

Washington Health Benefit Exchange Sponsorship Program

Tribal Assister Training

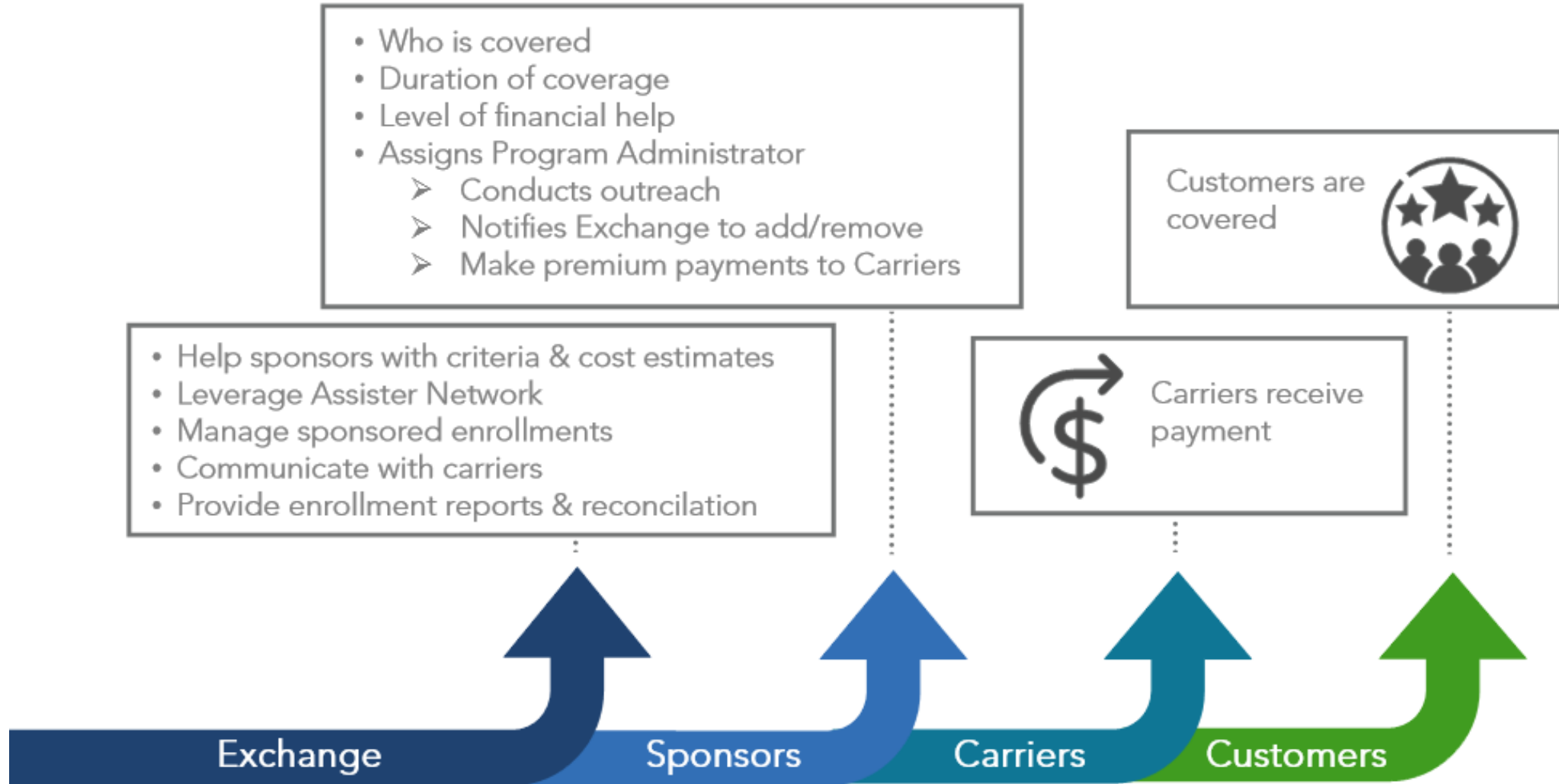
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Federal regulations under [45 CFR §156.1250](#) require that Carriers offering individual market qualified health plans, including stand-alone dental plans, must accept premium and cost-sharing payments from the following third-party entities on behalf of plan enrollees:

- a) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act;
- b) Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations;** and
- c) State and Federal Government programs



How the Sponsorship Program Works



Participating Tribal Sponsors

Tribal organizations may choose to sponsor their Tribal members or other non-AI/AN household members per their directive. If your Tribal organization would like more information about the sponsorship program, please email sponsor@wahbexchange.org



Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe



Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



Colville Confederated Tribes



Kalispel Tribe of Indians



Squaxin Island Tribe



Swinomish Indian Tribal Community



Nisqually Indian Tribe



Makah Tribe



Muckleshoot Tribe



Lummi Nation



Quinault Indian Nation

Participating Non-Tribal Sponsors

Non-Government Organizations



Project Access NW



Pierce County Project Access



Evergreen Health Insurance Program

Government Organizations



Public Health Seattle in King County



DCYF JR



Health Care Authority

Tribal Qualifying Life Event

American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) individuals may enroll in a Qualified Health Plan or change from one Qualified Health Plan to another one time per month.

If the 'Shop for Plans' button is not available on the Tribal member's Account Home Dashboard in *Washington Healthplanfinder*, and they are not currently enrolled or are enrolled and have not changed their plan in the current month, please email sponsor@wahbexchange.org to request a special enrollment period.

[Shop for Plans](#)

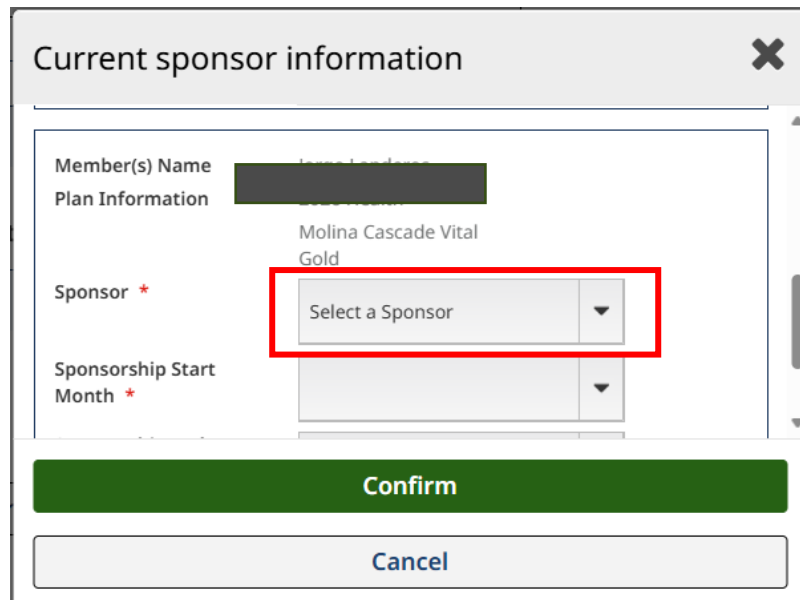
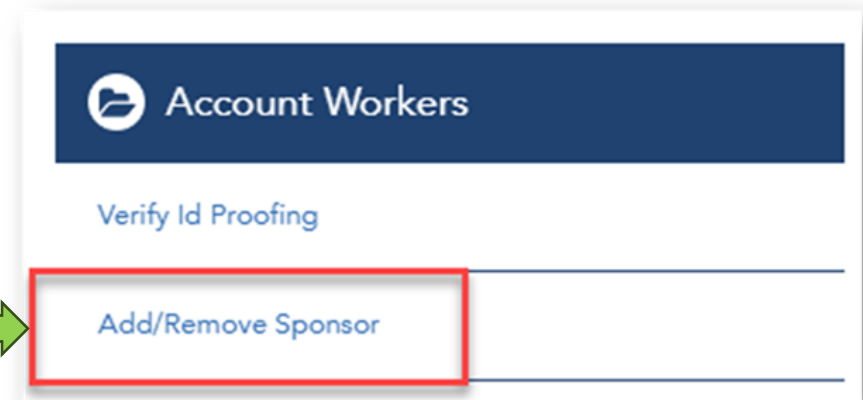


How to Apply Sponsorship

Once a qualified health/dental plan has been selected and confirmed, return to your client's dashboard to apply Sponsorship.

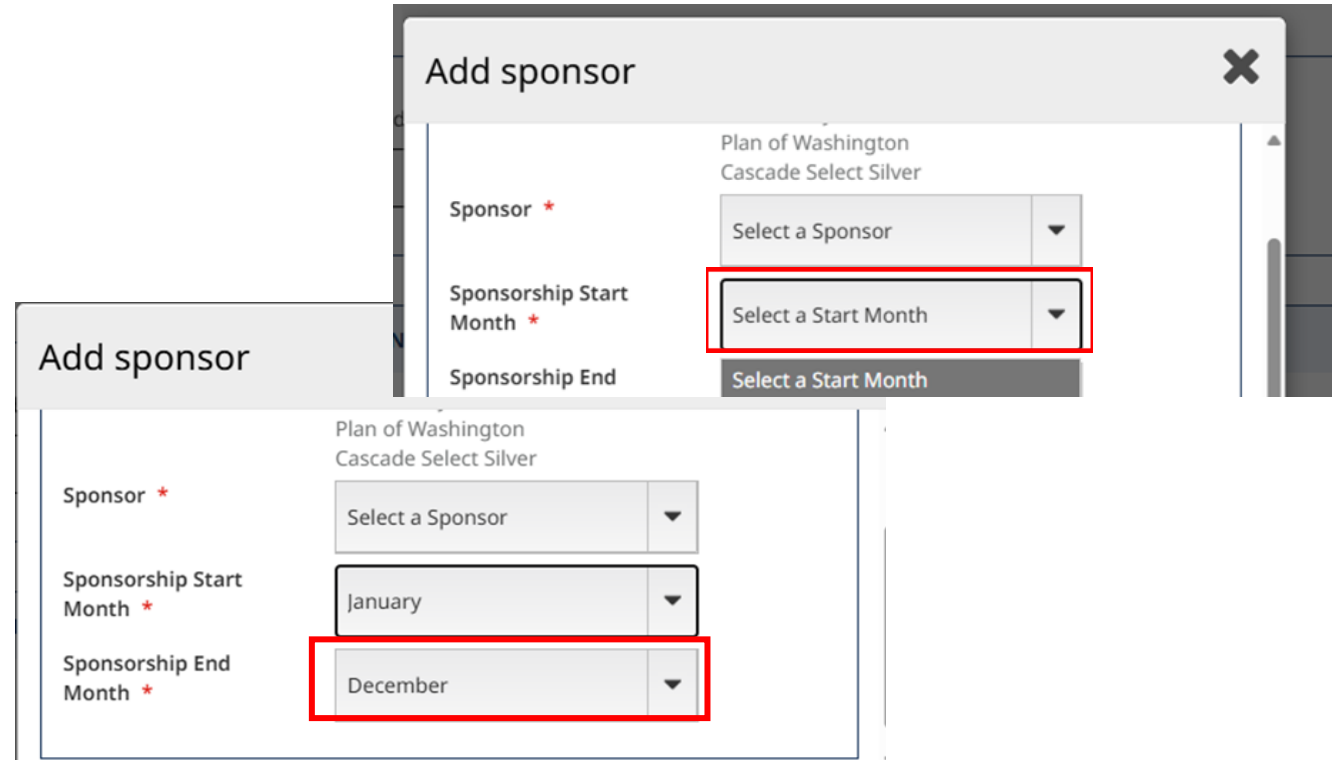
Under Account Workers on the left-hand side of the screen, you will see "Add/Remove Sponsor" quick link.

1. Click the link to open the Sponsorship window.

A screenshot of a modal window titled "Current sponsor information" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The window contains several fields: "Member(s) Name" with a redacted value, "Plan Information" with a redacted value, "Sponsor" with a redacted value and a red box around the "Select a Sponsor" drop-down menu, and "Sponsorship Start Month" with a redacted value. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: a green "Confirm" button and a grey "Cancel" button. A green arrow points from the right towards the "Select a Sponsor" drop-down menu.

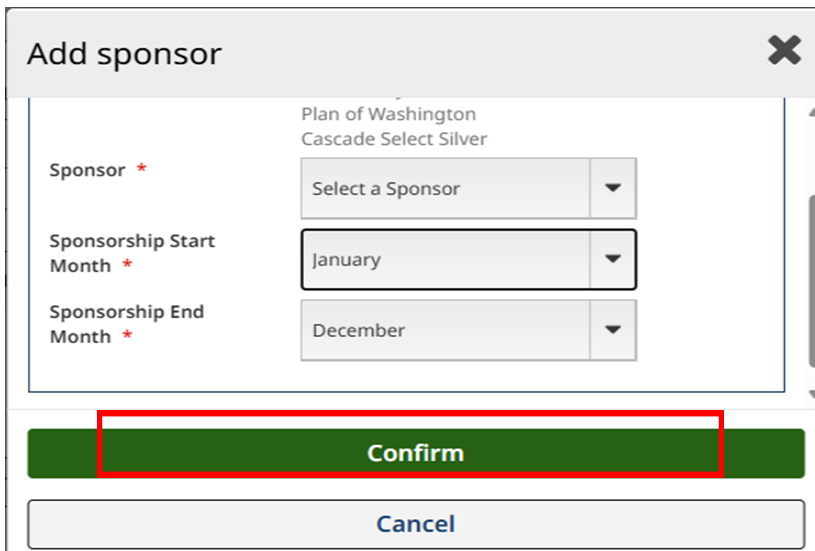
2. Select the drop-down menu for the Sponsor and select your Tribal organization.

3. Select the **month** that Sponsorship assignment begins and make sure to select the month of December as the sponsorship end date.



The screenshot shows the 'Add sponsor' dialog box with the following fields:

- Sponsor * (Plan of Washington Cascade Select Silver) - Select a Sponsor
- Sponsorship Start Month * - Select a Start Month (highlighted with a red box)
- Sponsorship End Month * - Select a Start Month



The screenshot shows the 'Add sponsor' dialog box with the following fields:

- Sponsor * (Plan of Washington Cascade Select Silver) - Select a Sponsor
- Sponsorship Start Month * - January
- Sponsorship End Month * - December

At the bottom, there are two buttons: **Confirm** (highlighted with a red box) and **Cancel**.

4. Click **Confirm** to finalize the sponsorship process



Sponsorship Assistance

Please email sponsor@wahbexchange.org and include Tribal.liaison@wahbexchange.org for assistance with any of the below issues.



Applying Sponsorship

- *If you need assistance with applying sponsorship in HPF*
- *If your Tribal Organization is not listed in the sponsorship drop down*



Enrollment

- *Any enrollment issues, including assistance with AI/AN special enrollment periods.*

**Please note: QHP enrollments are not automatically eligible for a retroactive start date. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis & cannot be guaranteed.*



Escalations

- *If a Tribal Member is enrolled and sponsored, but unable to seek services*
- *Medically urgent requests*

Billing and Payments:

Please connect with the carrier directly about billing concerns.

Carriers are required to send the invoices to the client per the Sponsorship policy.

Please make the client aware that they will need to provide the invoices to the Tribal Assister directly.

Where to find additional information regarding Sponsorship

You can find additional information about the Sponsorship policy at wahbexchange.org.

The image is a screenshot of the Washington Health Benefit Exchange website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the logo on the left and an 'About Us' button on the right, highlighted with a red box and a green arrow pointing to it. A dropdown menu is open from the 'About Us' button, listing various sections: 'What is the Exchange?', 'Our Mission and Equity Statement', 'Grants & Federal Guidance', 'Policies' (highlighted with a red box and a green arrow pointing to it), 'Budget & Finance', 'Legislative History', 'Careers', 'Doing Business With The Exchange', 'Past Procurements', and 'Initiatives'. The main content area on the left has a dark blue background with the text 'Washington Health Benefit Exchange' and a description. The right side of the page shows the 'Policies' section, which lists several policies with external links. The 'Premium Sponsorship Policy (PDF)' link is highlighted with a red box and a green arrow pointing to it.

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Washington Health Benefit Exchange

The Exchange is a public-private partnership created by the Washington State Legislature in 2011. Our goal is to radically improve how Washington residents get health and dental coverage.

About the Exchange

Policies

The policies listed below direct Washington Health Benefit Exchange activities:

- [Accessibility](#)
- [Health Care Law Protections](#)
- [Language Access Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [Nondiscrimination](#)
- [Premium Sponsorship Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [Privacy Notice](#)
- [Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- [Social Media Comment Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [State Premium Assistance Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [Ten Day Free Look Policy \(PDF\)](#)
- [Terms and Conditions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Tribal Consultation Policy \(PDF\)](#)

Scenario

Aiyana is enrolled in a qualified health and dental plan. Their Molina Cascade Care Silver plan is sponsored by their Tribal organization. Aiyana is concerned because they are being billed for both their health and dental plan.



How can you help Aiyana?

- Email the Exchange's sponsorship team and Tribal Liaison to confirm Aiyana's QHP sponsorship is showing active.
- Connect with the carrier to pay the premium for the client; if Aiyana has the invoice, they can provide it to the Tribal Assister so the payment can be made.
- Remind Aiyana that they will need to pay any costs associated with their dental plan as their dental plan is not being sponsored by their Tribe.

How might you avoid some of this confusion for future sponsored clients?

Provide guidance to your client about your Tribe's sponsorship program and eligibility requirements.

Sponsor organizations unable to subsidize dental coverage will need to clearly state that as a program eligibility requirement and ensure that sponsored enrollees understand they need to submit payment for dental coverage.

Questions



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