

Special Enrollment Periods

Think you missed your chance to enroll in a low-cost health plan through NY State of Health?

Maybe not.

Even though open enrollment for 2015 has ended, you still may be able to enroll and get financial assistance.



Online at
nystateofhealth.ny.gov



By phone at
 1-855-355-5777

TTY
 1-800-662-1220

You can still enroll if you tell us within 60 days of a qualifying life event. These include:

- Loss of health insurance (for reasons other than non-payment)
- A move into or within New York State that results in new marketplace health plans becoming available
- Marriage
- Loss of health insurance due to divorce
- Had or adopted a child
- Became eligible or ineligible for financial assistance
- Became a citizen, national or lawfully present individual
- Are no longer eligible to be on a parent's health insurance

This year, there is also a one-time Special Enrollment Period from March 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 for people who learn that they have a federal tax penalty for not having health insurance in 2014.

Watch a video explaining qualifying life events and Special Enrollment Periods at:
<http://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/SpecialEnrollmentPeriods>

To apply for a Special Enrollment Period:

- Visit the Website
- Call the Customer Service Center
- Visit an In-Person Assistor

If you do not have a qualifying life event, the next time you can enroll in a health plan through NY State of Health is November 1, 2015 for coverage that begins January 1, 2016.

If you are eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus, or if you are an American Indian or Alaska Native, you can enroll anytime.