



Washington Health Benefit Exchange

Sponsorship Program Overview

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Exchange Sponsorship Program

- The Exchange runs a Sponsorship Program, which enables entities to provide additional financial support for premiums and/or out-of-pocket costs to individuals enrolled in qualified health plans through *Washington Healthplanfinder*
- State law authorizes the Exchange to work with city and county governments, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations, private foundations, and other entities who want to help pay for premiums and cost-sharing on behalf of their customers (see RCW 43.71.030(4)). Federal law (45 CFR §156.1250) requires insurance companies to accept third party payments from certain entities.
- More information available at:
<https://www.wahbexchange.org/partners/sponsors/>

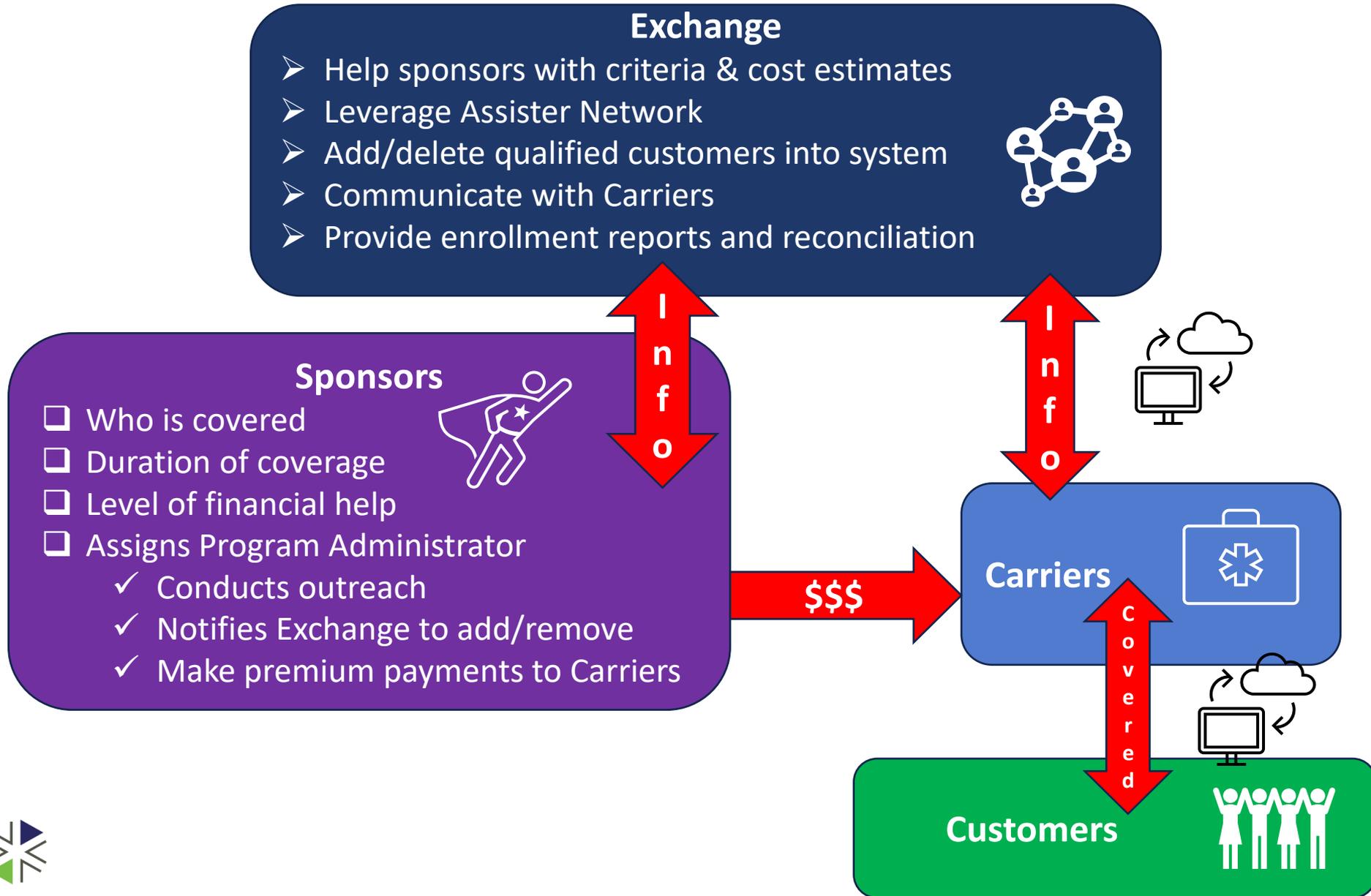


Exchange Sponsorship Program

- Currently 16 sponsors cover 3561 enrollees
- Largest sponsors: Health Care Authority; Evergreen Health Insurance Program; Pierce County Project Access

Criteria	Health Care Authority (COFA Medical)	Pierce County Premium Assistance (PCPA)	Evergreen Health Insurance Program (EHIP)
Number of Covered Individuals	1871	233	1166
Duration	Plan year	Plan year	Plan year
Residency Requirement	WA State resident	Pierce county resident	WA State resident
Income limit	Up to 138% FPL	Up to 400% FPL	Up to 425% FPL
Metal-level Requirement	Silver	Silver	Silver and Gold
Premiums assistance	Cost of premium after full tax credit applied	Cost of premium after full tax credit applied	Cost of premium after full tax credit applied
Cost-sharing assistance:	Yes, via medical debit card	No	No

Typical Sponsorship Flow



Sponsorship Program & Pandemic Response

- Heightened interest in sponsorship program – provides an opportunity for interested individuals and entities to make health coverage more affordable for Washingtonians during the COVID-19 pandemic and aftermath
- Current discussions underway with Legislators and Governor’s office – could result in immediate program expansion
- Program enhancements needed to:
 - Accommodate increased volume
 - Streamline program management
 - Provide glidepath for state subsidy program
- Lessons learned from sponsorship are informing development of broader state subsidy implementation plan



Next Steps Discussion

The Sponsorship Program is being leveraged to help address the immediate problem of affordability for some Washingtonians

What advice do you have for us as we move forward on this Sponsorship journey?

If you work with or are aware of *city/county governments, private foundations, Trusts, non-profit organizations or other entities who may be interested* in becoming a sponsor or learning more about the Sponsorship Program, we invite you to share program materials and provide my contact information:

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