



**Nevada Health Link State Based Exchange Platform (The Exchange)
The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (SSHIX)
Plan Year 2021 Draft Letter to Issuers Fact Sheet
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The Plan Year 2021 Draft Letter to Issuers released today provides guidance to issuers interested in offering Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) and Qualified Dental Plans (QDPs) on the Nevada Health Link State Based Exchange Platform (The Exchange) for the 2021 plan coverage year. The Plan Year 2021 Draft Letter to Issuers provides information on key dates for the QHP and QDP certification process, standards that will be used to evaluate QHPs and QDPs for certification, electronic data requirements, oversight procedures, consumer support policies and programs. For more issuer information, please visit the Carrier Resources page of our website linked here:
<https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/partner-resources/carriers/>

This year's Draft Letter includes some new sections and content. Some of the policies in the Draft Letter released today include:

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Requirements for QHPs and QDPs:

Any issuer intending to sell plans in Nevada for Plan Year 2021 must complete requirements with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) testing prior to certification. Issuers will be required to notify SSHIX no later than January 31, 2021 if they intend to offer plans in Nevada for Plan Year 2021. Issuers will then be required to work collaboratively with SSHIX's vendor, GetInsured (GI) for EDI related matters. Please refer to the timeline below for key dates regarding EDI requirements:

Activity	Deadline
Issuers submit Intent to EDI Test form to SSHIX Required – form linked here: Intent to EDI Test PY2021	1/31/2020
EDI discussions and precreation	3/1-5/31/2020
EDI testing must be successfully completed	6/1-7/31/2020

Failure to successfully test by the required timeline indicated above may result in additional fees and/or not being certified to offer plans on the Exchange for Plan Year 2021.

Fees may apply for EDI related processes and Issuer Onboarding. For a schedule of fees, please contact the Exchange at: pmanagement@exchange.nv.gov.



QHP/QDP Draft Plan Year 2021 Timelines:

The 2021 Draft Letter outlines key dates for the QHP and QDP certification process with the Exchange for Plan Year 2021. Our approach to the timeline for 2021 is similar to the timeline for 2020 plan year, with some minor differing dates. The following are noted exceptions:

- An additional timeline was added to the Qualified Dental Plan (QDP) section of the Draft Letter which is very similar to the QHP timeline, to further clarify and outline the QDP certification process.
- The QHP and QDP Draft Plan Year 2021 timeline's have been updated with the key dates for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) requirements listed in that section.
- To provide additional flexibility to issuers for the Plan Year 2021, the Exchange is proposing a longer Plan Preview timeframe for issuers to view plans on Nevada Health Link State Based Exchange Platform.

Quality Reporting Strategy for QHPs:

All qualifying issuers offering a QHP of any metal level through SSHIX must comply with QRS requirements and report on all quality measures defined by CMS. For data reporting to CMS during 2020, a qualifying issuer is an issuer that offers a product type on SSHIX that meets the minimum enrollment threshold (more than 500 enrollees in that product type as of July 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020).

CMS will work with issuers to collect data and calculate the quality performance ratings for QHPs offered through SSHIX during the open enrollment period for the 2021 plan year. During 2021 qualifying issuers will report data from the 2019 plan year to CMS, and that data will be analyzed by CMS and be the basis for the quality performance.

QHP issuers should refer to the Marketplace Quality Initiatives website for more detailed information on issuer data collection and reporting requirements for the 2020 calendar year. CMS will issue technical guidance for the QRS and QHP Enrollee Experience Survey.

SSHIX will notify any issuer who is eligible for 2020 QRS based on the 2020 QRS participation requirements. Participation requirements can be found in the CMS Technical Guidance for 2020.

For the 2021 plan year, the Nevada Health Link State Based Platform will display plan rating data on the Transparency page of our website linked here: <https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/transparency/>

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