

Data Change Request Instructions

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Introduction

These instructions provide guidance for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) users and issuers on properly submitting a Data Change Request (DCR) and the required supporting documentation in the Plan Management (PM) Community.

This User Guide applies to Plan Year (PY) 2022.

Overview

Prior to the initial Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Application submission deadline, issuers may make changes to their PY 2022 QHP Application data without state or CMS authorization. After the initial submission deadline, issuers may not add new plans to a QHP Application. Issuers may not change an off-Exchange plan to “on-Exchange” or “Both.” Issuers may not change plan type (e.g., HMO, PPO) or market type (e.g., individual, SHOP) values. QHPs, excluding stand-alone dental plans (SADPs), may not change from a child-only plan to a non-child-only plan. Additionally, all issuers in **Federally-Facilitated Exchange (FFE)** and states performing plan management functions, including issuers applying for off-exchange SADP certification, may only change their service areas after CMS approves the requested service area change¹. For all other changes, issuers may upload revised QHP Application templates and make other necessary changes to their QHP Applications in response to state or CMS feedback until the final submission deadline for data changes.

After the final deadline for issuer changes to QHP Applications, issuers will only make corrections directed by CMS or by their state. States may direct changes by contacting CMS with a list of requested corrections. Issuers whose applications are not accurate after the final deadline for issuer submission of changes to the QHP Application are required to enter a **limited data correction window** and may be subject to compliance action by CMS. Issuer changes made in the limited data correction window not approved by CMS and/or the state may result in compliance action by CMS, which could include decertification and suppression of the issuer's plans on HealthCare.gov

After completion of the QHP certification process, CMS may offer additional data change submission windows. CMS will only consider approving changes that do not alter the QHP's certification status or require re-review of data previously approved by the state or CMS. CMS will offer windows for Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) quarterly rate updates. A request for a data change after the final submission deadline, excluding administrative changes or SHOP quarterly rate updates, may be made due to inaccuracies in or the incompleteness of a QHP Application, and may result in compliance action. Discrepancies between the issuer's QHP Application and approved state filings may result in a plan not being certified or a compliance action if CMS has already certified a plan as a QHP. Issuers that request to make changes that affect consumers may have their plans suppressed from display on [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) until the data is corrected and refreshed for consumer display.

Before making QHP Application data changes, issuers must request to make the change and receive approval from CMS and their state. For QHPs in direct enforcement states, the CMS Form Filing team, rather than the state, must authorize data changes. Issuers in State Based Exchanges using the Federal Platform (SBE-FP) should direct data change requests to their state Exchange for approval. CMS will not review requests for changes from issuers in SBE-FPs. SBE-FP issuers should contact their state for their state-specific revision submission deadlines, and SBE-FP states should contact CMS in advance of transferring data from SERFF to HIOS.

To request a data change, including service area changes, issuers are required to provide a justification for each requested change. Issuers in FFE states must submit signed evidence of state or CMS Form Filing approval. Issuers are responsible for ensuring that requested changes are in compliance with federal QHP certification standards set forth in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), federal regulations, and all other guidelines discussed in the [Letter to Issuers](#). CMS does not require a data change request for administrative data changes made in HIOS Plan Finder or the HIOS Supplemental Submission Module (SSM).

¹ Refer to the Appendix for additional information on service area changes.

Issuers must make all changes to administrative data, such as customer service numbers, in HIOS Plan Finder, and all changes to URLs in the SSM.

Requesting a Change by State Exchange Type

Change Request by Exchange Type	Steps
Issuers in FFE states	<p>Issuers must submit requests in the Cases tab of the PM Community by no later than the “Final Date to Submit Data Change Requests” listed on the QHP Certification website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must include documented approval by the state regulator, or for issuers in direct enforcement states, CMS Form Filing. • CMS will respond to data change requests via email from CMS Marketplace <CMS_FEPS@ffeat.org>. • Once CMS approves a change, the issuer must resubmit their templates during the window provided by CMS in the email response. Issuers will be able to submit changes between 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the window start date and 6:00 p.m. ET on the window end date.
Issuers in states performing plan management functions	<p>Issuers must submit requests in the Cases tab of the PM Community by no later than the “Final Date to Submit Data Change Requests” on the QHP Certification website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuers should concurrently submit requests to their state to begin the state approval process for the requested changes sent to CMS. • CMS will respond to data change requests via email from CMS Marketplace <CMS_FEPS@ffeat.org>. • QHP issuers in states performing plan management should work with their state to secure state approval and to request reopening SERFF binders once changes are approved. Issuers in states performing plan management should contact their state for the revision submission deadline prior to 3:00 p.m. ET on the transfer deadline provided in the email response from CMS.
Issuers in SBE-FP	<p>Issuers in SBE-FPs should direct data change requests to their state Exchange for approval. CMS will not review requests for changes from issuers in SBE-FPs. SBE-FP issuers should contact their state for the revision submission deadline, and SBE-FP states should contact CMS in advance of transferring data from SERFF to HIOS.</p>

Completing a Data Change Request

1. Introduction

All issuers in FFE states and states performing plan management functions, including issuers applying for off-Exchange SADP certification, must submit data change requests (DCRs) for any service area changes made after the initial submission deadline, and for all changes made after the final submission deadline.

2. Data Requirements

To complete this section, issuers will need the following:

1. HIOS Issuer ID
2. Issuer Legal Name
3. State
4. Plan IDs impacted by the change requested
5. Description of the change requested
6. Justification why the change is required
7. Signature by authorized representative
8. State approval.

3. Quick Reference

Key Changes for 2022

- ◆ Issuers are no longer able to cancel a DCR once submitted to CMS for review.

Tips for completing the DCR Form

- ◆ Detailed description of the QHP data change requested should include specific information about data fields that require revisions including original and revised values.
- ◆ Issuers requesting changes to their Plans & Benefits, Business Rules or Service Area Templates must complete the DCR Supplement.
 - Fill out the tab that corresponds to the respective template. All other tabs must be blank.
- ◆ Evidence of state approval, including specific content about the requested data changes if operating in an FFE state, OR approval from CMS Form Filing if a QHP or dual issuer in a direct enforcement state.
 - CMS Form Filing requires the *State Authorization of QHP Data Change Request Form* to be submitted along with the other documentation of the requested change for authorization consideration prior to DCR submission
- ◆ If issuer received notification from CMS about needed data changes, include documentation of the CMS request.

4. Detailed Section Instructions

Issuers that need to submit a DCR can do so by logging into the [PM Community](#). In the top navigation bar, click on the Cases tab down arrow to open the drop-down menu and select, "New Case" to generate a new DCR. This will allow issuers to enter data into a fillable form. When completing the online form, note that all fields with

a red asterisk (*) are required, and fields with a plus sign (+) require additional documentation to be uploaded. **Figure 1** shows the entirety of the form.

Figure 1. DCR Form

There are 4 parts to submit a DCR:

- Fill out the “New Case: Data Change Request” Form
- Add Issuers and Plan IDs
- Upload Supporting Documents
- Attest and Submit.

The following steps walk an issuer through the 4 parts to submit a DCR.

Fill out the “New Case: Data Change Request” Form	Steps
Issuer Details	<p>The two required (*) fields in this section of the DCR form are “Subject” and “Product Type”. The “Subject” is a summary that allows the issuer to distinguish between their multiple DCR submissions. The “Product Type” is a drop-down, single-select field that allows the issuer to identify the product type for the plans included in the DCR. The issuer must select one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QHP (Medical-Only)• SADP (Stand Alone Dental Plan), or• Dual<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dual indicates an issuer offers both medical and dental plans.

Fill out the “New Case: Data Change Request” Form	Steps
Additional Information	<p>Issuers are required to identify the module and corresponding template or other forms that require revisions. Please note that issuers can only select one module/template per submission, and therefore changes to additional modules/templates should be submitted in additional DCRs. Issuers should also submit separate DCRs for the individual and SHOP markets.</p> <p>The available modules (and sections/templates) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits & Service Area Module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plans & Benefits Template, Network ID Template, Service Area Template, Prescription Drug Template, Supporting Documentation, Transparency in Coverage Template • Issuer Module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program Attestations, Licensure, Good Standing, Accreditation, Essential Community Provider (ECP)/Network Adequacy • Rating Module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business Rules Template, Rates Template • Other • Plan-Crosswalk, Other-Describe. <p>Choosing specific sections/templates may require issuers to answer additional questions and provide supporting documentation. Fields that only apply to specific sections/templates are greyed out until a selection is made that allows these fields to unlock.</p> <p><i>Benefits and Service Area Module</i></p> <p>Issuers requesting Plans & Benefits, Business Rules, or Service Area template changes must complete and upload the DCR Supplement. For changes to the Plans & Benefits Template that affect the plan’s actuarial value (AV) calculation under 45 <i>Code of Federal Regulations</i> (CFR) 156.135 and 156.140, issuers must respond to the following question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does This Affect Your AV Calculation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the issuer chooses YES, they must submit the plan’s old and new AV Calculator screenshots, along with a copy of the old and new version of the Plans & Benefit Template, during Step 3: Upload Supporting Documents. <p><i>Rating Module</i></p> <p>For changes to the Rates Table Template of the Rating Module, issuers submitting a DCR with the “QHP (Medical-Only)” product type must answer the following question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does This Affect the Unified Rate Review (URR) Template?
Description of Change	<p>This section of the form allows the issuer to identify the changes requested, including any current and revised values. The issuer is required to provide responses for each of the fields described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of Change: Enter a detailed description of the requested data changes. • Current Value: Indicate the current value(s) for the field that you propose changing. • New Value: Indicate the updated value(s) that you propose to make.
Reason for Changes	<p>Select all reasons that apply regarding the request for the DCR (Note: Issuers can select more than one option). The issuer must select the appropriate option under the “Available” column, and then select the arrow icon pointing to the right. For example, if the issuer selects “Other” then, “Other” will move from the left column to the right column labeled “Chosen”. The available options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issuer submitted incorrect data and must make a change to align template(s) with data previously approved by the applicable state (or CMS if in a Direct Enforcement state). Evidence from the form filing section must be attached.</i>

Fill out the “New Case: Data Change Request” Form	Steps
	<p>If this option is selected, the issuer must attach the relevant section(s) of form filings during Step 3: Upload Supporting Documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issuer submitted a typographical (i.e., data entry) error for which the first justification does not apply, resulting in incorrect data display on the Exchange consumer portal. Evidence must be attached.</i> <p>If this option is selected, the issuer must provide evidence of the typographical error on its templates during Step 3: Upload Supporting Documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issuer is making routine updates to the administrative information, such as plan marketing name changes.</i> • Other. <p>If choosing “Other”, please describe the reason in the “Other Justification for Change” field.</p>

Once you have completed the “Reason for Changes” section, be sure you have noted any required documentation that you will need to upload during *Step 3: Upload Supporting Documentation*. Do not change the fields in the “System Information” or “Internal Use Only” sections.

To finish this part of the form, click the **Save** button.

The next segment to complete the DCR is to Add Issuers and Plans. Figure 2 highlights the page

Case

TEST: Change to OON Chiropractic Copay

Edit

Add Issuer/Plans

Submit to CMS

Case Number

00003502

Approval Status

Draft

Issuer ID

Instructions :

Issuers must submit data change requests for any service area changes made after the initial submission deadline, and for all changes made after the final submission deadline. Issuers must submit a signed Data Change Request Form, justification for the change, and evidence of state or CMS Form Filing approval.

This document includes fillable form fields. If you complete this online form, please: a) Select the appropriate fields for the changes requested; b) Upload all required documentation; c) Check the box on the Attestation page; and d) Select the submit button.

State Authorization: <https://www.qhpcertification.cms.gov/resource/1550703017000/StateAuthorization>

DCR Supplement : <https://www.qhpcertification.cms.gov/resource/1550702973000/DCRSupplement>

All fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.

(+) indicates additional documentation is required.

▼ Issuer Details

Issuer ID

Market Type

XState Exchange Type

Plans with Proposed Data Changes

Subject

TEST: Change to OON Chiropractic Copay

Product Type

QHP (Medical-Only)

Approval Status

Draft

Case Origin

Web

Figure 2. Add Issuers and Plans

Add Issuers and Plans	Steps
	<p>Once the form is saved, the issuer is taken to the current Case page. The form will show the data that the issuer entered to this point. Data missing from the following fields—Issuer ID, Market Type, State Exchange Type, and Plans with Proposed Data Changes—are auto-populated after the next step is completed. Also, note that the “Approval Status,” indicated just below the Summary and to the right of the Case Number, is set to “Draft”. This status is updated once the Case is submitted to CMS.</p>
	<p>Now, the issuer must select the plans with proposed data changes. To do this, select the Add Issuers/Plans button on the upper, right side of the page. Selecting this button will open a dialog box. From the search field the issuer can select from a drop-down of Issuer IDs, or type in an Issuer ID. Select the appropriate Issuer ID associated with the plans with proposed data changes.</p>
	<p>Once the appropriate Issuer ID is selected, the issuer will see the list of valid plans to choose from. The issuer may select one, more than one, or all plans, but should only select those plans affected by this specific DCR. If the issuer wishes to select all plans, select the box to the left of PLAN ID. After selecting the plans with proposed data changes, be sure to select the Save button.</p>
	<p>Once you have selected the plans with proposed data changes, the form will pre-populate the previously locked fields for Issuer ID, State Exchange Type, and Plans with Proposed Data Changes as shown in Figure 3.</p>



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▼ Issuer Details

Issuer ID

98989-2022

Market Type

Individual

XState Exchange Type

Plans with Proposed Data Changes

98989ZZ0000000-2022

98989ZZ0000001-2022

98989ZZ0000002-2022

Figure 3. Issuer Details—Updated

The third segment to complete is to Upload Supporting Documents.

Upload Supporting Documents	Steps
	<p>After selecting the plans with proposed changes, the issuer should upload all required or additional supporting documentation. Supporting documentation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Authorization Form (see Appendix for details)• DCR Supplement (see Appendix for details)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Issuers requesting Plans & Benefits, Business Rules, or Service Area Template changes must submit the relevant parts of the DCR Supplement. <p>To upload supporting documents, the Issuer can either select Upload Files or drop a file into the Files dialog box (Figure 4).</p>
	<p>If the issuer selects Upload Files the system automatically opens a file explorer window and allows the issuer to search for files. Select the required supporting documentation files and then select Open from your computers file explorer window.</p>
	<p>Once the files are selected, the “Upload Files” dialog box opens. Be sure to wait until the system has completed uploading the files, indicated by the green check marks appearing on the right, before selecting “Done”.</p>
	<p>If the issuer determines that the incorrect file was uploaded, follow these steps to delete and replace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select View All in the lower right corner of the Files dialog box.• In the Files window, select the down arrow drop-down button in the lower, far right corner.• Select Delete.• Select Upload Files and upload the correct/revised documentation.• Select the Case number to navigate back to the Case DCR Form page.

Figure 4. Upload Files Dialog Box

The final segment to complete the new DCR is to Attest and Submit

Attest and Submit	Steps
	Once the required documentation is uploaded, the issuer should select the Submit to CMS button in the far-right corner of the Case page (Figure 5).
	Selecting the Submit to CMS button will navigate the issuer to the “Attestation” page. If you fail to upload any materials, then an error box will appear, forcing you to click Cancel and return to the Cases page.
	The issuer should read the attestation and must check the box next to “I Attest” before selecting Continue . If you wish to return to the previous screen before clicking Continue , the Cancel button will close the Attestation page.
	Once the issuer checks the “I Attest” checkbox and selects Continue , the DCR is officially submitted for review by CMS.

Figure 5. DCR Form Completed and Ready to Submit to CMS

Disposition of a DCR

The DCR is now with CMS for review. Once CMS has reviewed the DCR, a response is submitted to the Issuer via email from CMS Marketplace CMS_FEPS@feat.org. In addition, the PM Community Cases homepage will update the status to reflect the appropriate disposition:

- Approved
- Approved w/SEP
- Denied
- Incomplete
- Invalid

Appendix: Resources—Supporting Documents

The following section provides additional detail on the State Authorization Form and DCR Supplement.

State Authorization Form

Issuers in FFEs, including direct enforcement states, should complete this form. QHP or dual issuers in direct enforcement states should submit the form to CMS Form Filing.

Complete the following steps when completing the State Authorization of QHP Data Change Request form (Figure 6).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

CMS
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

State Authorization of QHP Data Change Request

Issuers should complete Section 1 of this form and submit to their state for authorization along with a copy of their QHP Application Data Change Request Form. States should complete Section 2 of this form. A state should complete and return this form directly to the issuer for submission with the issuer's Data Change Request.

Section 1:

Date:

Issuer ID:

Issuer Legal Name:

State:

Figure 6. State Authorization Form

Issuers should complete Section 1 of this form and submit it to their state (or CMS Form Filing) for authorization.

States should complete Section 2 of this form and return it directly to the issuer for submission.

Section 1

- **Date.** Enter the date in which the issuer is submitting the form to the state for approval.
- **Issuer ID.** Enter the five-digit HIOS Issuer ID.
- **Issuer Legal Name.** Enter the issuer's legal name. Verify that the Issuer Legal Name on the form matches the issuer legal name in the system you use for submission.
- **State.** Enter the state in which the issuer is currently offering coverage.
- **Description of data change.** Enter information about what data elements are being changed in the template, as well as why they are being changed. This description must align with the data changes described in the DCR.

Section 2

Select the appropriate box that identifies the issuer's situation.

- **Yes**—Select Yes if the issuer is authorized to submit the data change to CMS.
- **No**—Select No if the issuer is not authorized to submit the data change to CMS.

Reason for change. Select all that apply for the reason of the proposed data change:

- The issuer submitted incorrect data on the QHP/SADP Template(s) and must make a change to align the template(s) with QHP/SADP data previously approved by the state.
- The issuer submitted a typographical error (i.e., data entry error) for which the first justification does not apply, resulting in incorrect data display on the Exchange consumer portal.
- The issuer is making routine updates to administrative information, which includes URL changes.
- Other: Fill in this section if none of the above options apply.

Signature. The state representative must sign and date the last portion of this form, print his or her name, and include a title, phone number, and e-mail address.

DCR Supplement

Issuers making changes to the Plans & Benefits Template, Business Rules Template, or Service Area Template are required to complete the DCR Supplement. This workbook accompanies all other forms and justifications with your DCR, as required by CMS (Figure 7).

Only include information in the worksheet that applies to the specific DCR. The other worksheets should be left blank.

Once all proposed data changes have been entered, save the workbook file using the following name structure: DCR_[IssuerID]_[Date(mm-dd-yyyy)]. For example: DCR_12345_01-01-2018.

Data Change Request Workbook	
Complete the tab(s) for the specific template(s) with the proposed data changes. All other tabs should be left blank.	
P&B Benefits Package Tab	
This tab references fields from the Benefits Package tab of the Plans and Benefits template.	
Field	Definition
HIOS Plan ID or Benefit Package ID	HIOS Plan ID (Standard Component ID) or Benefit Package ID with the proposed data change.
Plan-Level Field Name	Specific plan-level field (data element) that is changing.
Benefit Package-Level Field Name	Specific benefit package-level field (data element) that is changing.
Benefit Name	Benefit with the proposed data change.
Original Field Value	Value of the field in the current template.
Revised Field Value	Proposed data change.

Figure 7. DCR Supplement

Plans & Benefit Benefit Package—Standard Component ID

Based on the changes being requested, complete the following steps when entering data into the Plans & Benefit Benefits Package worksheet:

- **HIOS Plan ID (Standard Component ID).** Enter each Plan ID that would be affected by the change being requested. The Plan IDs are the 14-character, HIOS-generated Plan ID number.
- **Plan-Level Field Name.** Enter the specific data field/data element that is changing if the change is at the plan level (if applicable).
- **Benefit Package-Level Field Name.** Enter the specific data field/data element that is changing if the change is at the benefit package level (if applicable).
- **Benefit Name.** Enter the benefit name associated with the change.
- **Original Field Value.** Enter the current value of the field/data element in the template (prior to any changes being made).
- **Revised Field Value.** Enter the new value for the specific field/data element.

If new data is being added, that is, in the case where a current value does not exist for the field/section, then **Original Field Value** should be left blank and **Revised Field Value** should contain the new value.

If data being deleted has no proposed revised value, then *Original Field Value* should contain the current value in the field/section and *Revised Field Value* should be left blank.

Plans & Benefit Benefits Package—Standard Component ID + Variant

Based on the changes being requested, complete the following steps when entering data into the Plans & Benefit Cost Share Variance worksheet:

- *HIOS Plan ID (Standard Component ID + Variant)*. Enter each Plan ID that would be affected by the change being requested. The Plan IDs are the 14-character, HIOS-generated Plan ID number. Also include the specific variant, a two-digit code, which is associated with the specific Plan ID.
- *Section or Field Name*. Enter the specific field/data element that is changing.
- *Benefit Name*. Enter the benefit name associated with the change.
- *Plan Cost Sharing Attribute*. Enter the copay/coinsurance for the benefit changes, enter individual/family for maximum out-of-pocket or deductible changes, or enter deductible/copay/coinsurance/limit for Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC) Scenario changes.
- *Network Type (INN, OON) or SBC Scenario Type*. Enter the network type (In Network or Out of Network) and tier level (if applicable) associated with any benefit data change. Enter the SBC Scenario if making a change to the SBC Scenario.
- *Original Field Value*. Enter the current value of the field/data element in the template (prior to any changes being made).
- *Revised Field Value*. Enter the new value for the specific field/data element.

If new data is being added, that is, in the case where a current value does not exist for the field/section, then *Original Field Value* should be left blank and *Revised Field Value* should contain the new value.

If data being deleted has no proposed revised value, then *Original Field Value* should contain the current value in the field/section and *Revised Field Value* should be left blank.

Business Rules

Based on the changes being requested, complete the following steps when entering data into the Business Rules worksheet:

- *Product ID*. Enter each Product ID that would be affected by the change being requested. The Product IDs are the 10-character, HIOS-generated Product ID number.
- *Plan ID*. Enter each Plan ID that would be affected by the change being requested. The Plan IDs are the 14-character, HIOS-generated Plan ID number.
- *Field Name*. Enter the specific field/data element that is changing.
- *Original Field Value*. Enter the current value of the field/data element in the template (prior to any changes being made).
- *Revised Field Value*. Enter the new value for the specific field/data element.

If new data is being added, that is, in the case where a current value does not exist for the field/section, then *Original Field Value* should be left blank and *Revised Field Value* should contain the new value.

If data being deleted has no proposed revised value, then *Original Field Value* should contain the current value in the field/section and *Revised Field Value* should be left blank.

Service Area

Based on the changes being requested, complete the following steps when entering data into the Service Area worksheet:

- *Service Area ID*. Enter each Service Area ID that would be affected by the change being requested. The Service Area ID is a six-character code that consists of the state abbreviation plus an “S” and then a sequenced number for the service area.
- *Service Area Name*. Enter the name of the service area.
- *Field Name*. Enter the specific field/data element that is changing.
- *Original Field Value*. Enter the current value of the field/data element in the template (prior to any changes being made).
- *Revised Field Value*. Enter the new value for the specific field/data element.

If new data is being added, that is, in the case where a current value does not exist for the field/section, then *Original Field Value* should be left blank and *Revised Field Value* should contain the new value.

If data being deleted has no proposed revised value, then *Original Field Value* should contain the current value in the field/section and *Revised Field Value* should be left blank.

SHOP Quarterly Rate Changes

An issuer submitting a SHOP quarterly rate change must submit the entire Rates Table Template with updated worksheets for the effective date range(s) of the quarterly rate change during the applicable data change submission window. Issuers may make changes to SHOP second-, third-, and/or fourth-quarter rates only in advance of the start of the quarter whose rates are being changed. Issuers may make changes to worksheets with rate effective dates of April 1, July 1, or October 1.

An issuer may submit rate changes that would apply for the next quarter and/or any subsequent quarter in the remaining plan year. Issuers are prohibited from changing or removing SHOP first-quarter rates and any current or previous quarter rates or worksheets.

All QHP rates must be consistent with the rates filed in the issuer’s Unified Rate Review (URR) Template. The rates that the issuer submits to CMS must be the final approved rates endorsed by the issuer’s rate reviewer.

The Rates Table Template that the issuer submits for the quarterly rate change must be identical to the template submitted in the QHP Application, except for the applicable quarterly rate changes that the rate reviewer approved.

Issuers will submit a Quarterly Rate Change DCR in the same manner as a normal DCR. Issuers should complete the “Additional detail to justify need for changes” justification section in the Data Change Request Form with the statement “SHOP Quarterly Rate Change” rather than choosing one of the prewritten options.