

Competition Study & 2022 New Plans, Area Expansion, and Benefit Changes

Pension & Health Benefits Committee
Agenda Item 7a

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Agenda

- Plan Proposal Timeline
- Status Updates for Board Approved Pending Proposals
- New Service Area Expansion Proposal
- Next Steps

Plan Proposal Timeline



Status Updates for Board Approved Pending Proposals

Blue Shield Access+ Basic Service Area Reentry into Bay Area

8 Bay Area County Service Area Expansion

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano

- Significantly benefits Bay Area subscribers
- Increases competition among health plans in the Bay Area

 **Recommend for Board Approval**



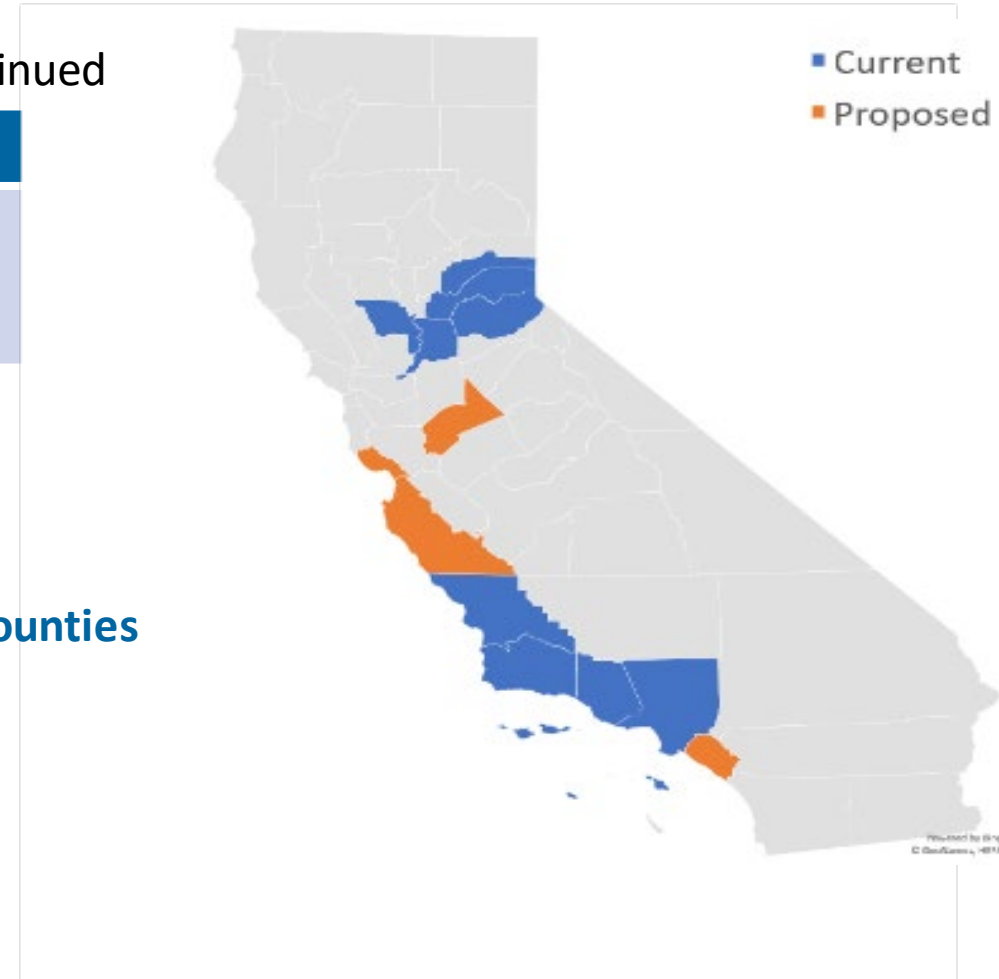
Status Updates for Board Approved Pending Proposals, continued

Blue Shield Trio Basic Service Area Expansion

Service Area Expansion

Orange, Santa Cruz, and Stanislaus

- Provides alternative HMO options for members
- Creates modest downward price pressure in the three counties



➤ Recommend for Board Approval

* Monterey was already approved in November 2020 PHBC contingent upon DMHC regulatory approval

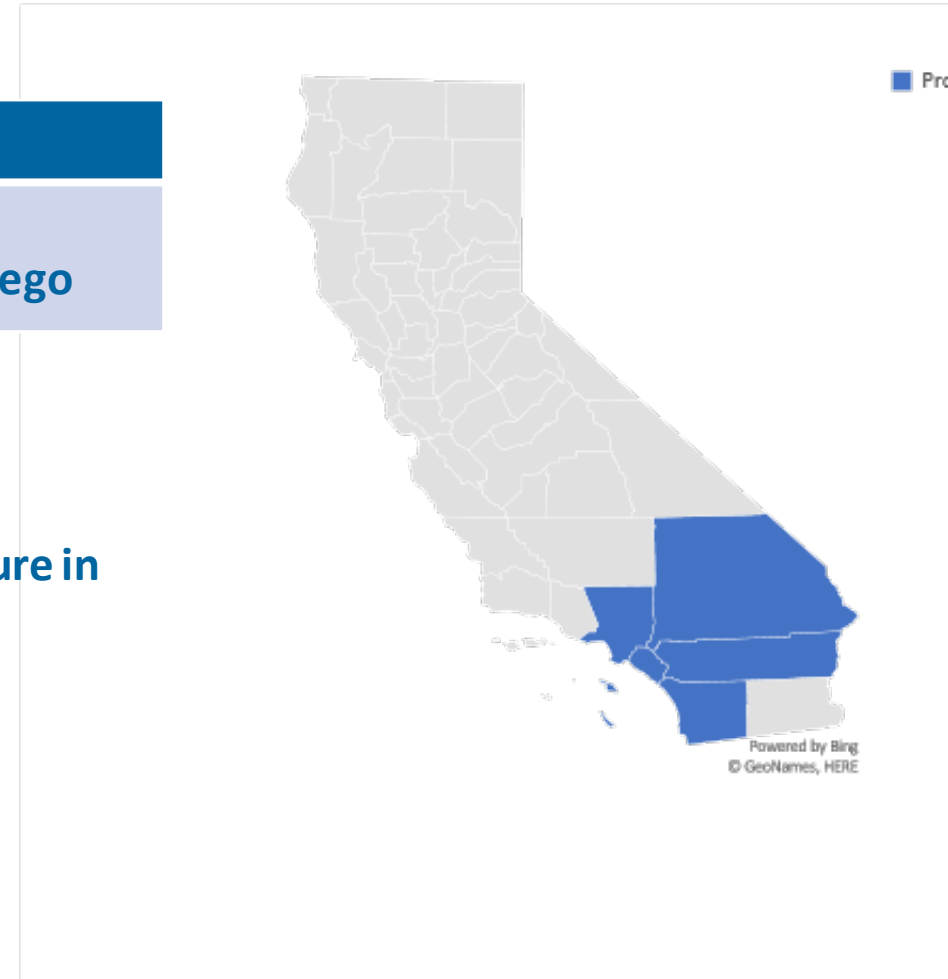
Status Updates for Board Approved Pending Proposals

UnitedHealthcare Signature Value Harmony Basic HMO

5 Southern Counties

Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego

- Provides low-cost alternative HMO option for members
- Increases competition and causes downward price pressure in each of the counties



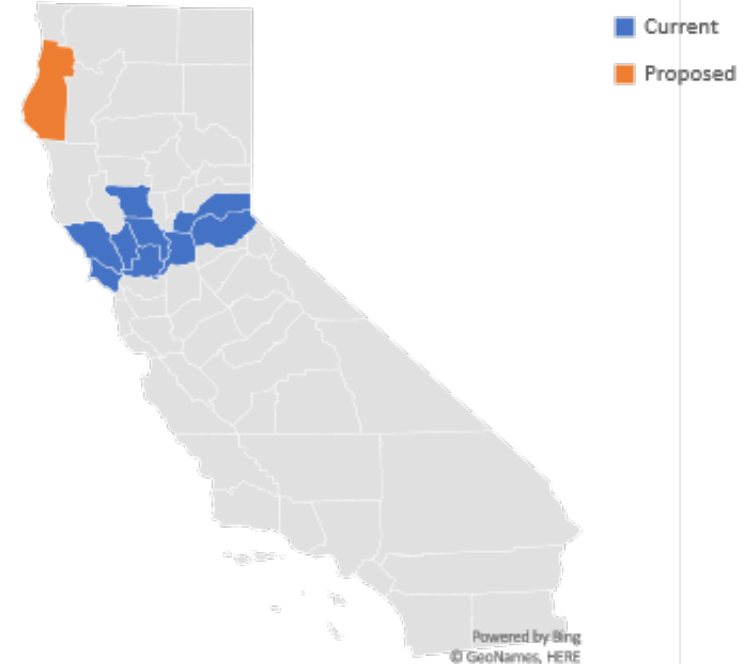
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New Service Area Expansion Proposal

Western Health Advantage Basic HMO Service Area Expansion

Humboldt County

- **Significantly benefits subscribers in Humboldt**
- **Creates the first low-cost HMO available in the county**



➤ Recommend for Board Approval contingent on DMHC regulatory approval

Plan Proposals for 2022	New Health Plan	Benefit Design	Service Area	Recommendation
1. Blue Shield Access+ Reentry into Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano)			✓	Approve
2. Blue Shield Trio Expansion (Monterey, Orange, Santa Cruz, and Stanislaus)			✓	Approve
3. UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Harmony Basic HMO (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego)	✓			Approve
4. Western Health Advantage Basic HMO Service Area Expansion (Humboldt)			✓	Approve

Next Steps

