



Maryland Health Connection & MedChi

Special Enrollment Period FAQ

What is Maryland Health Connection?

Maryland Health Connection is the state's official health insurance marketplace where Marylanders can compare health plans and costs side-by-side and enroll in quality health and dental insurance for individuals and families. It is the only place in Maryland where individuals, families, and small businesses can get financial help with their health coverage costs, if they qualify.

Maryland Health Connection was established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA).

What is the Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period?

A special enrollment period was created by Maryland Health Connection when Gov. Larry Hogan announced a State of Emergency in March, to ensure all uninsured Marylanders have access to affordable health care during the coronavirus pandemic. This runs through June 15, 2020.

What is a Special Enrollment Period?

A Special Enrollment Period allows a patient to enroll in a qualified health plan through Maryland Health Connection outside of the annual open enrollment period in the fall.

Certain life events allow individuals to enroll or change plans, such as losing employer-sponsored coverage, having a baby, getting married or moving to Maryland. If a patient loses job-related coverage, they have 60 days from the date of loss of coverage to report the event to Maryland Health Connection and select a plan if they are eligible to enroll.

When can people enroll in Medicaid?

Patients who are eligible for Medicaid may apply any time of year.

How do patients enroll or report a change to coverage?

- Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov
- Call 1-855-642-8572. Deaf and hard of hearing use Relay service. Help is available in 200 languages.
- Download the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app to enroll on a mobile device.
- [Navigators throughout the state](#) can answer questions and enroll by phone.