

## **Public Notice: 2016 Qualified Health Plans on Vermont Health Connect December 2014**

**This is to serve as public notice that Vermont Health Connect is soliciting Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) for the 2016 coverage year. There will be no separate request for proposal (RFP) issued for this purpose.**

**Plan applications will be accepted from interested health carriers that are fully licensed in the State of Vermont. All Qualified Health Plan submissions must include identical coverage for individuals & families and for small business employers with one hundred (100) or fewer employees.<sup>1</sup> All plans must comply with the essential health benefits as included in the Vermont EHB benchmark plan,<sup>2</sup> as well as all other Federal and State of Vermont coverage requirements. Carrier submissions must encompass standard plans in the four metal levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze.<sup>3</sup> Vermont Health Connect will also consider compliant, non-standard plan submissions.**

**Form filings with the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) are due on March 2, 2015 for medical plans, and on April 3 for dental. Rate filings for both 2015 medical and dental Qualified Health Plans are due on June 1, 2015; medical plan rates are submitted to the Green Mountain Care Board and dental plan rates are submitted to the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation. The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) Commissioner will select the final set of 2016 Qualified Health Plans offered to consumers on Vermont Health Connect in September, 2015 and reserves the right to reject any and all non-standard plan submissions.**

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<sup>1</sup> 33 VSA 1811(a)(3)(B)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Data-Resources/ehb.html#Vermont>. QHPs must comply with any coverage requirements in effect at the time of form filing.

<sup>3</sup> 46 CFR 156.140

