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Title 22@ Social Security

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Division 3@ Health Care Services

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Chapter 4@ Prepaid Health Plans

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Article 5@ APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Section 53518@ Prehearing Requirements

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(a)

Each prepaid health plan submitting a proposal for an initial contract and each plan wishing to renew its contract or merge with another plan shall submit a formal proposal pursuant to Section 53500 to the Department at least 150 days prior to the date of the initial contract, renewal or merger.

(b)

The Department shall complete its review of the proposal within 30 days after its receipt. The Department shall notify the plan within 30 days after receipt of the proposal of any deficiencies in the proposal. The plan shall supply any additional information requested by the Department in the deficiency notification within 15 days after notification of deficiencies by the Department.

(c)

The Department shall publish a public notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 53520.

(d)

At least five working days prior to the date of a public hearing, the Department shall make available to the plan and to the public all information which it intends to present at the hearing. This information shall be provided directly to the plan. In addition, information shall be made available to the public by making one or more copies available for public inspection in a public building within the service area of

the plan. The location of such public building and the availability of such information shall be included in the notice of public hearing sent to plan members and to interested members of the general public.