

Overview

This Quick Guide provides an overview of the SSA, with a focus on highlighting features and pages for Certified Insurance Agents (Agents), Certified Enrollment Counselors (CECs), County Eligibility Workers (CEWs), and Plan Based Enrollers (PBEs).

Background

The Covered California Single Streamlined Application (SSA) is the primary interface for submitting online applications during Open Enrollment and Special Enrollment, and for reporting changes or renewing eligibility to health coverage. The SSA is designed to be accessible via mobile devices like cell phones and tablets. A user may begin an application via their desktop and then continue it via their mobile device. The SSA aims to improve the consumer experience by dynamically displaying only those questions that are relevant to the consumer based on prior data entered.

The SSA is organized into four main sections:

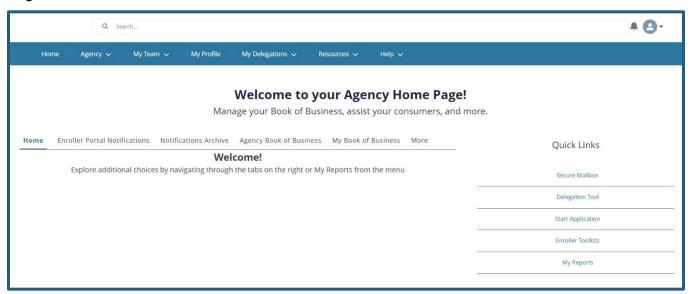
- Introduction
- Household Information
- Individual Information
- Review and Submit



Note: A consumer navigating to CalHEERS from a health plan provider's website, also known as an off-exchange consumer, experiences a different journey to plan selection because they may have an existing affiliation to that health provider The carrier logo displays in the top left corner of the global header for these applicants and/or Authorized Representative. The carrier's logo no longer displays when at least on HHM is enrolled in a plan.

Starting a New Application from the Enroller Portal

The landing page for Agency and Entity users is the *Welcome to your [Agency/Entity] Home Page!*



From the landing page, navigate to the *Quick Links* section on the right side and select **Start Application**.

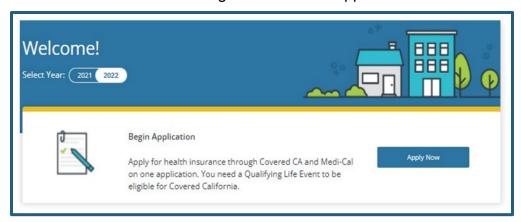


Displays for AM Level 1 and 2, A level 1 and 2 users

Note: AS, AAS Level 1 and 2 users must start the consumer application from the contact record.



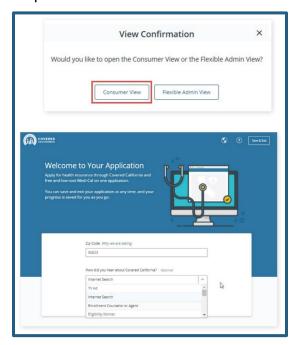
From the Consumer Home page, users start by clicking the **Apply Now** button. SCRs and CEWs have the option to change the year for which to submit an application by clicking the year on the **Select Year:** button. After selecting the correct benefit year and clicking the **Apply Now** button, the *View Confirmation* popup displays. SCRs and CEWs click the **Consumer View** button to launch the Single Streamlined Application.



The Introduction section begins with the *Welcome to Your Application* page. In this first section the SSA confirms some basic information regarding the applicant's:

- Residency
- Consent to verify information submitted
- Qualification for healthcare subsidies

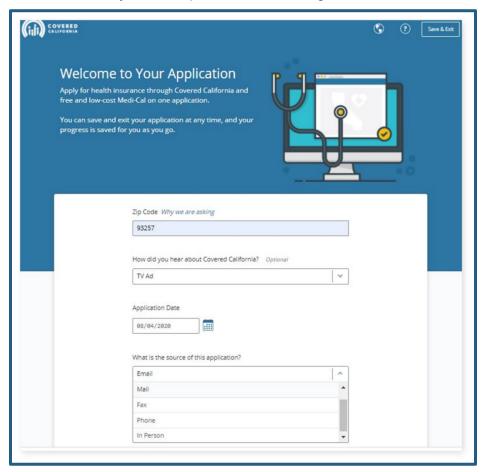
The Welcome to Your Application page displays differently for Consumers and only the **Zip Code** is required. The **How did you hear about Covered California?** Optional. is an optional dropdown.





Agents, CECs, CEWs, PBEs, and SCRs users may have additional fields to complete:

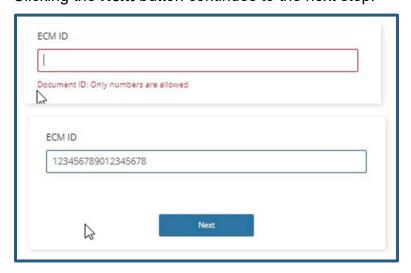
- Application Date
- What is the source of this application? (Email, Mail, Fax, Phone, In Person)
- **ECM ID** (Note: Agents, CECs and PBEs should have no need to enter an **ECM ID**. Selecting the source of *Phone* or *In Person* means the **ECM ID** is optional and can be left blank.)
 - Is optional when the source is In Person or Phone
 - Is required when the What is the source of this application? is Email, Mail, or Fax
 - Only allows up to 18 numeric digits





When the ECM ID field is not entered, an error message displays, Document ID:
 Only numbers are allowed

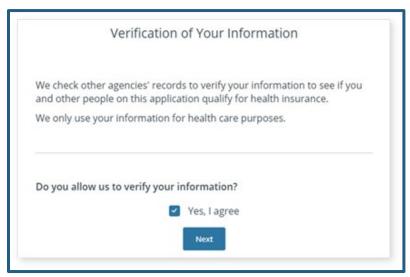
The **Next** button enables when the **ECM ID** is entered Clicking the **Next** button continues to the next step.



Consent to Verify

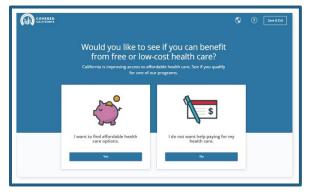
The *Verification of Your Information* popup displays asking the Consumer for consent to verify household information provided during the application process.

- Selecting the Yes, I agree checkbox enables the Next button and allows the user to proceed.
- Unchecking the Yes, I agree checkbox disables the Next button and displays a
 message that the application cannot be processed online without the Consumer's
 consent.



Financial Help

All users agreeing to let Covered California verify their information proceed to the *Would you like to see if you can benefit from free or low-cost healthcare?* page. Users are encouraged to apply with the message: *California is improving access to affordable health care. See if you qualify for one of our programs.* Users are then presented with the following options to proceed with a subsidized or unsubsidized application:



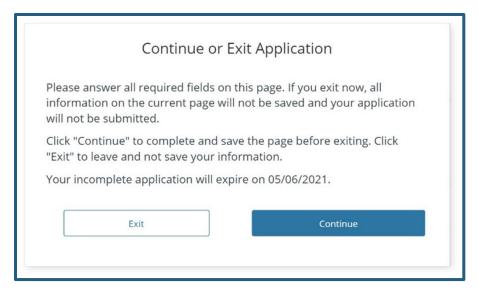
- Yes, I want to find affordable health care options. Users are required to complete all sections of the application
- No, I do not want help paying for my health care. All income and tax related questions are suppressed when the users proceed through the application.

Clicking the **Yes** or **No** button navigates to the *Application Menu*.

Save & Exit

Throughout the application, the global **Save & Exit** icon displays at the top of the page for the user to save their progress at any point and exit the application.

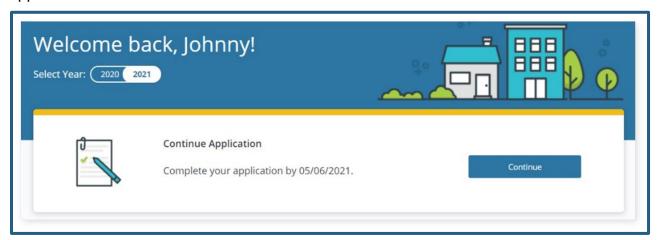
Clicking the **Save & Exit** icon when there is unsaved information displays the *Continue or Exit Application* popup as a reminder that the application cannot be saved until all required information is entered. Additionally, the popup notifies the user that the incomplete application expires by a certain date. The message automatically populates a date that is 30 days from the application initiation date.



Note: During the Open Enrollment period, the expiration date is extended to the day after the Open Enrollment period ends when it has been 30 days since the initial application date.

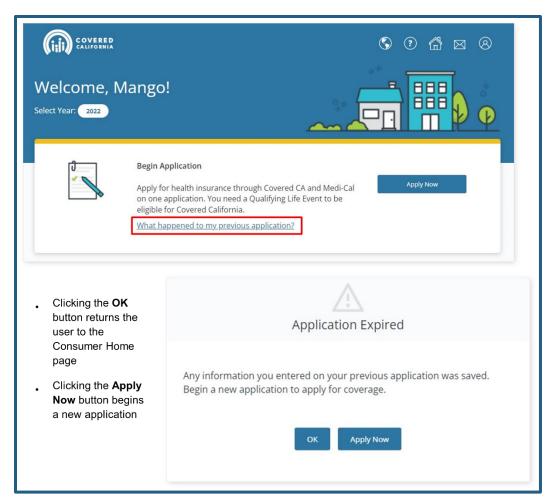
By clicking the **Exit** button, the user navigates to the Consumer Home Page. Agents, CECs, CEWs, PBEs, and SCRs also use the **Save & Exit** icon.

On the Consumer Home page, the Consumer is reminded again to complete the application by a specific date. Clicking the **Continue** button on the Consumer Home page resumes a saved application.

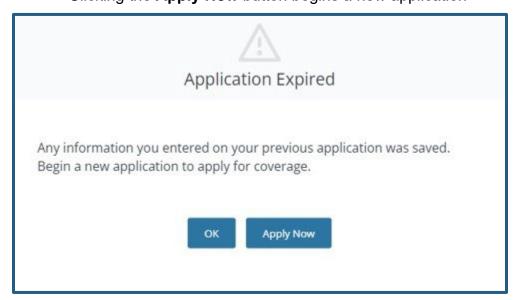


A **What happened to my previous application?** link displays when an application is not submitted before the expiration date. Clicking the link displays the Application Expired popup informing the user that the information entered with the previous application was saved and a new application is required to obtain coverage.





- Clicking the **OK** button returns the user to the Consumer Home page.
- Clicking the Apply Now button begins a new application

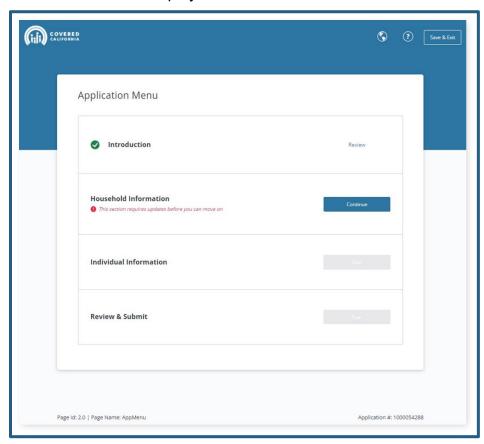


Application Menu

After the *Introduction* section, users navigate to the Application Menu which displays the application sections. The *Application Menu* allows consumers to navigate between sections once information is entered in every section.

Each section displays a button or link based on the progress of the application:

- Review this link indicates the section is complete
- Start this button indicates the section has not yet been initiated
- Continue this button indicates the section is incomplete
- Update this button indicates information entered in a previous section now requires updating based on information that was entered in a subsequent section. The following text alerts the user: This section requires updates before you can move on. A checkmark displays next to the section title when a section is complete.



Note: The Application Number displays at the bottom of the right page.

Household Information Section

In the *Household Information* section, users create profiles for each household member (HHM), define relationships, identify roles within the household and input other relevant information such as tax and income data.

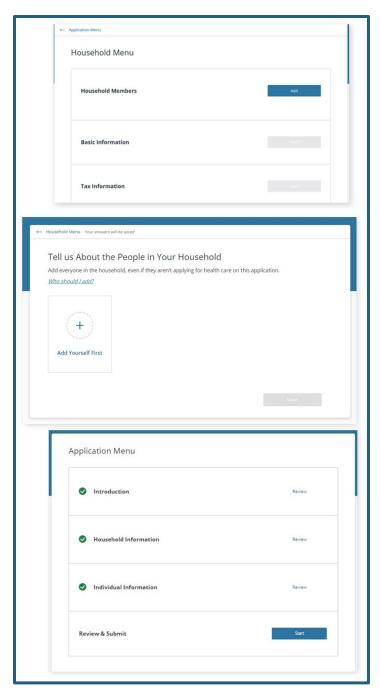
From the *Application Menu*, click the **Start** button to navigate to the next *Household Information* section. The *Tell us about the people in your household* page displays. Click the **Add Yourself First** button to begin.

Note: Clicking the **Household Menu** link navigates the Consumer to the *Household Menu* page. This is true when a similar link displays.

The first *Add Household Member* page displays asking for name and date of birth. Applicants are prompted to provide the same type of information for each person added to the household. This includes the following:

- Name/Date of Birth
- Student
- Sex
- Marital Status
- Contact Info
- Contact Preferences
- HHM Relationships
- Origin/Race (optional)
- Optional Sex and Gender Questions





Note: Clicking the red **Cancel** link on the top of this page removes inputs and returns the user to the previous page without saving changes. A cancellation popup displays to confirm this action. This holds true for all other input pages in the application.

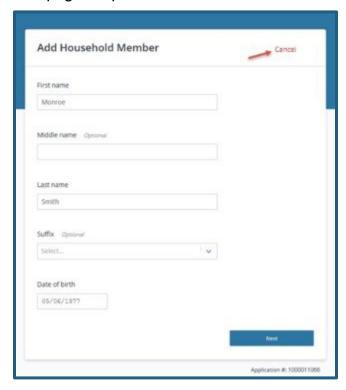


The user is presented with a series of three questions and is required to select the appropriate response after entering the household member's name and date of birth. Questions include:

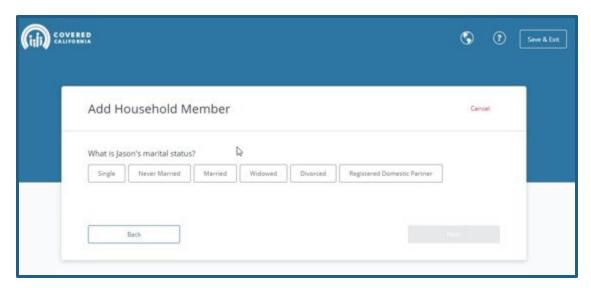
- Is [HHM] attending school full-time?
 This displays only for HHM under the age of 18 and for subsidized households with members between the ages of 18 and 21
- What is [HHM's] sex?
 Gender choice includes Transgender options as well as Male and Female
- What is [HHM's] marital status?

Optional contact information and language preferences are collected next. Note that there are two choices for language preferences, written and verbal.

The last *Add Household Member* page collects additional information about gender, original birth certificate sex, and sexual orientation for household members 12 years of age and older. This page is optional.



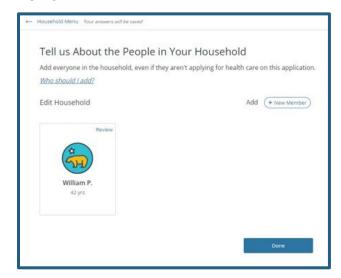




Note: The applicant's name displays on the bottom of the page to the left of the application number after entering the first household member in the Household section. The name of the first household member entered displays until the Primary Contact is identified in the *Basic Information* section. Once the Basic Information section is complete, the name of the Primary Contact displays next to the Application number.

Next, household relationships are established. Users select the caret vsymbol for one of the five categories to display relationship choices.

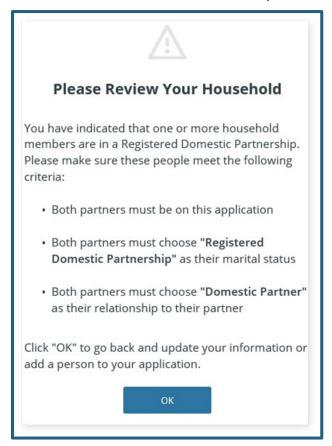
On the *Add Household Members* page, click the **Done** button to return to the *Tell us about the people in your household* page. Users can continue adding members here by clicking the **New Member** button, ore review and/or edit any of the prior information entered by clicking the **Review** link on the household member tile.



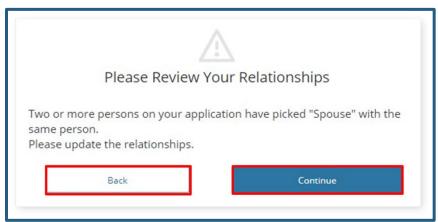
Clicking **Review** displays a detailed page with the name and age of the HHM and a summary of the information previously entered. To change information previously entered, click the **Edit** link within a section.

Informational popups display and assist the user when additional relationship information is needed:

- A Please Review Your Household popup displays when a HHM in indicated as a Domestic Partner
 - Click the **OK** button to update the relationship field or add the Domestic Partner



The *Please Review Your Relationships* popup displays when two or more HHMs have selected **Spouse** with the same HHM



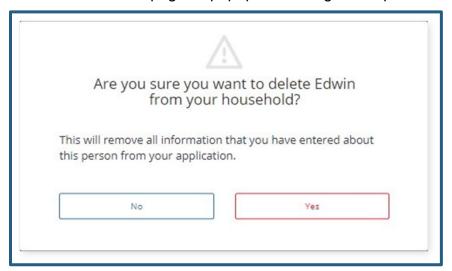
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Clicking the **Back** button navigates the user to the *Define Relationships* page

Clicking the **Continue** button navigates the user to the *Add Household Member page* – *Optional Questions* section when there are no remaining relationships to define; otherwise, the new *Define Relationships* page for the next HHM displays.

Household members can also be removed from the application by clicking the **Remove** button at the bottom of the page. A popup confirming the request to delete the HHM displays.



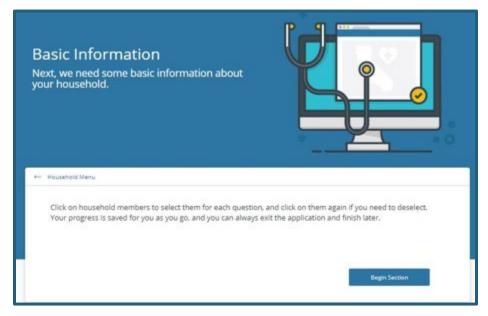
Note: The popup advises that the Primary Contact will need to be reassigned when the HHM being deleted was identified as the Primary Contact. This is done in the *Household Information* section.

Clicking the **Done** button on the *Tell us about the people in your household* page completed this section. Alternatively, clicking the Household Menu link at the top-left of the page navigates the user to the *Household Menu* page.

Basic Information Section

In this section, the applicant is asked to provide additional information about household members. Information collected in this section includes:

- Qualifying Life Events (QLE)
- Primary Contact for your household?
- Confirm your Identity
- HHM not living with the Primary Contact
- Primary Caretaker for any children
- HHM applying for coverage
- HHM 18 years or older and in Foster care
- HHM on Medicare
- HHM who are U.S. Citizens or Nationals
- HHM who are pregnant
- American Indian or Alaska Native HHM



Depending on the information being collected, users select either a single HHM or multiple members. For example, when a user is asked to select a Primary Contact, only one HHM is selected. On the other hand, when asked to select household members that are applying for health care, more than one HHM can be selected.

A check mark displays in the upper-right corner of the HHM tile when a HHM is selected. Clicking the tile again deselects the tile.





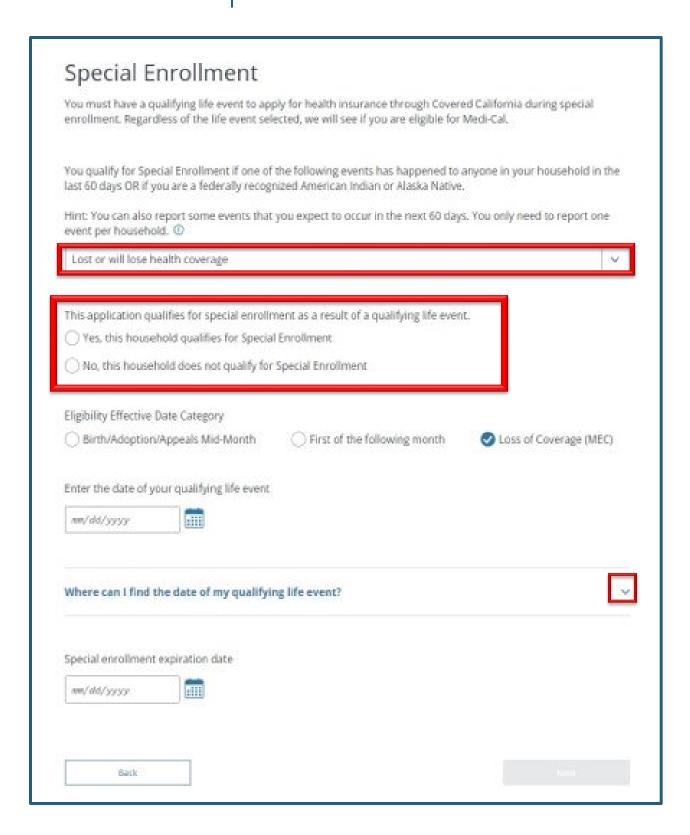
After selecting the appropriate HHM(s) and clicking the **Next** button, users are asked to provide additional details on subsequent pages for many of the categories listed above. Note that portions of these pages may be prepopulated with information previously entered in the application.

Selecting a Qualifying Life Event

The *Basic Information* section begins by displaying a *Special Enrollment* page for Consumers to report life events affecting eligibility. Qualifying Life Events (QLEs) display in a dropdown on the page. Consumers applying during the Special Enrollment period must select a value from the dropdown. Selecting **None of the above** continues to review the Consumer's application for Medi-Cal or MCAP.

Selecting the **Yes, this household qualifies for Special Enrollment** radio button confirms the Household qualifies for a QLE.







The *Eligibility Effective Date Category* section on the *Special Enrolment* page and the *Choose an Event that Best Applies to Your Household* page automatically selects a coverage start date for the consumer depending on the life event. Coverage start date options are as follows:

- Birth/Adoption/Appeals/Mid-Month Coverage starts on the date of the life event
- First of the following month Coverage starts on the 1st of the following month after plan selection
- Loss of Coverage (MEC) Coverage starts on the 1st of the month following the date of the QLE or the date the change was reported, whichever is later.

The date of the QLE is entered in the Enter the date of your qualifying life event field.

The Where can I find the date of my qualifying life event? section displays the list of ways to help identify the QLE date. Click the caret to expand or collapse the section.

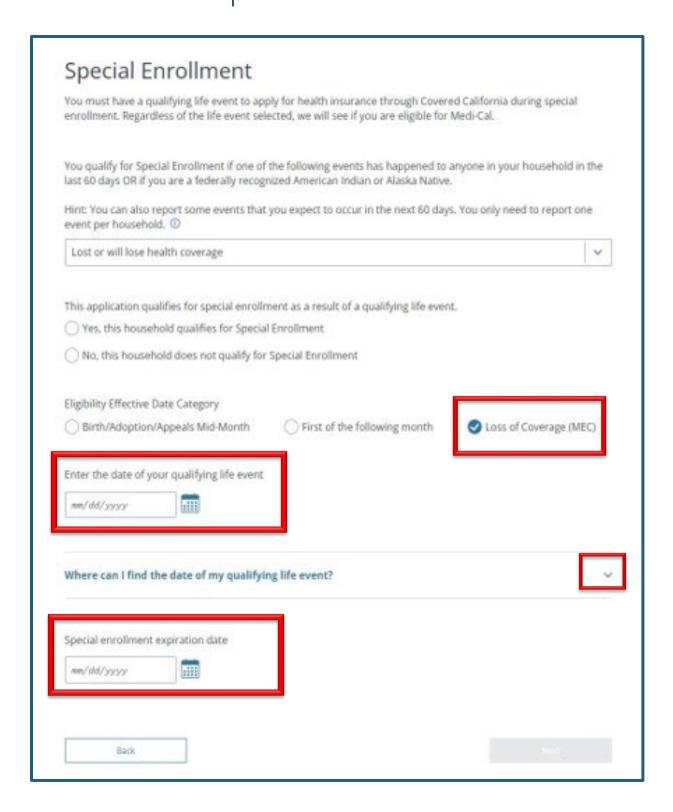
The **Special enrollment expiration date** field auto-populates based on the date in **the Enter the date of your qualifying life event** field.

Clicking the **Next** button navigates to the *Who is the Primary Contact for your household?* page.

However, selecting the QLE reason **Lost or will lose health coverage** on the *Special Enrollment* page displays the Strike Lockout Benefit page allowing the user to enter information related to a strike or lockout.

Note: During Open Enrollment the *Strike Lockout Benefit* page displays when clicking the **Begin Section** button on the *Basic Information* page. The Strike Lockout Benefit is configurable and only displays when configured **ON**.



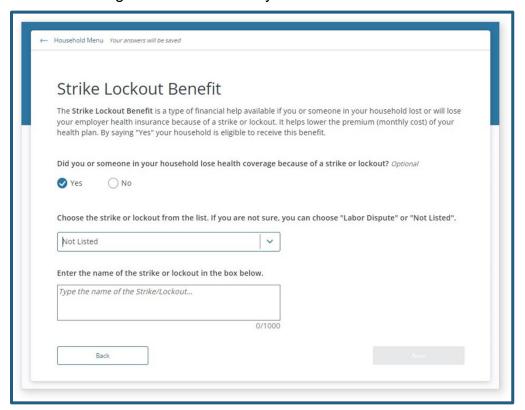




- Selecting the Yes radio button allows the user to select a reason for the strike or lockout
- Selecting the No radio button navigates the user to the Who is the Primary Contact for your household? Page

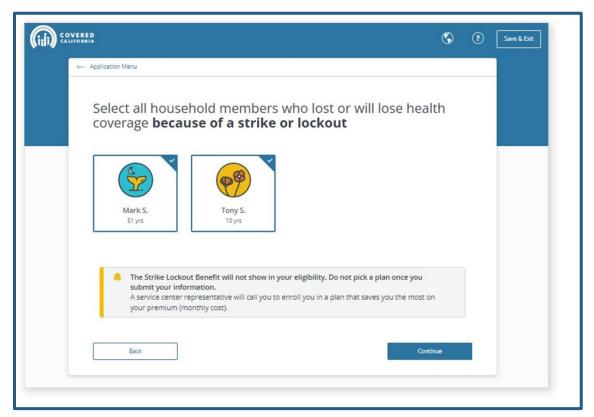


• Selecting the value **Labor Dispute** or **Not Listed** displays a freeform text field allowing the user to manually enter the name of the strike or lockout





- Clicking the Next button displays the Select all household members who lost or will lose health coverage because of a strike or lockout page
- Selecting the HHM tiles for those impacted by a strike or lockout enables the Continue button



A banner message displays informing the consumer that they will need assistance in selecting their plan.

• Clicking the **Continue** button continues with the application process and navigates the user to the *Who is the Primary Contact for your household*? page.

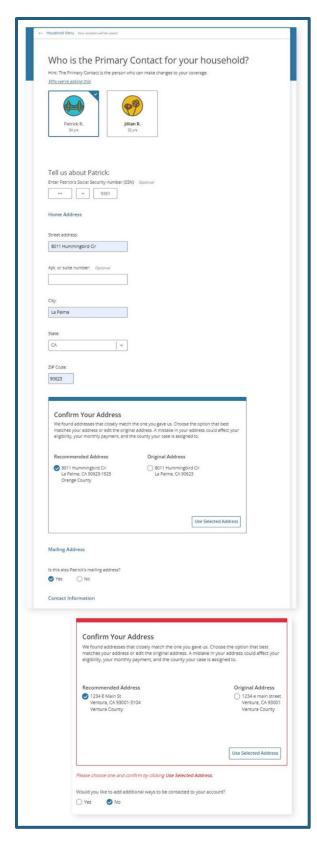
Selecting Household Primary Contact

Next, the consumer is asked, *Who is the Primary Contact for your household?*. The first household member added is automatically designated as the Primary Contact and can be changed by selecting a different HHM tile.

Clicking a HHM's tile dynamically displays text fields for manually entering a Social Security number (optional), physical address and mailing address.

The **State** field dropdown populates based on the state of residency and allows for an out-of-state address.





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Address Validation

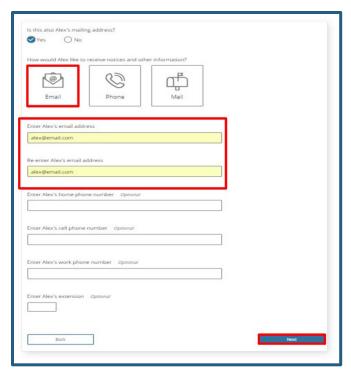
CalHEERS validates street and mailing addresses with the SmartyStreets database.

- The Confirm Your Address section dynamically displays when an exact match is not found and requires user action. This section displays validation messages based on the following address conditions:
 - Close matches are found
 - No matches are found
 - A unit is missing (such as an apartment or suite)
- The Recommended Address radio button defaults with a selection of the closest possible match
- The Original Address radio button may be selected to save the user's entered address should they choose
- Only CA zip codes are validated
- Clicking the Use Selected Address button confirms and saves the address and closes the display of the Confirm Your Address section
- The user must confirm the entered address by selecting the Recommended Address
 or Original Address radio button to proceed. Clicking the Done button displays an
 error message in red text under the Confirm Your Address section reminding the user
 an action is required to resolve the validation

Consumers are asked whether the address can also be used as the HHM's Mailing Address once the street address is resolved. Selecting the **Yes** radio button navigates the user to communication preferences. Selecting **No** displays new address fields to complete the mailing address. Consumer's **Communication Preferences** are selected next. The following three choices display for the question, *How would [HHM] like to receive notices and other information?*

- Email
- Phone
- Mail





Consumers who have already selected a preferred contact method at account creation are asked, *Is this still the best way to contact you about this application?* If not, consumers can change it at this time.

Consumers must select one of the three options and enter contact information for that choice before continuing when a contact method has not been previously selected.

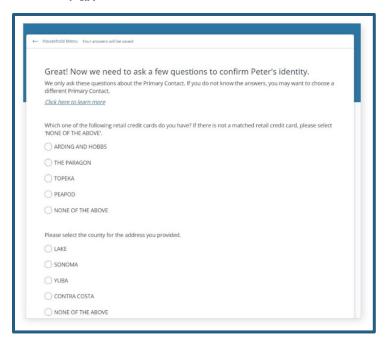
Note: CalHEERS automatically changes the method of communication to **Mail** when a Consumer chooses **Email** as the communication method and an email fails delivery. A notice is mailed to inform the Consumer of the change, with instructions on how to reset the method of communication.

Confirming Primary Contact Identity

Clicking the **Next** button displays a page to confirm the Primary Contact's identity. Confirming the Primary Contact's identity is required. Note that this page displays slightly different for Consumers than Agents, CECs, CEWs, PBEs and SCRs.

Several methods are available for confirming the Primary Contact's identity. They include:

- Online
- Phone
- Electronic Upload
- In Person
- Mail
- Fax



Agents, CECs, CEWs, PBEs and SCRs can attest that they have visually identified the person's identity with the use of acceptable documentation.

Agents, CECs, CEWs, PBEs, and SCRs can also access a Remote Identity Proofing (RIDP) service to confirm a Consumer's identity. The page presents 3 to 5 unique questions that the Consumer must answer when selecting the RIDP option.

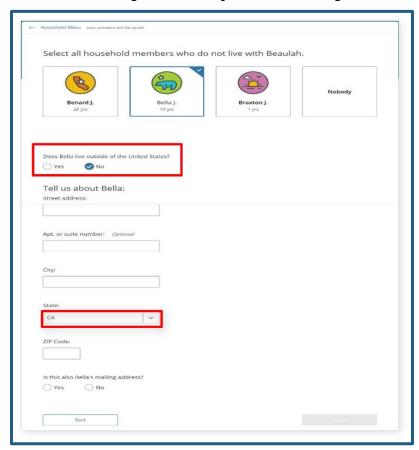
HHMs Not Living with Primary Contact

Next, Consumers are asked: Select all household members who do not live with [Primary Contact].

For the question: Does [HHM] live outside of the United States?

- The Yes radio button disables the address fields
- The No radio button requires the physical and mailing address and allows for an out of state address to be entered

The physical and mailing address must be entered for any member not living with the Primary Contact. Selecting the **Nobody** tile and clicking the **Next** button continues to the next section.



Primary Caretaker

The *Primary Caretaker* page displays when the household has more than one member 20 years old or younger. When this is the case, names of the children are listed, and the user is asked if they all have the same Primary Caretaker.

- If **Yes**, the user clicks one of the adult household member tiles listed or clicks **Someone else** and enters their name and phone number.
- If **No** is selected a Primary Caretaker will need to be selected individually for each of the household members 20 years old and under. When complete, the **Next** button becomes active, and the user may continue to the next page.

HHMs Applying for Care

Users are asked to select all HHMs that would like to apply for health care next. At least one HHM must be selected to continue, but users can select multiple members.



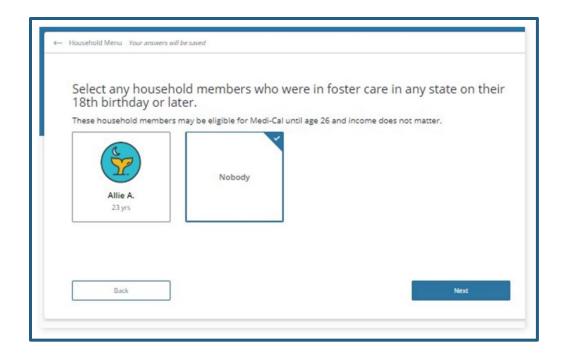
Former Foster Youth

Next, users are asked to select household members that are Former Foster Youth (FFY). Household member tiles display for anyone between the ages of 18 and 26, as of the current system date. Text on the page explains that Foster Care could have been provided in any state and that qualifying individuals could be eligible for free Medi-Cal up to age 26 respective of income.

Selecting any of the HHMs that qualify or selecting the **Nobody** tile is required to continue.

Note: The page only displays when there are HHMs within this age range.

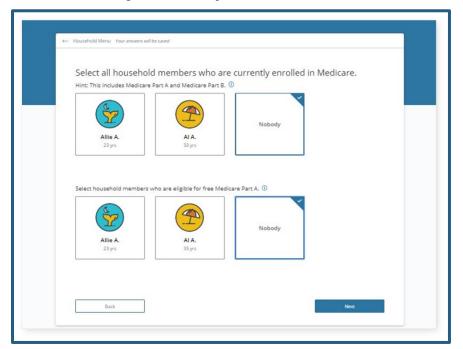




Medicare

Household members currently enrolled in Medicare Part A or Part B are completed next. Users choose from the list of HHMs on the page.

- Selecting the **Nobody** tile for Part B when no one is enrolled
- Selecting the **Nobody** tile for Part A when no one is enrolled



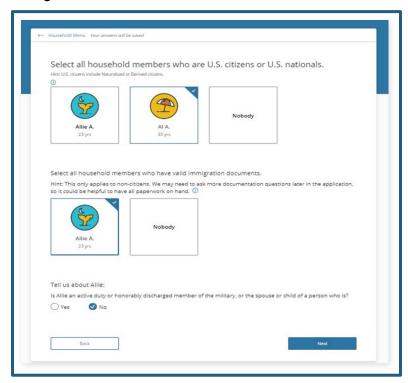


Citizenship

Next, users are asked to select household members are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.

Only HHMs applying for care display. The Next button enables when all HHMs are selected.

The page expands and asks the user to *Select all household members who have valid immigration documents* when none of the HHMs are selected, or the **Nobody** tile is selected.



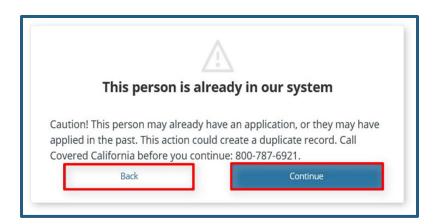
Clicking the **Next** button continues to the next section.

In addition, non-citizens over the age of 16 years old are asked: *Is [HHM] an active duty or honorably discharged member of the military, or the spouse or child of a person who is?*

This person is already in our system popup displays for all users except SCRs and CEWs when either one of the following occurs:

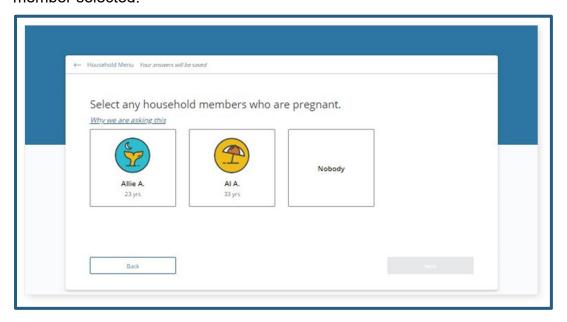
- A match of SSN and DOB
- A match of First, Last Name, DOB and at least one of the following: Physical Address,
 Cell Phone Number, or Email
 - Clicking the Back button navigates the user to the HHM Social Security Number page
 - Clicking the Continue button navigates user to:
 - Individual Menu if user is a U.S. citizen, national, or not-applying
 - Non-Citizen Info page if user is a non-citizen or non-national





Pregnancy

Select any household members who are pregnant next. Clicking an HHM tile prompts the user to provide the expected due date and the number of babies expected for each household member selected.



American Indian/Alaska Native Household Members

Next users are asked which HHMs are American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN).

Note: A tooltip displays providing information regarding federally recognized tribes along with an external link for users to learn more.

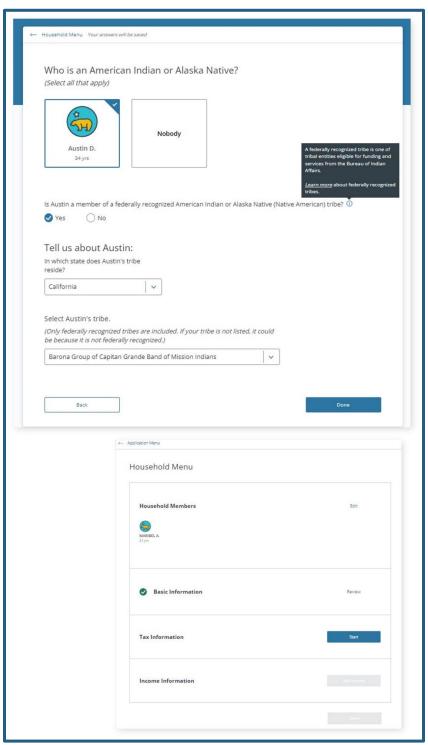
- Selecting No: Users click the Done button to continue
- Selecting Yes dynamically displays additional dropdown menus:
 - The state in which the tribe is recognized

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The name of the tribe

Note: If the name is not listed, users select Tribe not Listed





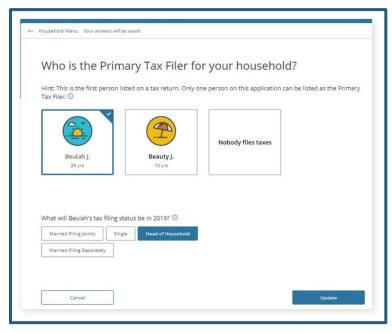
Clicking the **Done** button from the *Who is an American Indian or Alaska Native?* page navigates the user back to the Household Menu and completes the *Basic Information* section.

From the *Household Menu* page, users may review and edit any of the information previously entered by clicking the **Review** link adjacent to the *Basic Information* section.

The users are returned to the *Household Menu* by clicking the **Done** button from the *Basic Information Review* page.

Tax Information Section

Users begin the *Tax Information* section next by clicking the **Start** button from the Household Menu page. The *Tax Information* page displays with a brief overview of the section, information on what to expect and a helpful tip on the documentation needed.



Clicking the **Begin Section** button begins the process. The question, *Who is the Primary Tax Filer for your household?* displays. Users are reminded that this is typically the first person listed on the tax return. Selecting a HHM as the Primary Tax Filer or the **Nobody files taxes** tile when no one in the household plans to file taxes is required.

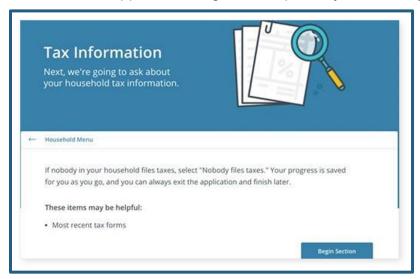
Note: To be eligible for tax credits, a Primary Tax Filer must be selected.

The filing status must be selected after assigning the Primary Tax Filer. Choices include:

- Married Filing Jointly (MFJ)
- Single
- Head of Household
- Married Filing Separately

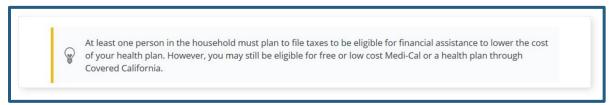
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Note: Married applicants filing taxes separately are not eligible for financial assistance.



 Users are asked to Select all household members who plan to file taxes in [current year]. Clicking any of the HHM tiles to indicate that they plan to file taxes or clicking the Nobody files taxes tile continues to the next section. For each of the HHMs selected, users are asked to select the filing status of that person as described above

Note: Selecting the **Nobody files taxes** tile results in an informational message informing the user that financial assistance will not be available to help lower health plan costs.

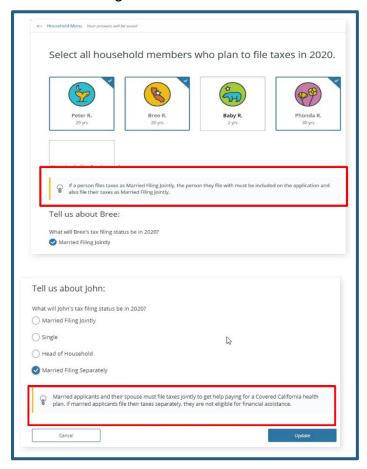


- Select household members required to file taxes. To help users understand which HHMs to select, helpful messages displays when:
 - Clicking the Married Filing Jointly radio button displays:
 If a person files taxes as Married Filing Jointly, the person they file with must be included on the application and also file their taxes as Married Filing Jointly.
 Select an HHM in the Who does [HHM] file taxes with? dropdown
 - Clicking the Married Filing Separately radio button displays:
 Married applicants and their spouse must file taxes jointly to get help paying for Covered California health plan. If married applicants file their taxes separately, they are not eligible for financial assistance.
 - Selecting married filing jointly with more than one person displays an error message in red text:



Please choose a different person who has a tax filing status of "Married Filing Jointly".

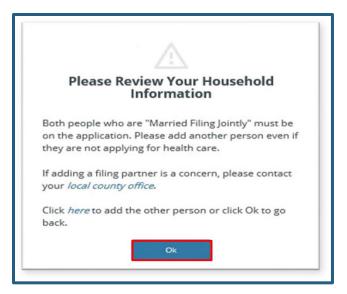
Clicking the **Next** button continues to the next section



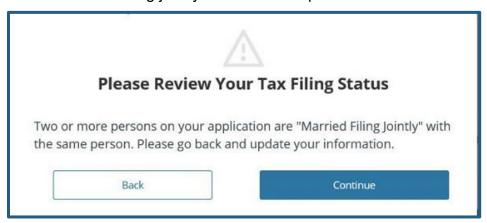


In addition to the helpful messages that display when entering tax filing information, helpful popups display when entering the tax filing status for HHMs:

 The Please Review your Household Information displays when an HHM claims married filing jointly and there is no other HHM attesting to another tax filing status



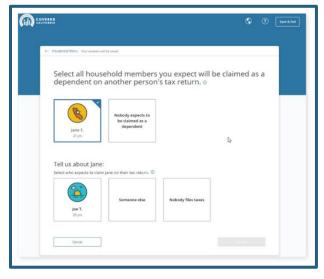
- Clicking the **OK** button closes the popup
- The local county office link navigates the user to a website to locate their county office.
- The here link navigates the user to the Tell us about the people in your household page
- The *Please Review your Tax Filing Status* displays when two or more HHMs are married filing jointly with the same person



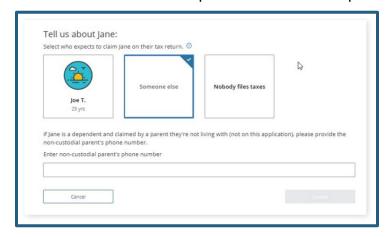
- Clicking the **Back** button navigates the user to the Select all household members who plan to file taxes in [YYYY] page
- Clicking the **Continue** button navigates the user to the Select all household members you expect will be required to file taxes in [YYYY] page



The Select all household members you expect will be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return page displays a list of HHMs on the case (excluding the Primary Tax Filer)



- Clicking a HHM tile selects the HHM that can be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return
- The user is prompted with the question: Tell us about [HHM]: Select who expects to claim [HHM] on their tax return when selecting a HHM tile. The user can select one of the following tiles:
 - The Primary Contact
 - Someone else
 - Nobody files taxes
- The Enter non-custodial parent's phone number field displays when the Someone else tile is selected
- Selecting the **Nobody expects to be claimed as a dependent** tile when none of the HHM listed are expected to be a tax dependent

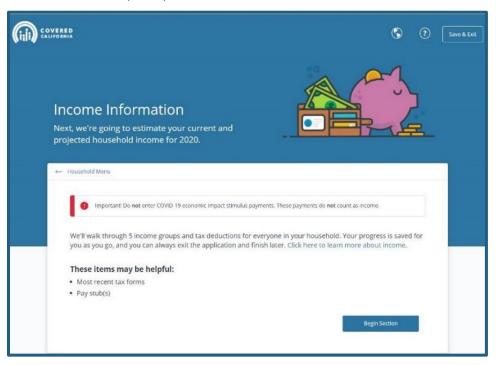


Household Income Pages

Household Income pages collect data used to determine eligibility for help paying for coverage. Note that Income pages do not display on the application for a one-person household that identifies as Former Foster Youth.

Note: A banner displays on the *Income Information page: Important! Do not enter COVID-19 economic impact stimulus payments. These payments do not count as income*

Clicking the Begin Section button navigates users to the *Estimate [year] Household Income* page. From the *Estimate [year] Household Income* page, users select individual household members to view, add, or edit income information.

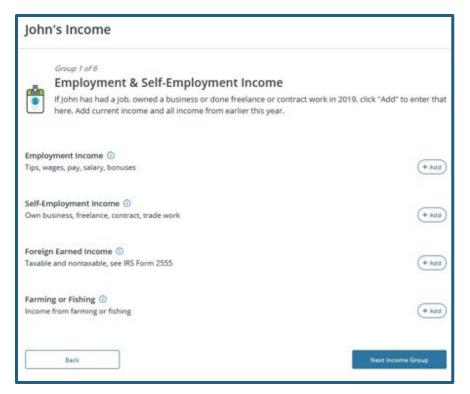


Users navigate through six income groups when adding income. These groups include:

- Employment & Self-Employment Income
- Government & Assistance Income
- Investment & Interest Income
- Retirement Income
- Education Scholarships, Awards, & Grants
- Other Taxable Income

Note: Al/AN Income type only appears as an option if HHM has identified as a member of a recognized tribe

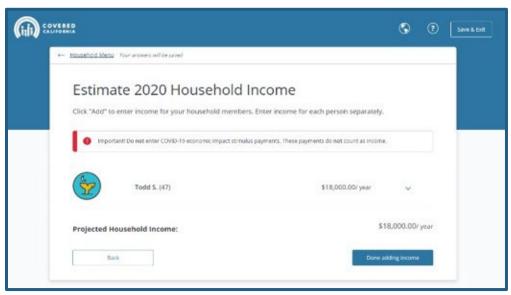




Each of these groups contain a list of the most common types of income. The user must navigate through each group when first adding income for a household member.

Selecting the **+ Add** button from the *Estimate [year' Household Income* page for a household member navigates the user to that individual's Income page starting with the *Employment & Self-Employment Income* page.

Note: A banner displays on the *Income Information* page: *Important! Do not enter COVID-19 economic impact stimulus payments. These payments do not count as income.*

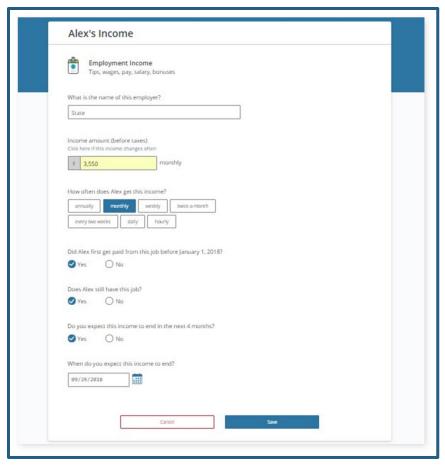


Employment & Self-Employment Income

Within the *Employment & Self-Employment Income* page, users select appropriate subcategories to complete the income entry form. Income entry form fields vary depending on the subcategories chosen and the data entered. From the *Employment & Self-Employment Income* page select a subcategory by clicking the **+ Add** button. The subcategory income entry form displays asking for the name of the employer or the income source. Additional income questions dynamically display when adding a name. For example, the *Employment Income* page would include the following questions:

- Income amount (before taxes)
- How often does [name] get this income?
- Did [HHM] first get paid from this job before Jan 1 [year]?
 - Yes Displays next question
 - No Displays the question: When did [name] first get paid from this job? and a
 date field displays
- Does [HHM] still have this job?
 - Yes Displays next question
 - No Displays the question: When was the last time [HHM] got paid from this job?
 and a date field displays.
- Do you expect this income to end in the next 4 months?
 - Yes Displays the question: When do you expect this income to end? and a date field.
 - No Enables the Save button





Note: A required field displays to capture the number of hours or days per week when the Consumer reports they are paid hourly or daily. The question "Is this community or shared income with a Registered Domestic Partner?" displays when a HHM is a Registered Domestic Partner.

- Clicking Yes or No enables the Save button
- Clicking the Save button displays the Employment & Self-Employment Income page with the income added and an Edit link in case further changes are needed



 Clicking the Next Income Group button navigates the user to the next group, Government & Assistance Income.

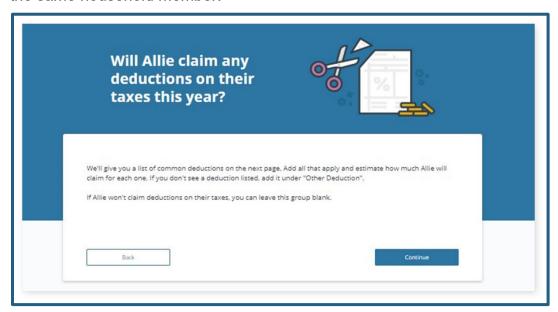
Government & Assistance Income

From the *Government & Assistance Income* page users continue to navigate through each income group before completing this section of the application. The income reporting process described here is similar for each income group. Skip it by clicking the **Next Income Group** button when there is no income to report for a group.



Tax Deductions Page

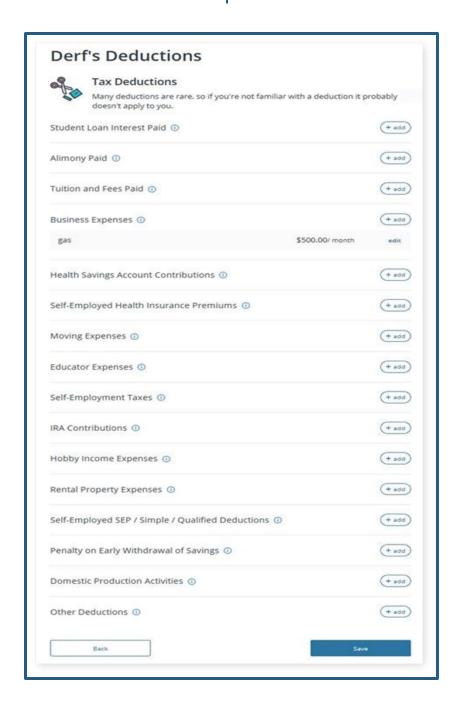
Once all income is reported, a message displays asking if the household member would like to claim any tax deductions. Click the **Continue** button. The *Tax Deductions* page displays for the same household member.



To claim deductions for the current tax year, the user clicks the **+ Add** button for an applicable deduction category and completes the deduction entry form. Navigation to complete this form is very similar to reporting income, as described above

Users may skip this page by clicking the **Save** button without selecting a tax deduction type when there are no deductions to claim. Either way, clicking the **Save** button navigates the user to the *Review [HHM]'s Income* page.

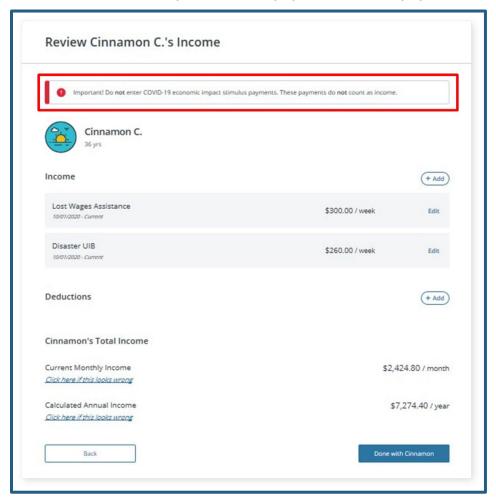




Review [HHM] Income Page

Review the information on the *Review [HHM]'s Income* page. If the information looks complete and accurate click the **Done with [HHM]** button to navigate back to the *Estimate [year] Household Income* page.

Note: A banner displays on the *Confirm Your Income is Correct* page: *Important! Do not* enter *COVID-19 economic impact stimulus payments. These payments do not count as income.*



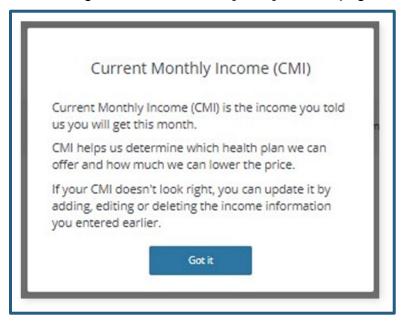
If changes are still needed, the **+ Add** button and **Edit** link for both *Income* and *Deductions* can be used before continuing.

The Review [HHM] Income page also displays the calculated Current Monthly Income and Projected Annual Income amounts based on the input provided.

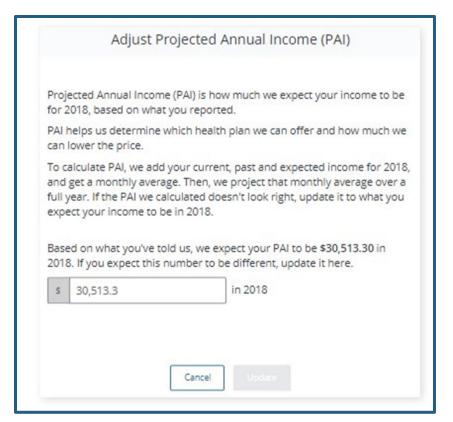
Current Monthly and Projected Annual Income

When the *Current Monthly Income (CMI) or Calculated Annual Income* amounts do not align with a Consumer's expectations:

- 1. Select the **Click here if this looks wrong** link under *Current Monthly Income*. This displays a popup with instructions for updating *Current Monthly Income*, (CMI).
- 2. Alternatively, select the **Click here if this looks wrong** link under Calculated Annual Income to adjust the *Projected Annual Income*, (*PAI*) amount. The *Adjust Projected Annual Income* popup displays. Enter a new PAI amount and click **Update** to save changes and to navigate back to *Review [HHM] Income* page.



- 3. After reviewing income, click the **Done with [HHM]** button to navigate back to the *Estimate* (*Current Year*) Household Income page. **Important notes about income**:
 - CalHEERS prorates income with a mid-month begin and end date
 - Current Monthly Income displays only the income items with date ranges in the current month from each income type (Employment, Self-Employment, Other)



Upon returning to the *Estimate (Current Year) Household Income* page household members with income will have a caret [next to the income amount reported. Clicking the caret symbol expands the income section for that member and displays an **Edit** button.

Clicking the **Edit** button displays the Review [HHM]'s Income page. An **Edit** link on the *Review* [HHM]'s Income page displays the *Edit* [HHM] Income popup where users can make further income changes or delete income.

Clicking the **Delete** button displays a popup asking if the user is sure about deleting the income previously entered.

4. Click the **Done adding income** button on the *Estimate (Current Year) Household Income* page when no further income changes are needed.

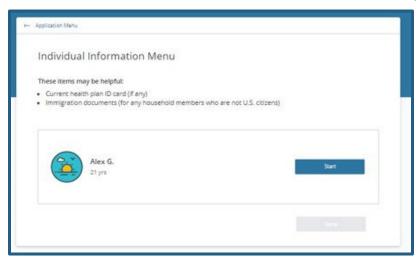
The *Household Menu* page displays. Users may view or update information previously entered using a **Review** link or click the **Done** button to complete the section and return to the *Application Menu*.

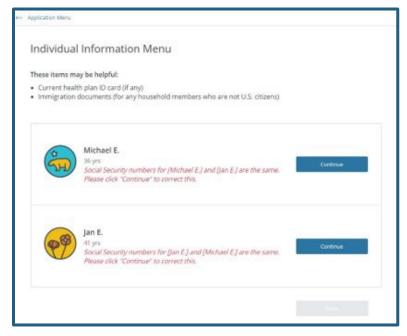


Individual Information Section

In the Individual Information section users submit information about current healthcare enrollment, existing healthcare needs and citizenship status.

- 1. Click the **Start** button on the *Application Menu* page adjacent to the *Individual Information* section. The *Individual Information Menu* page displays listing the HHMs added earlier.
- 2. Click the **Start** button for each HHM and answer the questions presented.





Note: A message displays when the same SSN is entered for two HHMs: *Social Security number for [HHM] and [HHM] are the same. Please click "Continue" to correct this.*

Clicking the Continue button prompts the consumer to resolve the error.

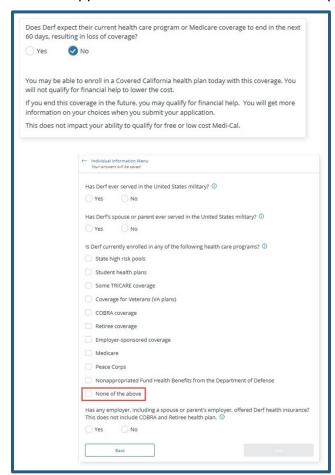
Current Healthcare Enrollment

A **Yes** or **No** question displays next for each HHM asking if they have ever served in the United States military. This question is optional but helps determine if household members have, or may be eligible for, health insurance through the military or veteran health system.



Users are required to select health care programs that they are currently enrolled in. The Medicare checkbox is dynamically marked as checked if **Medicare** was selected earlier in the application.

• Applicants select one or more of the plans listed or the None of the above checkbox





Users are presented with the following question after choosing any of the listed plans:

Does [HHM] expect their current health care program or Medicare coverage to end in the next 60 days, resulting in loss of coverage?

 Selecting Yes to this question displays a required date field to enter the expected end date for that coverage

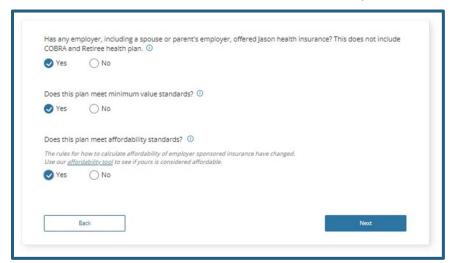
Note: Consumers are self-attesting to being enrolled in and eligible for **Medicare** when selecting the Medicare checkbox. Also, selecting plans from this list does not preclude users from applying for coverage.

 Selecting No displays a message that the applicant may still enroll in a Covered California plan but they will not be eligible for financial assistance

Note: Questions display dynamically on the page based on how the initial questions were answered. As such, users are guided through the page and prompted to answer subsequent questions according to their previous responses.

For most applicants, including those choosing **None of the above**, the next question displays:

Has any employer, including a spouse or parent's employer, offered [HHM] health insurance? This does not include COBRA and Retiree health plan.



Note: This question displays for non-Medi-Cal eligible applicants only, or when the HHM is not eligible for free Medicare Part A.

- Selecting No enables the Next button
- Selecting **Yes** dynamically displays the next two questions which include:
- •
- o Does this plan meet the minimum value standards?
- O Does this plan meet affordability standards?

The rules for how to calculate affordability of employer sponsored insurance have changed. Use our <u>affordability tool</u> to see if yours is considered affordable.

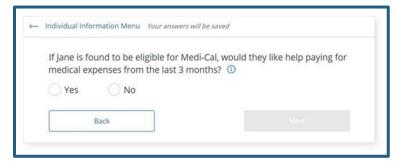
Note: Clicking the affordability tool link navigates the user to the Covered California Financial Help website.

Selecting either **Yes** or **No** for both questions enable the **Next** button. Clicking **Next** navigates the user to the next page.

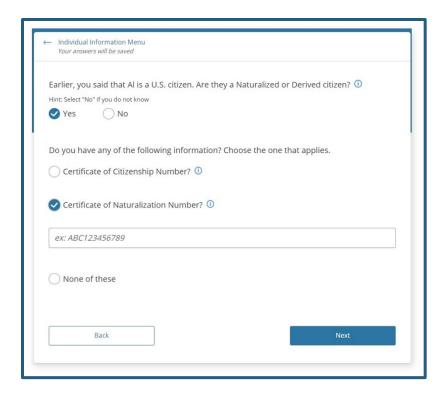
It is important to note that Consumers with certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) may be eligible to receive APTC/CSR if they have been offered but turned down enrollment in these MECs, or if their enrollment will be terminated before their coverage in a subsidized Covered California plan starts.

Users must answer the following **Yes** or **No** questions to complete the section:

- Has [HHM] ever gotten a service from the Indian Health Service, a tribal health program, or an urban Indian health program or through a referral from one of these programs? (For households without Al/AN members this question will not display)
- If [HHM] is found to be eligible for Medi-Cal, would they like help paying for medical expenses from the last 3 months?



- Does [HHM] need help with Long Term Care or Home and Community Based Services?
- Does [HHM] have a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental disability?
- Earlier, you said that [HHM] is a U.S. citizen. Are they a Naturalized or Derived citizen?
- Is [HHM] involved in a lawsuit because of injury or accident?
- Does [HHM] have a Social Security number (SSN)?



Social Security Number (SSN)

Social Security numbers are used to check income and other information when determining eligibility. Household members applying for health coverage must provide an SSN.

The radio button defaults to **Yes** for the question: *Does [HHM] have a Social Security number (SSN)?*

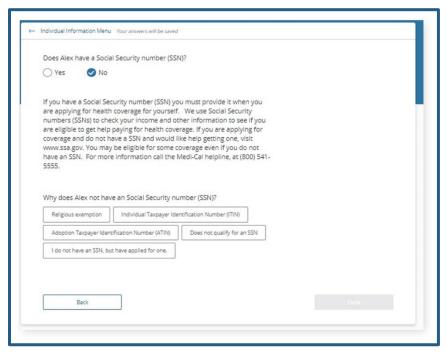
The applicant is prompted to enter their SSN when the response is Yes

Note: The SSN is pre-populated if the SSN was entered previously during account creation or for the Primary Contact.

- Selecting No requires a response to the question: Why does [HHM] not have a Social Security number (SSN)? Choices Include:
 - Religious exemption
 - Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
 - o Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN)

Note: Selecting an ITIN or ATIN requires users to enter an ID number to continue.

- Does not qualify for an SSN
- I do not have an SSN, but have applied for one

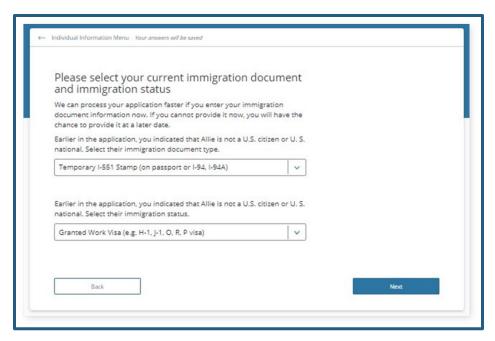


Citizenship and Immigration Status

Immigration documentation and Immigration status details for household members who are not U.S. Citizen or U.S. Nationals

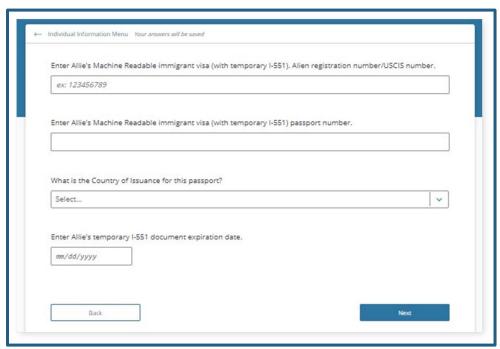
- Select an option from the **Document Type** and **Immigration Status** dropdown lists
- Users may be prompted to enter additional information in the fields that display based on the immigrant document selected





A set of questions/fields displays specific to PRUCOL eligibility when **Document or status not listed** is selected from the **Document Type** dropdown.

Examples of other changes in the Citizen Information section that may display based on **Document Type** selection are listed in the table below.





Page Feature Description **Country of Issuance** is required when What is the Country of Issuance for this passport? selecting the following Document types and/or entering a Passport Number: Afghanistan Albania Temporary I-551 Stamp (on Algeria passport or I94, I-94A) American Samoa **Unexpired Foreign Passport Machine Readable Immigrant** Select... Visa (with Temporary I-551 Western Sahara Language) Arrival/Departure Record in Zambia **Unexpired Foreign Passport** Zimbabwe (1-94)Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status (I-20) **Document indicating** American Indian born in Canada - LPR - I-55 **Document indicating member** of a federally-recognized Indian tribe Certification from U.S. Department of Health and **Human Services (HHS) Office** of Refugee Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) eligibility letter **Cuban/Haitian Entrant, Document indicating** withholding of removal **Resident of American Samoa Resident of Commonwealth** of the Northern Mariana Islands **Notice of Action (I-797)**



Page Feature	Description
	Other document with an Alien Number/USCIS Number Other document with I-94 document The Country of Issuance dropdown list includes the 196 countries recognized by the Department of Health Services, in alphabetical order.
► Individual information hieros The process will be used	The Card Number
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What is the Country of Insuance for this passport? School Enter Audira's Other document SEVIS ID. Enter Audira's Other document explication date. multility 1977 Box Next	The Document Expiration Date field is optional for some document types such as the <i>Permanent Resident Card</i> (<i>Green Card</i>) but required for others, such as the <i>Employment Authorization Card</i> (<i>I-766</i>).
Is this person a qualified non-citizen? OYes ONo	This question displays for HHMs who indicate they are not a U.S. Citizen or National. This question is optional for non-applicants and required for applicants. It allows Individuals to attest to qualified non-citizen status.
	Tooltip text descriptions give more information. Qualified non-citizenship status does not affect eligibility at this time.

Clicking the **Done** button to navigates the user to the *Health Care Information* page.

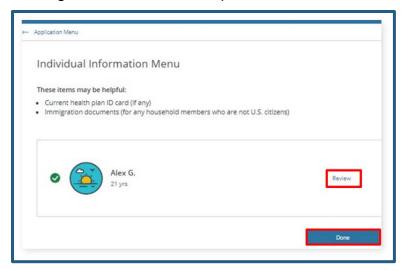


Clicking the **Done** button navigates the user to the *Individual Information Menu* page.

The *Individual Information Menu* page displays a **Review** link next to the HHM's name when the section is complete.

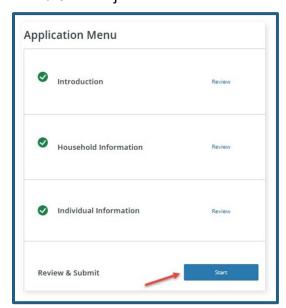
Clicking the **Review** link allows the user to revisit or edit the information previously entered.

Clicking the **Done** button completes the section and returns the user to the *Application Menu*.



Review & Submit Section

The *Review & Submit* section summarizes information entered from all the application pages (click the **Review** link to review all information entered). Users are asked to review the information provided before submitting the application. Updates can still be made by clicking an **Edit** link adjacent to the information.





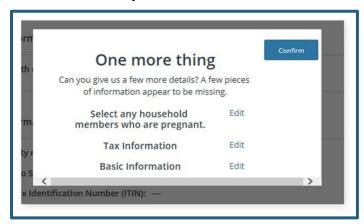
For each section of the application, clicking the **Confirm** button acknowledges that the information is correct and that the review is complete. Review sections include:

- Review Household Information
- Review Tax Information
- Review Household Income
- Review Individual Information

Note: Editing previously entered information after completing a section can have downstream impacts to other areas of the application.

The following popups may display as the user proceeds through the application:

 Before navigating to the Final Review section, CalHEERS performs a data check to see if it is missing information needed to determine eligibility. The One more thing popup displays when required data is missing. Information identified as needed is listed alongside an Edit link. Clicking the Edit link navigates the user to the applicable page where updates can be made. CalHEERS navigates the user to the One more thing popup to repeat the process until all information is updated. After updating the necessary information, users continue through the Final Review section.



 A missing information popup displays when a user clicks Cancel on the popup, or closes it, and required fields are incomplete



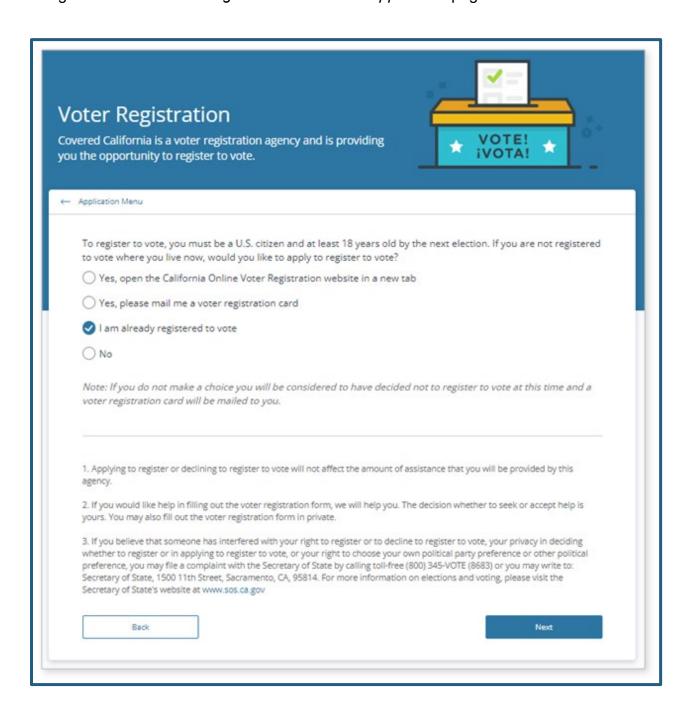


 The Updates are required for HHM popup may display when the member's personal information cannot be verified by the Federal Hub. The consumer is required to confirm or update information provided.



Voter Registration

The *Voter Registration* page displays once the last **Confirm** button in the Application Review section is clicked. Completing the Voter Registration page is optional. Clicking the **Next** button navigates the user to the *Sign and Submit Your Application* page.



Sign and Submit Your Application

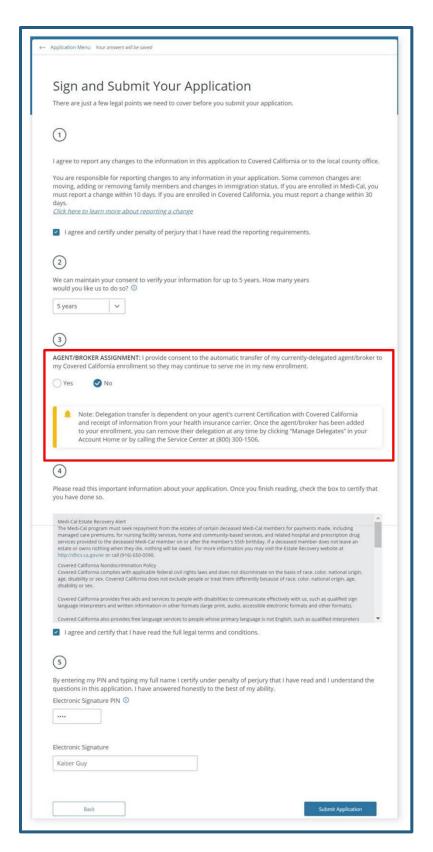
The *Sign and Submit Your Application* page includes four legal points to be addressed before submitting the application:

- An agreement to report any changes to the information given in the application
- The applicant's consent to allow CalHEERS to verify household information for up to 5 years by an identity proofing service
- The AGENT/BROKER ASSIGNMENT allows applicants or Authorized Representatives to consent to the automatic transfer of their currently delegated agent or broker to their Covered California enrollment
 - Clicking the **Yes** button transfers the previous agent information to CalHEERS (via a nightly batch process)
 - Clicking the No radio button does not transfer the agent information
- A message displays with a Note: that the transfer is dependent on agent's Certification with CCA and how to manage delegations
- An agreement to the terms and conditions of the application
- Certifying, by electronic PIN and electronic signature, that the questions in the application have been read, understood, and answered honestly

Note: The Electronic Signature PIN field does not display for Admin users.

Clicking the **Submit Application** button at the bottom of the page submits the application.

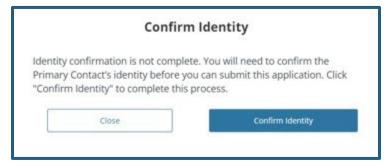






Note: The application cannot be submitted until the Primary Contact's identity is confirmed. The Confirm Identity popup displays after clicking the **Submit Application** button and the Primary Contact's identity is not complete:

- Clicking the Close button closes the popup
- Clicking the Confirm Identity button navigates the user to the Great! Now we need to ask a few questions to confirm [HHM's] identity page. The identity confirmation questions must be completed

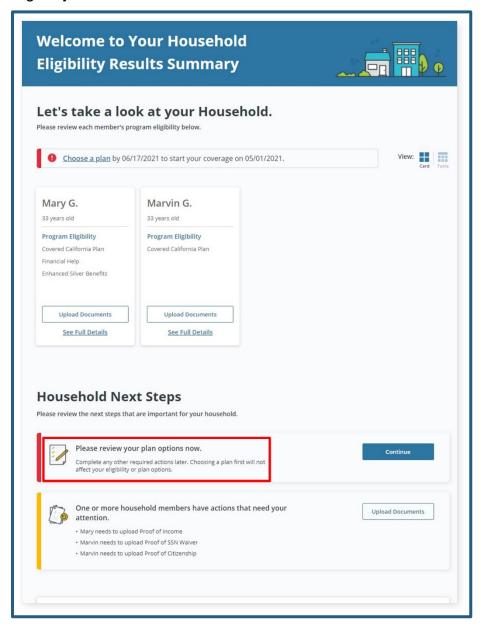






Note: CalHEERS runs daily eligibility remediation from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for initial applications, or when adding a person for a RAC, or adding a person for active Renewal on the same day the initial eligibility result is received. CalHEERS uses the last eligibility determination of the day when generating notices, 834 transactions, and sending MEDS transactions.

The Welcome to Your Household Eligibility Results Summary page displays a summary of eligibility for the household.



The user can continue to the plan selection and enrollment by clicking the **Choose a Plan** link which includes the date by which choosing a plan needs to be complete for the given coverage start date.

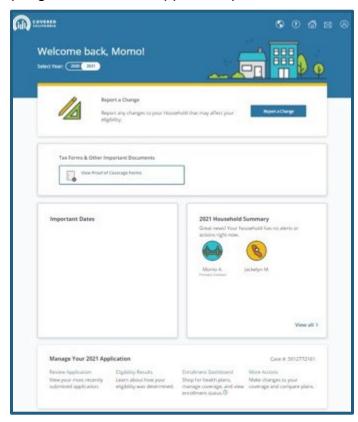


The *Household Next Steps* section displays a list of items required to complete the application with a message that required next steps may be completed later or after plan selection.

Note: The *More Employer Information is Required* page displays when at least one member in the household is employed, and eligible or conditionally eligible for APTC. The user is required to provide employer address information before continuing with plan selection.

Report a Change

To report a change, click the **Report a Change** button on the Consumer Home page. Administrative users (CEWs and SCRs) may choose to open an application in Consumer View (Single Streamlined Application) or the *Flexible Admin View*.



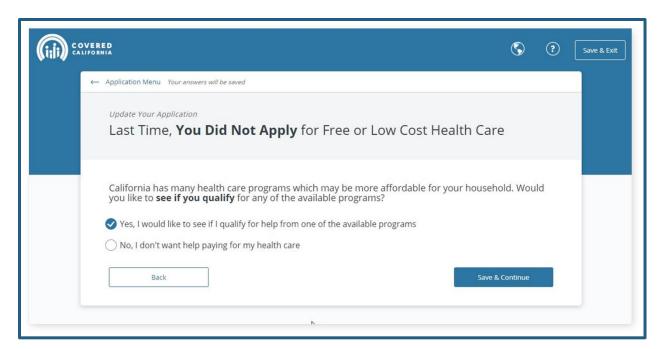
Change Application Type

Users can change application type when the application submitted is unsubsidized (without premium tax credits or Medi-Cal):



- Use the Report a Change button on the Consumer Home page
- Click the Consumer View button from the View Confirmation popup
- On the Choose an Event that Best Applies to This Household page:
 - Select the event from the Qualifying Life Event dropdown and complete the subsequent questions
- On the Last Time, You Did Not Apply for Free or Low Cost Health Care page, click the Yes....radio button





Changing the application type from unsubsidized to subsidized requires additional information that was not required for a subsided application. Submitting the RAC application completes the process.

Reapply

A consumer reapplying in CalHEERS has a similar experience as one applying for the first time. However, CalHEERS retains case information as of the last case closing which aims to simplify the time spent in compiling the Household information.