation at any point. Covered California will honor all authorized consumer requests.

## ***Important Delegation and Appointment Information***

Covered California Service Center Representatives may assist consumers with delegating applications to Agents or CECs or removing delegations at the consumer's request. Service Center Representatives are never delegated to applications the way Agents and CECs are delegated. When Service Center Representatives assist consumers with application or delegation request, they do not remove the Agent or CEC delegation, unless the consumer specifically request to remove the delegation. Service Center Representatives do not have goals or quotas for consumer delegations.



## Delegation Policy Certified Enrollers

Certified Enrollment Counselor delegations are not reported to Covered California health insurance companies.

Agent Delegation information is reported to Covered California health insurance companies to be processed. The Covered California health insurance companies are required to approve Certified Insurance Agent appointments and update their systems within (5) days.

The health insurance companies may delegate the agency, or primary agent at the agency, in lieu of the specified Agent who enrolled the consumer. **Agents and agencies should ensure that they have been appropriately appointed with each company, and that each company has the correct appointment information for agents affiliated to agencies, sole proprietorships, etc.**

Consumers may authorize changes to their delegated Agent or CEC at any point in time. Approval of Covered California health insurance companies is not required. **The delegation must be approved and updated in the insurance companies systems within five days and notify the existing Agent of the delegation change within ten business days.**

### ***Covered California Family Dental Plan Delegations and Appointments***

Delegations in the online application apply to both the Health and Dental plans. Certified Insurance Agents are required to be appointed directly with each Covered California Dental Insurance Company.

### **Delegation Requests at Covered California Service Centers**

#### **Consumer Service Center (800) 300-1506**

- Agents, CECs, and consumers can request delegation additions, changes, and removals
- Covered California will honor all consumer requests to delegate and remove delegations
- If an Agent or CEC caller requests a delegation addition or change, Covered California must authenticate the consumer's identity
- The consumer must be on the telephone line when requesting delegation additions or changes

#### **Agent Service Center (877) 453-9198**

- Agents can request delegation additions, changes, and removals
- Covered California must authenticate the consumer's identity
- The consumer must be on the telephone line when requesting delegation additions or changes
- Covered California will honor all consumer requests to delegate and remove delegations, without regard to existing delegations

#### **CEC/PBE Help Line (855) 324-3147**

- CECs can request delegation additions, changes, and removals
- Covered California must authenticate the consumer's identity
- The consumer must be on the telephone line when requesting delegation additions or changes
- Covered California will honor all consumer requests to delegate and remove delegations, without regard to existing delegations