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Approach Guidance: Auto-Assignment for the New Hampshire Premium Assistance Program

The following auto-assignment framework will be used in New Hampshire's Premium Assistance Program.

There are two different timing sequences for auto-assignment (AA) in Premium Assistance, as noted below.

- AA is utilized for new applicants and current Bridge enrollees without a counterpart Qualified Health Plan (QHP) in the event they fail to make a selection during the initial selection period.
- AA is utilized immediately during the initial conversion to PAP for current Bridge enrollees with a cost-effective QHP counterpart to their current MCO.

Auto-Assignment for New Applicants and Current Bridge Enrollees with No Comparable QHP

- DHHS will send notices to all PAP enrollees in this category which will inform them that they have 30 days to select a QHP at the beginning of open enrollment (11/1/2015).
- The notice will include:
 - information regarding where to go to select a QHP,
 - notice to enrollees that if they do not choose a plan within 30 days, they will be auto-assigned to a QHP.
- If Current Bridge enrollees fail to elect a QHP during the 30-day plan selection period, at the conclusion of that period they will be auto-assigned to a QHP (12/2015) using the methodology described in this guidance.
- Outside of open enrollment, if any new applicants fail to elect a plan during the 30 day plan selection period, at the conclusion of that period they will be auto-assigned to a QHP using the methodology described in this guidance.
- DHHS will send notices to enrollees who are auto-assigned that they have been auto-assigned and inform them that they have one 30-day period to switch to another QHP.

Auto-Assignment for Current Bridge Enrollees with a Cost-effective, Comparable QHP Offered By Their Current MCO

- DHHS will auto-assign current Bridge enrollees with a comparable, cost-effective QHP counterpart to the comparable QHP at the beginning of open enrollment (11/1/2015).
- DHHS will send a notice to each Bridge enrollee who is auto-assigned informing them of their auto-assignment.

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- The notice will inform enrollees that they have one 30-day period to switch to another QHP for the 2016 demonstration year.

Auto-Assignment Methodology for New Applicants and Current Bridge Enrollees with No QHP Counterpart Who Fail to Select

The following hierarchy will be applied for those who don't select within the appropriate time selection period:

1. **Family affiliation to a QHP** for those members where another family member is also enrolled in a QHP through the premium assistance program. In cases where there are premium assistance enrolled family members in different QHPs, auto-assignment will be based on the youngest adult member's QHP.
2. **Family affiliation to a MCO** for those members where another family member is enrolled in standard Medicaid through an MCO with a parent organization that has established a QHP.
3. **Primary Care Provider affiliation** to a QHP. This factor will only be used for current Bridge enrollees transitioning to a QHP for whom primary care provider history is available. The factor cannot be applied to new applicants for whom there is no data regarding provider affiliation.
4. **Tie-breaker.** In cases where family and primary care provider affiliation are not applicable factors or there is a tie among affiliations, auto-assignment will be equally distributed among the available QHPs.
 - a. For Example: Enrollee did not select a QHP during the first 30 days of open enrollment and will be auto-assigned. The enrollee has a primary care provider with an affiliation with 3 PAP carrier networks. Each of the 3 carriers available in this instance will have a 33 percent chance of being selected for auto-assignment.